



Clare County

4-H Family News

APRIL 2021

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Happy Spring! I know there is excitement in the air for many of you as kids are getting their project animals for this summer!

This is the perfect time to learn more about your project areas whether animals, home arts or something else. If you have beef, sheep, swine or goat projects, you won't want to miss the Livestock Nutrition Presentation on April 13. Preregistration is required and more details and the registration link can be found on page 5. Also, don't forget to get started on your record books! Records should start with the possession of your animal or when you start your home arts project. Books can be downloaded [here](#).

If you know someone 4-H age 5 to 19 that is interested in joining 4-H, the club enrollment deadline is May 1. As a reminder, it is FREE to join 4-H for the 2020-2021 4-H year which runs until August 31, 2021. We have many clubs that are accepting new members this year! The list of clubs open for enrollment, along with their project areas and other details, can be viewed [here](#).

We are planning to open the MSU Extension Office up some near the end of April. More updates about this should be coming soon!

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4-H Flower & Plant Sale



The Clare County 4-H Council's annual Flower and Plant Sale is back this year!

- Orders must be placed on the online Google Form by April 30th.
- Orders will be placed by individuals this year. Families/youth will NOT be collecting orders from their family/friends in order to comply with COVID policies.
- Tentatively, orders will be picked up the evening of May 21 and morning of May 22.

The 4-H Council will be awarding the club that sells the most a \$50 pizza gift card to have a pizza party when we are able to meet in person again! Please make sure that when you share the order link with family and friends that they know what club your family belongs to so the club gets credit for the order.

See page 6 for the fundraiser flyer.

More details can be found and orders can be placed at: <https://bit.ly/3fauFJl>

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Support 4-H at JOANNs



JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and JOANN will donate 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Learn more at www.joann.com/4-h/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

Zoom Webinar

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

Zoom Webinar

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access .

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

April 13: Wild Spartans Series - Researching Wildfire

Zoom Webinar

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april>

April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Zoom Webinar

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your local Tractor Supply

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>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

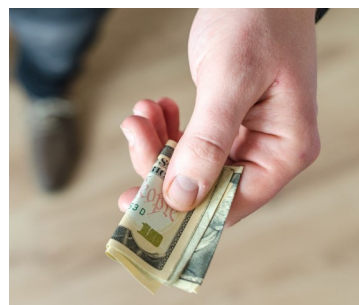
MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

MSU Extension professionals have been thoughtfully creating guidelines that allow Michigan 4-H volunteers and members to conduct limited business while protecting public health. This information helps create a path forward with the **eventual goal** of in-person programming. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website will be updated every two weeks or as soon as new information becomes available.

It is imperative that volunteers and 4-H'ers alike adhere to the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities. If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador, leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

April is Month of the Military Child!



Join Michigan 4-H in celebrating military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by taking part in the 4-H GooseChase Challenge this April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan.

New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose.

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Youth:

Blake Rogers
 Justine Ogg
 Evan Judge
 Kingston Methner
 Kaycie See
 Travis Shea
 Emma Bay
 Charlotte Miller
 Fionna Hoover
 Erin Judge
 Dawson Aldrich
 Lane Renner
 Olivia Forsberg
 Reagan Hartley
 Kayley Ellis

Volunteers:

Carol Forkum
 Cory Sheldon
 Nia Becker



Are you or someone you know ready to give back to 4-H and the youth in the community? We are always accepting applications for new volunteers!

Apply today at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home

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13: Livestock Nutrition Presentation, 7pm, Register at https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TS12neJxTd6iDN70pwlfmQ

14: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92623877393>
 Password: youth Theme: Represent your Favorite Sport or Club

28: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95898773456> Password: council

30: Flower & Plant Sale orders due

MAY

12: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92623877393> Password: youth, Theme: TBD

26: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95898773456> Password: council

JUNE

9: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, location TBD

23: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, location TBD

JULY

14: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, location TBD

21: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, location TBD

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Michigan 4-H Skillathon

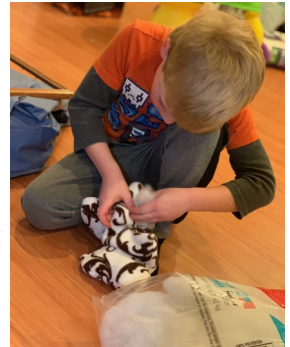
Congratulations to Grace Taylor for qualifying for the 4-H Skillathon State Championship!! Grace placed 6th in the Junior Division of the first ever Michigan 4-H Skillathon which tests participant's animal science and management skills.

Full contest results can be viewed at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../2021-michigan-4-h-skillathon>



Teddy Bear Community Service Sewing Project

Many Clare County 4-H members and volunteers have been hard at work sewing and stuffing teddy bears for children at R.I.S.E. Inc.'s shelter. Clare, Gratiot and Isabella County 4-H programs are participating in this community service project as R.I.S.E. services the three counties. This project wraps up in April so look for a complete review in the May newsletter. Pictured to the right are the Rogers kids stuffing their teddy bears!



Clare County Fair News

- Fair Dates: July 26-31, Theme: Beach
- Youth Exhibitors will now be required to do work at the fairgrounds in order to get their premium check. First workday is May 22. More details to come soon.
- Fair books will not be printed and handed out this year. The Fair Book will be on the Fair website hopefully by late April. Anyone that needs help filling fair forms out or needs printed copies, contact Donna in the Fair Office.



Do you have questions about the Fair information above? Contact the Fair Office at 989-539-9011.

LIVESTOCK NUTRITION PRESENTATION

Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

7:00pm via Zoom

Preregistration Required



Nick Babcock, Michigan 4-H Livestock and Vet Science Educator, will be presenting how to properly feed your beef, dairy feeder, sheep, swine and goat projects.

Learn tips and tricks and feeding techniques to ensure your project animals are ready for the county fair!



Nick Babcock, 4-H Livestock and Vet Science Educator, will be joining us again for another livestock educational opportunity! Youth with beef, dairy feeder, sheep, swine and goat projects

will want to preregister for this presentation at <https://msu.zoom.us/j/8123456789>

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FLOWER & PLANT SALE

MORE INFO & ORDER AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3FAUFJL](https://bit.ly/3FAUFJL)

10" Hanging Baskets: \$15



- Taking Orders online through April 30th, 2021
- Check Payments Only
- Pick Up orders evening of May 21 or morning of May 22 at the Clare County Fairgrounds

Flowers: \$13 a flat



Geraniums: \$1.50 ea. or \$24 a Flat



Herbs: \$2 ea. or \$28 a Flat



Vegetables:
\$1.50 a unit or \$13 a flat
Slicing Cucumber, Green Bell Sweet Peppers, Jalapenos, LaRoma Tomatoes, Celebrity Tomatoes, Zucchini Squash, Crookneck Squash, Late Cabbage

