



Wexford County

# 4-H Family News

May/June 2020

## 4-H Virtual Learning Showcase & 4-H Livestock Auction

We are excited to announce the **131 North 4-H Virtual Showcase and 4-H livestock auction!** We are teaming up with Kalkaska County to offer 4-H members in both counties the opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects in a virtual fair. We also want youth to showcase hobbies, interests and talents in areas that maybe are not your 4-H project areas but are things you're interested in. Do you love to paint? We'll have a category for you to enter a painting, even if the only thing you do in 4-H I rabbits.

The ultimate goal of the showcase is to celebrate the hard work of all of our 4-H members. Entry categories will include photography, market livestock, sewing, educational poster/digital presentation, Legos, engineering challenges, and more.

With the suspension of in-person 4-H events through Sept 1, 2020, youth who have 4-H market projects planned for the Northern District Fair are being given the option to show and sell their animal in this virtual showcase instead of the in-person fair. Youth will have to declare which event they are participating in (NDF or 131 North 4-H Showcase) by June 22.

If we've piqued your interest or if you have questions about the options, join us on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 pm via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/2319207748> Password: 49601). Don't forget that you can join zoom meetings via telephone as well (1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 231 920 7748)

Sincerely,

Brandie Sigler and Karie Saxton

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### Happy Birthday

Isabella B.  
Isaiah M.  
Rodney B.  
Cassidy D.  
Holly F.  
Isabelle L.  
Jonathan H.

## Virtual 4-H programming guidelines for volunteers



When face-to-face programming is not possible due to social distancing, virtual 4-H experiences are opportunities for 4-H groups to continue engaging together. Though virtual programs may never fully replace the relationships built by meeting in-person, they can also supplement face-to-face programming. But how can you make sure virtual programs are successful?

MSU Extension recently released a helpful document that can guide 4-H volunteers in using technology to the fullest potential. This resource provides volunteers with expectations for leading virtual programs with youth and best practices for success.

Access "Virtual 4-H Programming Guidelines for Volunteers" online at [canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers](https://canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**4-H Teen Tuesdays** : a weekly opportunity to talk to 4-Hers across Michigan!

*Zoom webinar*

Current 4-H members age 13-19 can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas. Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/teentuesdays>. A new topic each week: June 2, Meet the State Youth Leadership Council; June 9, Making Money at home; June 16 Cooking Essentials; June 23 Social Media; June 30 National Leadership Experiences. Youth can join each week, or just the topics that are of interest to them!

**4-H at 4 on Thursdays**: A weekly opportunity for 4-H youth to connect and engage!

*Zoom webinar*

These weekly 45 minute sessions are designed to provide an overview of a variety of 4-H programs and activities for 8 to 12 year-old youth. Each session will consist of an activity or a project demonstration that could be replicated at home, followed by a short reflection. Youth can join each week, or just the days that are of interest to them. Register at : <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hthursdays/>

**Ocean Explorers**

*Zoom webinar*

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix on a virtual discovery of sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats, and stewardship issues surrounding ocean ecosystems. Each Thursday is a new sea creature or topic. This series is designed for youth ages 4-97! Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ocean/>

**Games Over Zoom!**

Come play games over zoom like Heads Up, Price is Right, Liars Dice, Scattergories, and more! Tuesdays and Thursdays May 26-June 11, 3-4 pm EST. To register, visit: [bit.ly/4-HGames](https://bit.ly/4-HGames)

**Show Where You Are Virtual Lamb Show and more!**

This virtual show is designed to give youth the opportunity to practice their skills in showing market sheep, creating a virtual buyer's letter, creating an educational poster/presentation, and sheep showmanship. Forms need to be postmarked by 6/17/2020. Registration information at: [https://www.facebook.com/showwhereyouare/?notif\\_id=1590671046954653&notif\\_t=page\\_fan](https://www.facebook.com/showwhereyouare/?notif_id=1590671046954653&notif_t=page_fan)

**June 20: Missaukee 4-H Summer Classic Virtual No-Fit Heifer & Steer Show**

*Zoom webinar*

Join this opportunity to build confidence and hear feedback from judge Randy Barnes This show is open to all Michigan 4-H members.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/missaukee-4-h-summer-classic-virtual-no-fit-heifer-steer-show](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/missaukee-4-h-summer-classic-virtual-no-fit-heifer-steer-show)

View more virtual events at [canr.msu.edu/Online4MI](https://canr.msu.edu/Online4MI).



## 4-H Spartan Coding Camp goes virtual!

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension’s newest premier pre-college program—virtually! Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM summer camp being hosted online from June 22-25.

Virtual 4-H Spartan Coding Camp campers will enjoy experiences

such as:

- Developing your own tech ideas; designing and coding an application from scratch; and attracting users to your product!
- Learning the fundamentals of launching a product.
- Discovering the essentials of web design and development.
- Practicing coding skills in HTML, CSS, JS, Ruby, Rails and Github.
- Enhancing your passion for technology and growing real-world skills.
- Exploring career opportunities available at MSU!

