



Missaukee County

# 4-H Family News

August/September 2020

## It's Time to Think INSIDE the Box

While face-to-face programming still isn't an option, the 4-H show must go on. Over the summer we offered many virtual programs, but we heard from many families that poor or no internet connections prevented a lot of our families from participating. We used some out-of-the-box thinking to develop some great programming for the new 4-H year IN a box.

Lots of virtual programming will continue to be offered across the state. Our focus

locally will be on programming that requires little to no internet connection but still lots of hands-on learning and fun. Each program will have some kind of interactivity component so we can see each other's work and celebrate each other's accomplishments as we always have.

The first of these programs is featured to the left. Look for a new one every month.

Sincerely,

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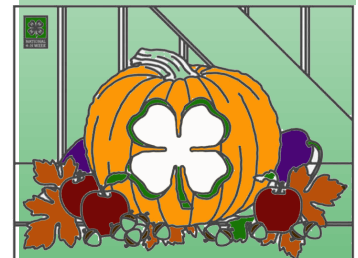
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/missaukee/4-h/>

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Missaukee4H/>

### Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/missaukee4h/>



## Happy Birthday

April D.  
Izzabella M.  
Lyndon M.  
Brayden L.  
Jennifer L.  
Miranda V.  
Terry B.  
TJ S.

## It's All About Chocolate

Youth ages 8-14 are invited to participate in this fun, self-paced learning experience about the history and science of chocolate.

Each participant will receive a box in the mail with all materials to complete 5 lessons and more than 10 activities.

Cost is \$15 per participant.

Registration closes September 15.

Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ScienceChocolate/> for more information and to register.

## LOCAL & VIRTUAL EVENTS

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### **Easy Ways to Support Local Veterans**

Veterans Serving Veterans, Inc. is a Cadillac, Michigan nonprofit that honors those who have served and protected our country at home and abroad. You can support this cause, which hopes to offer wonderful opportunities in partnership with 4-H, by considering a donation to their food pantry or pop-can drive. Learn more by calling Laura at 231-942-7552 or contacting the park.

Vets Serving Vets Park  
3740 S 41 Road  
Cadillac, MI 49601

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vetsservingvetsmi>

Website: <https://www.vetsservingvets.org/>

Email: [vetsservingvetsinc@gmail.com](mailto:vetsservingvetsinc@gmail.com)



JOIN US ONLINE!

## **4-H CODING WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

This is an introductory coding workshop for High School aged youth. The workshop is held over two weekends- participants must attend all 4 days. Participants will need to have the ability to do video conferencing.

Sat. & Sun.: October 10/11th & 17/18th

Cost: \$275.00

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3hb1XVK>

Registration closes October 1st

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WEDNESDAYS, SEPT 16-OCTOBER 21  
7 - 8 P.M. EST

## **4-H COMEDY WRITING WORKSHOP**

Youth ages 14-19

More info:

<https://bit.ly/35icgoZ>





### Explore your leadership skills with the 2020 Women's Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to learn from strong women leaders while exploring their own leadership skills at the 2020 MSU Women's Leadership Institute. This two-day event will begin on September 10 when attendees (open to anyone of any age) join an interactive webinar to hear from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness—including on the front lines of health care during the novel coronavirus pandemic. Learn how the different leadership types responded during times of crisis, and how they're promoting health and wellness at this critical time.

On September 14, youth participants will take part in the second portion of this event, which is reserved just for teens. During this virtual session, youth will discuss the Day 1 speakers and their own leadership challenges and successes.

Each event will be hosted from 6-8 p.m. Although featuring women leaders, the Women's Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for youth of any gender to learn more about leadership. Register at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020) or contact Roxanne Turner ([turnerr@msu.edu](mailto:turnerr@msu.edu) or 517-546-3950) or Darren Bagley ([bagleyda@msu.edu](mailto:bagleyda@msu.edu) or 810-244-8515) for more information.

### Update on 2020-2021 4-H Participation Fees

MSU Extension recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and other associated factors have put a financial strain on many families. Therefore, we have opted to waive the Michigan 4-H participation fee of \$20 per person or \$60 per family for the 2020-21 4-H program year which begins September 1, 2020. Some events may continue to have registration fees. You will continue to register through 4-H Online, but no participation fees will be collected or expected next year.

If you are interested in supporting 4-H in lieu of paying participation fees, please contact your 4-H program coordinator for opportunities.

### Changes coming to 4-H Online this fall!

This fall, 4-H Online will be upgraded to version 2.0. This enhanced version of our current registration system will offer many improvements, including the ability to register for events, the ability to collect registration fees via credit card, and improved communication features, among others. Though the system will look a bit different, we anticipate this upgrade will also provide a better user experience for the 4-H community.

In preparation for this upgrade, 4-H Online will shut down on August 27 as our Michigan 4-H data are migrated to the 2.0 version. The system will reopen mid-September; during the transition time, you will not be able to access 4-H Online. Once the system is operational again, MSU Extension will email the 4-H community with instructions on how to enroll/re-enroll in the upgraded system. In that communication, we will also provide additional training resources for administrative leaders/volunteers, as well as 4-H families who would like to learn more about 4-H Online 2.0.

