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WASHTENAW 4-H NEWSLETTER

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ALL STAFF ARE NOW FULL TIME

ALUMNI WALKING CHALLENGE

Starting May 2, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program!

Learn more and register at
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge.



TAGGING DAYS

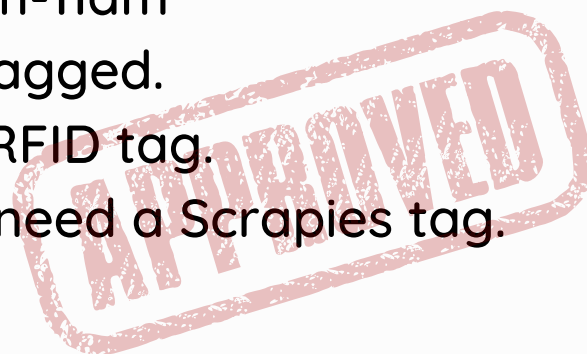
Sheep/Swine/Feeder/Goat

May 8th, 2021, 8am-11am

Hogs will just be tagged.

Feeders need an RFID tag.

Sheep and Goats need a Scrapies tag.



YQCA

All youth marketing cattle and hogs will need to complete their YQCA training this year. This training is done online through yqca.org. Contact the office to have your training purchased for no cost.

MAY MEETINGS

Youth Show

May 6th at 7:00 pm
May 20th at 7:00 pm

Horse Board

May 11th at 6:30 pm

Advisrooy Council

May 13th at 7:00 pm

Small Animal

May 25th at 6:00 pm

Horse Association

May 25th at 7:00 pm

EXPLORATION DAYS

4-H Exploration Days: Expanded is June 22-24th. This MSU Pre-College Program is open to any youth age 12 to 19 years old. With more than 60 fun and engaging sessions planned for youth to choose from there is something for everyone to enjoy. In addition, youth will hear from keynote speakers Justin and Alexis Black, authors of Redefining Normal. Youth will also have the opportunity to participate in free time sessions that include things like Virtual Clue, trivia, 10 Tips for Creating Your Own Podcast, and more!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/explorationdays21/>

Cost of this program is \$20.00 and includes a swag bag that will be mailed to youth. Register quickly to get the sessions you want! Scholarships are available! Please contact Ashley Walds (waldsash@msu.edu) for additional information.



Choose your own virtual adventure this summer at 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded!



Registration is open May 1 -28!



MANAGING YOUTH STRESS



The novel coronavirus pandemic has been stressful for everyone. Families and youth are navigating new challenges, including social distancing, uncertain health outcomes and “a new normal.” These new stressors may spill over into their relationships and compound other stressful conditions in the family.

MSU Extension’s “Managing Youth Stress” document shares warning signs, ways to help and resources for stressed youth and parents of stressed youth. View or download the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress

TSC FUNDRAISER

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H youth from April 28-May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>



PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

Washtenaw County 4-H is need a photographer during fair week. Photographs are needed for auction buyers, possibly during check in, and to capture good memories. Contact the office for more information.



MINI GRANTS

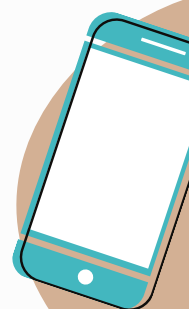
Michigan 4-H Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 grant cycle. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. Applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.
- 4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.
- The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.
- 4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.
- Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.





EVENTS GALORE

May 1—29: Michigan 4-H Horse Programs' Virtual Communications

Youth ages 5-19 have the opportunity to demonstrate their communication skills and earn prizes through various contests including public speaking, demonstration, infographics and photography. Entries must be submitted during the appropriate contest time frame.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-mi-4-h-horse-program-s-virtual-communications-contest

May 5—26: Shiawassee Small Animal Online Workshop

Join us each Wednesday in May for a small animal workshop! Great for 4-H youth, parents and volunteers, the May 5 presentation will focus on goats, May 12 on poultry, May 19 on rabbits and May 26 on biosecurity and animal health.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-small-animal-online-workshop

May 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? Join this new monthly series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! The May session will focus on growing fun with kids.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-may-8

For links to any of these events, and more or links to meetings, please check the google calendar or email the office.

