



Roscommon County

4-H Family News

MAY 2021

So Much Going On!

That's right, we have so much going on that it is difficult to know where to start! Most impressive are the great things developing locally, but we have neat things happening on the state level, too. Roscommon 4-H Cake Baking kits will be going out next week that will help kids go from A-Z in baking a sweet treat just in time for Mother's Day. Local 4-H member Lexy will walk participants through the steps of making and frosting a cake using the specialty piping technique. This is Lexy's video debut and, based on her talent, we will be seeing more from her! Just turn the corner later the following week and you will get access to a 4-week session on what it takes to raise and care for your cavy (better known as a guinea pig.) The 4-H Cavy project will delve into care/well-being, history, nutrition, grooming, showing/handling, anatomy, behavior, housing & equipment. We have 4-H members eager to work on projects so the Dare to Serve program is a great place to build a community service that is more individually-based or with one specific family. There are prizes and this is sure to be a great way to get out and do some hands-on activities, especially after this past year.

We are building plans to participate in the 4-H Interstate Exchange Program that will form their group this year and then travel to another state where teens will stay with another 4-H member and their family in 2022. The following year, these 4-H members will travel to Roscommon County where we will host them for a weeklong stay. This has always been a popular program in Michigan and we are excited to be offering it here in our area. The TSC Store Paper Clover campaign started this week and goes through May 9th. We have so many people who shop there and just one dollar or two at a time really makes all the difference in being able to offer scholarships that help to train our volunteers or offer unique experiences for our members. Thank you for your generous hearts.

Lastly, the ever-popular 4-H Exploration Days is offered in an expanded version. In this virtual format, you can experience things that you typically would not have access to such as: Brazilian Festivals of June, Snowshoe to Scuba in the UP, Computer Coding, Drone Careers, Smashing Electronic Particles at FRIB, Birding, Mountain Biking, and many more. Registration starts May 1st, so hurry. You will even receive a free swag bag mailed right to your house. Your Roscommon County 4-H Council has graciously set aside a couple dozen full \$20 scholarships. To top that off, free 4-H memberships will continue through this August for a \$20 value as well.

Become part of our program today and enjoy the neat things we have in store for you. There's way more to come!

Sincerely, John Wurm, Roscommon county 4-H Program Coordinator

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Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2021-22 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2021-2022 season. 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. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

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



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge



The MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is excited to share a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters!

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.



Plug into 4-H this summer with 4-H Exploration Days 2021-22: Expanded

Make plans to attend an exciting summer opportunity and choose your own adventure with 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded. This MSU precollege program has something for everyone, ages 12-19!

From June 22 - 24, youth from across Michigan can participate in this fun and engaging virtual learning experience that offers more than 60 different topics. Attendees will also hear from keynote speakers Justin and Alexis Black, authors of *Redefining Normal*, and come away with new energy and a desire to make a difference.

Registration for this event will open May 1 and close May 28. The cost to attend is \$20 and all youth will receive a swag bag, with the option to order their own 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded apparel. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.

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.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 5—26: Shiawassee Small Animal Online Workshop

Online

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

Online

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 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

Online

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

May 11: Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest

Online

Evaluate carcasses and identify meats online in both individual and team competitions. The contest will include three beef classes, three pork classes, identification of 20 retail cuts, beef yield grade, quality grade of beef, two classes with questions, and one set of oral reasons.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-virtual-meats-judging-contest

May 11: Wild Spartans Series—Conservation & Management of Tribal Natural Resources

Online

Learn about researching and protecting species with cultural significance and discover how one Michigan tribe is preserving the natural world. Doug Craven, natural resources director for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, will share his field work, education and career path.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may

May 21: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Online

Explore climate science and climate change with PhD candidate Lindsey Kemmerling as she shares climate science basics to help build your knowledge and understanding. Explore your own carbon footprint and engage in conversation about how you can make a difference.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-may-21

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



Roscommon County 4-H Cavy Club



DATE & TIME:

Monday evenings in May

May 10, 17, 24, 31

6:00-7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Online Zoom meetings

COST: FREE for registered 4-H members.

AGES: 8 & up

NOTE: The annual 4-H Participation Fee of \$20 has been waived for the 2020-2021 program year—a savings of \$20-\$60 per family! 4-H members are able to join in all 4-H activities at little and often at no cost. There is no better time to join 4-H!