After the camp is over, youth will continue to learn and practice at their own pace with nearly 60 hours of self-paced online lessons that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is open to youth entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2020. Attendees should have a computer with internet and the ability to video conference (microphone and webcam). Registration is now open. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index).

The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$320 and includes tech support, post-camp support, and program fees. Current Michigan 4-H members receive a \$20 discount. Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu). 4-H Spartan Coding Camp is offered in collaboration with CodeNow.

## Michigan 4-H’ers pledge their hands to larger service in a time of need

Across the state, county and globe, COVID-19 has upended everyday life in nearly every way. In Michigan, families and communities struggle to adapt to closed schools and businesses while working to preserve their own health, well-being and sense of normalcy. For many Michigan 4-H’ers, lending a helping hand is part of that normal, and many have sprung into action to help their communities during this unprecedented time.



Across the state, 4-H’ers have found many ways to serve their communities while practicing social distancing. Among them were:

- Kalkaska County 4-H member Amy Saxton issued a 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge for other 4-H’ers to join in her Cards for a Cause efforts, encouraging youth to send cards to individuals living in adult foster care homes not able to receive visitors at this time.
- Similarly, 4-H’ers in Lapeer and Schoolcraft counties wrote letters and cards of kindness to residents of local senior centers and nursing homes.
- Alger County 4-H’ers volunteered to shop for seniors who didn’t feel safe traveling to the store to purchase their groceries and other supplies.
- 4-H’ers across the state sewed masks at home to donate to people in need.
- The Sebations, a 4-H family in St. Clair Co., re-purposed a fair billboard thanking essential workers.

“I continue to be impressed by the overwhelming generosity and creativity of our 4-H members, volunteers and staff across the state to continue the 4-H mission,” said Jacob DeDecker, Michigan 4-H state leader. “Our 4-H community remains committed to helping one another.”

**MSU Extension offers at-home hands-on learning for youth**



To support families and caregivers with youth at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU Extension has put together a weekly list of DIY activities and online events. Choose from daily childhood development, career exploration, STEM, healthy living and leadership activities - or choose them all! There’s even two quick resources to support parents and caregivers during these unprecedented times. We hope this helpful resource will provide a weekly dose of fun and learning while staying safe at home.

View the resources at [extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities](http://extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities).

4-H friends and family:

We would like to invite you and anyone you know who might be interested, to a virtual meeting about continuing to support MSU Extension over the years.

As many of you are aware, Wexford County MSU Extension receives a small amount of local money through a voter approved millage to help us maintain an office and staff here. That millage is set to expire next year, so we have placed it on the August 4th primary ballot to request a voter approved renewal of these important resources.

MSU Extension is hosting a community meeting to explain what this looks like and asking for volunteers to help form a Friend of Extension Group to garner support for Wexford County MSU Extension.

This meeting will be held Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm thru a virtual meeting platform called

Zoom. Below is the link and password to get into the meeting. If you are unable to attend through your computer or smart device, you can also call in on any phone.

The graphic above can also be used to help promote this meeting. Feel free to share with others that might be interested in attending.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 8. We will need everyone's help and ideas on how to spread the word and garner support. Make sure you have downloaded the latest Zoom app version for your smart device, or on your computer go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and use the meeting ID below. Please contact any of the Wexford County 4-H staff with questions!

Join Zoom Meeting :

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/7795670535> Password: 1822

Meeting ID: 779 567 0535

Or join by phone (no video): 312-626- 6799



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# Friends of Extension

## Community Meeting

- LEARN ABOUT THE UPCOMING MILLAGE RENEWAL AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

**June 8, 2020  
7:00 pm**

Zoom Mtg ID: 779-567-0535

Password: 1822

Download newest version

Zoom app or go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Audio call: (312) 626-6799



# 4-H Babysitting Virtual Lunch and Learn

**DATE & TIME:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
@ noon  
June 30 to July 23, 2020  
  
**LOCATION:**  
Zoom



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### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth ages 10-19 who want to learn about caring for children and being a great babysitter.

### DESCRIPTION:

- Learn about the responsibilities of babysitting and becoming a capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitter.
- Help develop the confidence needed to handle situations that could happen while caring for children.
- Hear about the business aspects of babysitting.

### REGISTRATION:

Registration is required. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WexfordVirtualBabysitting/>

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## Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed our lives. During this time when our lives and routines may be changed, one way to help support each other is to come together to reflect and connect. Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions (June 17-23, 2020) bring together Michigan 4-H youth members (ages 13-19) with 4-H staff, in a Zoom conversation, to do the following:

- Check-in with others
- Share stories of individual and community challenges and resiliency
- Identify how we can navigate our individual and community health

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/youthreflectandconnect/>. Space is limited

To learn more about (insert topic), go to (web address)

## 4-H Monarch Club

A brand new 4-H monarch club is being created! Save the dates and watch for registration information on our 4-H facebook page.

When: Wednesdays at 11 am starting June 17

Where: zoom app (computer)

What: a chance to learn about the life cycle, migration, hatching, etc of monarch butterflies. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a symbolic migration art exchange, monarch tagging and more!