We appreciate your patience with this transition and look forward to starting the 2020-2021 program year with an even better 4-H Online experience.

### Virtual Learning Resources for Parents, Teachers and Homeschool Families

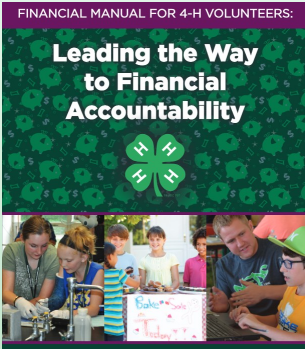


Though the back-to-school season occurs each fall, this year is unlike anything that has been experienced before. The 2020-2021 school year will present new challenges for families and teachers alike, whether youth are returning to school in the classroom, online or at home.

To support teachers, parents and homeschool families in their educational efforts, MSU Extension is compiling a list of helpful resources that can be used by varying audiences to supplement school plans. Arranged by audience, grade level and topic, a variety of resources will be available in differing delivery methods. While not all tools utilize school standards, many do.

Look for additional information coming soon! In the meantime, please check out [extension.msu.edu/online4MI](http://extension.msu.edu/online4MI).

### Important Changes to 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers & Treasurers



The 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers support 4-H volunteers and adult and youth treasurers in their roles managing 4-H funds.

Small revisions and updates to these books were made in 2020. The online PDF versions of the manuals contain the changes. However, if you have a printed or hard copy version that does not contain the 2020 changes, a one-page document is available online that notes all the important content adjustments. It is recommended that you print this resource and store it in your manual for quick reference.

Download the 2020 changes resource at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_financial\\_management\\_toolkit](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit). For more information, please contact your local county staff member.

## Update on Face-to-Face Michigan 4-H Programming

Earlier this year, MSU Extension pivoted all programming to online formats to comply with the original Stay Safe, Stay Home order ([EO2020-42](#)). Though this has been a difficult time for communities, families and our own faculty and staff members, we are proud of the work our team has done to ensure that the 4-H community continues to have access to high-quality educational opportunities throughout Michigan.

After much discussion and study, we have decided to continue to keep all 4-H programming, meetings and events virtual until further notice. This applies to all children and youth activities involving ages birth to 19. We recognize that this is a hardship on those who are eager to engage in in-person activities with their 4-H community. However, we must do everything we can to keep youth and adults safe and healthy. As such, please continue to hold 4-H club meetings and other local events virtually. MSU Extension staff members, including 4-H program coordinators, cannot support in-person activities. In addition, funds raised in the name of 4-H cannot be used to support in-person events until further notice.

Although our delivery modes have changed, we are still hard at work for you. Because of our statewide reach, you have access to a number of MSU Extension events. Visit our [MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources](#) to learn more.

We assure you that this does not diminish our commitment to the 4-H community. We will continue to offer high-quality, virtual programming and experiences, and look forward to the day when we can resume in-person programming.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### September 10 & 14: Women's Leadership Institute

#### Zoom Webinar

On Day 1, listen and learn from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness.

On Day 2, discuss Day 1 speakers and explore your own challenges and successes as leaders.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020>

### September 19: Birds of Prey—LIVE!

#### Zoom Webinar

Join the Kellogg Biological Sanctuary (KBS) for a virtual presentation about the birds of prey that reside at the Sanctuary and meet two special guests. This workshop is offered for \$5 for KBS members and \$7 for non-members.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/birds-of-prey-live>

### October 7: 4-H Spirit Day

Wednesday of National 4-H Week is titled 4-H Spirit Day and you are encouraged to show your 4-H pride by wearing 4-H apparel and sharing your 4-H story.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spirit-day>

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



# 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Ultimate Grilled Cheese

Join us in the kitchen for a day of cooking as we make not just any grilled cheese sandwich. We're going to make the **ULTIMATE** grilled Cheese sandwich!!!!

October 17, 2020  
3:00 pm

#### For more Information

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### Sweet Dreams are made of CHEESE!!!:

Who doesn't love a good grilled cheese sandwich? You think back to those rainy Saturday afternoons and you can smell that delicious melted cheese!

Well, what if I told you that there was such a grilled cheese sandwich that could be called not good, not great, but the **ULTIMATE** grilled cheese sandwich? Think about it...**UNLIMITED POWER!!!!!!** Well 4-H in the Kitchen holds the secret!

Join us for another live episode of 4-H in the Kitchen where we will learn how to make Ultimate Grilled Cheese sandwiches, a truly delicious piece of culinary artwork. We will also be using predominantly low fat and fat free ingredients.

Registration will be open September 4, 2020 and will be open thru October 14th. The event will be held over Zoom on October 17th at 3:00 pm. Participants will receive the recipe and a Zoom invite 2 days prior to the event.

This event is open to all youth ages 8 thru 19. Youth may need adult assistance when using kitchen appliances and the stove.

To register, please go to:

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

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