Program Volunteer Leader:
Kate Gammicchia
Questions: Call the MSU Extension Office (989) 275-5043 or email John Wurm—wurmj@msu.edu



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth and families interested in learning about cavies (guinea pigs). The cavy program provides opportunities for youth to engage with peers while they learn about small animals.

DESCRIPTION:

4-H youth learn how to be responsible for a cavy, including husbandry and the skills needed to safely handle, examine, and show cavies. They engage in hands-on learning opportunities while learning animal care, anatomy, proper health and grooming, as well as showmanship. Members of 4-H are engaged in practice and demonstrate proficiency with their cavies at various cavy shows.

HOW TO REGISTER

- Register at < mi.4honline.com > prior to the first day of class.
- For information on how to navigate the enrollment system, including video tutorials: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment.
- For printed instructions: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-guide>.



Roscommon County 4-H Interstate Exchange



COMING IN
2022!

WHAT IS AN EXCHANGE?

An Exchange is an opportunity to travel to new places, have fun while learning more about your Country, and develop lifelong friendships! In an Exchange, 4-H youth and chaperones from one part of the state or country visit 4-H youth from another part of the state or country to engage in educational and cultural activities unique to the place they are visiting, including parks, museums, festivals, and food. During the Exchange, participants stay with the host families in their homes. The following year, Exchange participants switch roles and the original hosts come to visit their previous Exchange guests.

WHAT COMMITMENT IS INVOLVED?

- The Exchange is a two-year commitment from both the 4-H'er and the parent or guardian: travel year one, host year two.
- Participants must do fundraising to raise money for their Exchange.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Youth ages 13-19 who are currently enrolled in Roscommon County 4-H are eligible to participate in an Exchange.

HOW TO ENROLL IN 4-H:

- For information on how to enroll in 4-H, including video tutorials: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment.
- For printed instructions: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-guide>.

Program Volunteer Leader: Terri Cook

Questions: Call the MSU Extension Office (989) 275-5043

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**ADULTING 101-
SPRING SERIES**

High School Youth
May 5, 12, 19
4:00 PM EST

Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/adulting101spring/>

For info: Beth Martinéz Mart1751@msu.edu

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INVESTIGATING FOOD WITH SCIENCE
THE SCIENCE BEHIND FOOD SAFETY
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 4 P.M. EDT

A FREE after-school online program exploring how cooking is an experiment and baking is a science.



[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/INVESTIGATINGFOODWITHSCIENCSPRING/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/investigatingfoodwithsciencspring/)
TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL IN ADVANCE TO REGISTER AT 877-643-9882.

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**4-H JAPANESE GOLDEN WEEK
VIRTUAL CELEBRATION**

APRIL 29TH AND MAY 5TH
7-8:30PM ET/6-7:30PM CT 4-5:30PM PT

REGISTRATION DETAILS IN DESCRIPTION

ROSCOMMON COUNTY
4-H COUNCIL PRESENTS



MOTHER'S DAY FREE KIT

WE ARE SO CONVINCED
THAT ONCE YOU
PARTICIPATE IN THIS
EXPERIENCE THAT YOU
WILL WANT TO KEEP
FINDING NEW FUN 4-H
CONNECTIONS

YOUTH AGES 8-18
RESERVE AND PICK YOUR FREE KIT UP AT THREE
KEY LOCATIONS AROUND ROSCOMMON COUNTY

BECOME A PART OF THE 4-H PROGRAM WITH A
FREE KIT THAT INCLUDES ALL OF YOUR OWN
CAKE SUPPLIES TO BAKE THAT TREAT FOR MOM

<https://bit.ly/3dRKGCK>



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To learn more about Japan's Golden Week, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/japan-golden-week-a-cultural-learning-opportunity>

If you have questions please reach out to MSU Extension Educator Janis Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or Rachel Noble with the Kentucky 4-H Program at rachel.noble@uky.edu.



**4-H
GROWS HERE**

Want to see more? Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>

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NATURE CRAFTS TO MAKE YOUR HOME GREEN!

BRING OUTSIDE (SP)IN

A nature crafts 4-H Special Interests Club.

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VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB

SPOKEN WORD POETRY

JOIN US AS WE TURN YOUR STORIES INTO SPOKEN WORD POEMS!

WHEN: APRIL 30, MAY 7, MAY 14, MAY 21, MAY 28 AND JUNE 4
4 PM - 5 PM EST

WE WILL BE MEETING ONLINE USING THE ZOOM APP

MUST REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE TO GET ACCESS TO CLUB

FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 9 AND UP

PLEASE VISIT [BIT.LY/POETRY4H](https://bit.ly/poetry4h) TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CLUB AND HOW TO REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE

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FREE 4-H WILDFLOWER SEED KIT

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

CONNECTIONS THROUGH SIGNING: DIVE DEEPER

Every Wednesday April 28th - June 2nd
5:30 - 7:00PM EST

To register contact Liana Pepin at deisenro@msu.edu

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To register, contact Liana Pepin at deisenro@msu.edu with subject line: ASL Club.

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Wild Nature Crafting 4-H SPIN Club!

Join us to explore Michigan outdoors & make unique creations!

Part 1: May 3, 5, & 6th **Part 2:** June 14, 16, & 17th
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm

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**DREAM IT, BE IT:
Career Support Workshop
for Girls**
Ages 14-18

**May 15, 2021
10 AM - 1 PM**

REGISTER BY MAY 5:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/dream-it-be-it-career-support-workshop-for-girls>



Join Us Online

WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

SEARCHING FOR VERNAL POOLS, NATURE'S DISAPPEARING ACT
WITH YU MAN LEE, CONSERVATION SCIENTIST,
MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

SECOND TUESDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

Registration required:
www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series

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4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

Track your steps and earn prizes for yourself and your county 4-H program!
Receive motivation and tips from others along the way!

Starting May 2!



Want to see more? Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>

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**Are Your Laces Tied?
4-H Hiking SPIN Club**

Tuesdays from April 27 until May 25
5:30-6:30 EST / 4:30-5:30 CT

[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/AREYOURLACESTIED/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/areyourlacedtied/)

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**Walk Across
the State!**

MICHIGAN 4-H DOG PROGRAM
APRIL 15-MAY 31



2021

Ride
Across
your State
Challenge!

Registration is now open!

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Michigan 4-H Horse Programs

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MSU & Extension Offer Learning Fun for the Family!



Community Language School
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Community Language School Summer 2021 Online Classes

Session 1: Weeks of June 7th – July 5th
Session 2: Weeks of July 19th – August 16th



Available Classes:

- Family Classes (ages 3-6): 45 minutes per week, registration fee \$40
- Kids Classes (ages 6-9): 45 minutes per week, registration fee \$40
- Preteens/Teens Classes (ages 10-14): 1 hour per week, registration fee \$40
- Adult Classes (ages 18+): 1.5 hours per week, registration fee \$60

Our online programs are designed to provide a fun, virtual learning environment which will introduce learners to different languages and cultures with a focus on developing oral communication skills. Our live classes (via Zoom), taught by qualified teachers, will meet once a week in each session.

Languages offered: Arabic, ESL, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish

Session 1 Registration Deadline - May 24th, 2021

Session 2 Registration Deadline - July 5th, 2021

TO REGISTER CLICK THIS LINK:

https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3571

Visit our website for more information:
<https://celta.msu.edu/language-school/>

Want to see more? Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/rlr/>

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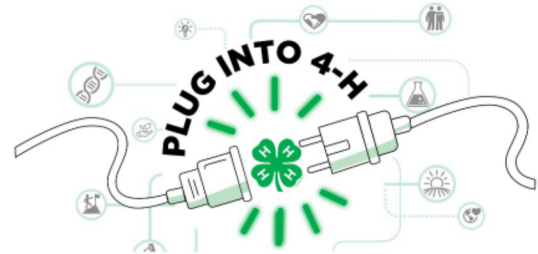
**Purchase Your Paper Clover at
Tractor Supply Company
April 28 – May 9, 2021**

Since 2016, Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover has provided scholarships for more than 165,684 youth to attend camp and leadership events.
visit tractorsupply.com/4h for more details



Support 4-H youth: Purchase a #PaperClover
@TractorSupply April 28-May 9!

Save the Date



**2021 MICHIGAN 4-H
EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED**

June 22-24, 2021

Registration opens end of April.



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Youth leaders: 4-H invites you to make a difference.

Teens and Pre-Teens – will you join us?



Youth Leadership Wanted

The Roscommon County 4-H Council is actively seeking young leaders to help advance programming, unique experiences and opportunities in Roscommon County for area youth.
For more information, please reach out to 4-H Council President, Samantha Karoub at samanthakaroub@gmail.com or call the 4-H extension office at 989.275.5043.

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