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4-H Family News

April/May 2021

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 Dept. 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:

[Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 - MSU Extension](#)

(Check back regularly for updates) If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#),

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**4-H WANTS YOU**

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>.

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

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.

Save the Date

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

June 22-24, 2021
Registration opens end of April.

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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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days).

SWINE MARKET SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS

The official ID for exhibition swine may no longer be offered through the Fair Board, nor our program or committee. The Public Act of 466 of the Animal Industry Act requires that pigs shown at fairs, exhibitors or shows (4-H or open) must have official individual animal ID.

Beginning December 2020 MDARD no longer provides bulk order of official ID tags for fair or exhibitions. The owner of the animal is responsible for acquiring the official ID. What should you do?

1. The easiest way to do this is to purchase a pig that already has the ID in from the breeder with the USDA 840 tag.

2. You can order USDA tags for your farm. You must obtain a premise number, if you do not already have one.

3. Speak with your leader. If animals are housed on one property (some clubs house swine together) you may use that property's 840 tags as that premise number traces back to a physical ADDRESS.

More Information at:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/updates-to-official-identification-for-exhibition-swine-2021>

OCEANA DATES & DEADLINES for Market Projects

(all deadlines are 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated)

- May 10– Swine Pictures with breed & ear tag(s) are due to the office. (USDA tag & 4-H tag) 4-H tags may be picked up at the office. Toni can run them out to you or leave them in the MSUE drop box. Pictures with readable ear tag numbers, full body shot and breeds may be emailed to vanberg2@msu.edu or dropped off at the office. Per your last newsletter & emails.. We do not have the MDARD tags, you needed to get them either from the breeder or register your premise and order some (see the previous newsletter and attachments).
- Deadline for LB swine
- June 1– Lamb Project Deadline & LB Lamb
- June 1– Lamb Pictures with breed & ear tag(s) are due to the office. You can pick up your 4-H tags at the office. Let us know you are coming and we can have it ready for you. Call when here and we will run it out to you. We can also leave it in the MSUE drop box if you prefer.
- June 1– Feeder Calf Pictures with breed and tag number due to the office *NOTE– tag MUST be in the ear
- July 30– All other SMAA/Jr. Mkt pictures with breeds due to the office
- Aug. 9– Office must be notified in writing of backup animal if being used.

The following dates are pending COVID restrictions:

- July 30– Potential Buyer's names due
- Aug. 24– Entry day of Fair
- Aug. 26– Market Livestock Auction
- Aug. 28– SMAA/JR Mkt Auction
- Aug 29– Load out day of Fair
- Sept 1– New 4-H year begins



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 10th- Oceana County 4-H Youth Council

May 13th- Large & SMAA Committees meeting (notices going out soon)

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OCEANA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON BOTH ON OUR OCEANA COUNTY MSUE PORTAL AT: [HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/OCEANA](https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana) , IN THE OFFICE OR TONI CAN EMAIL ONE TO YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

Guidelines for 4-H Ambassadors Selection

- Must be a current Oceana County 4-H member who will be at least 13 years old by August 1st.
- Must have completed 2 calendar years of club work by August 31st of this year (this current year counts as 1 of 2 of those years).
- Must have knowledge and experience with the 4-H philosophy, pledge an motto: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/about/mi.4h.FAQs>
- Has participated in club & county 4-H opportunities that promote 4-H to others.
- Has demonstrated service to the community and others.
- Has demonstrated leadership skill development, their involvement in 4-H, school and community.
- Must be willing and able to meet the availability requirements of the position (listed separately).
- Must be available for a virtual interview session with the Ambassador Committee. (Interview date will be emailed to applicants.)
- Must complete the attached application and submit it to the Oceana County MSU Extension Office by 3:00p.m. Monday, July 26th, 2021. You may mail it to the office, turn in a paper copy, or email it to Sarah Schaner at schaner4@msu.edu.

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.



THANK YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO CERES SOLUTIONS AND LAND O'LAKES FOR THEIR GENEROUS \$1000.00 DONATIONS TO THE OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAMS. THEIR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) Paper Clover: April 28-May 9

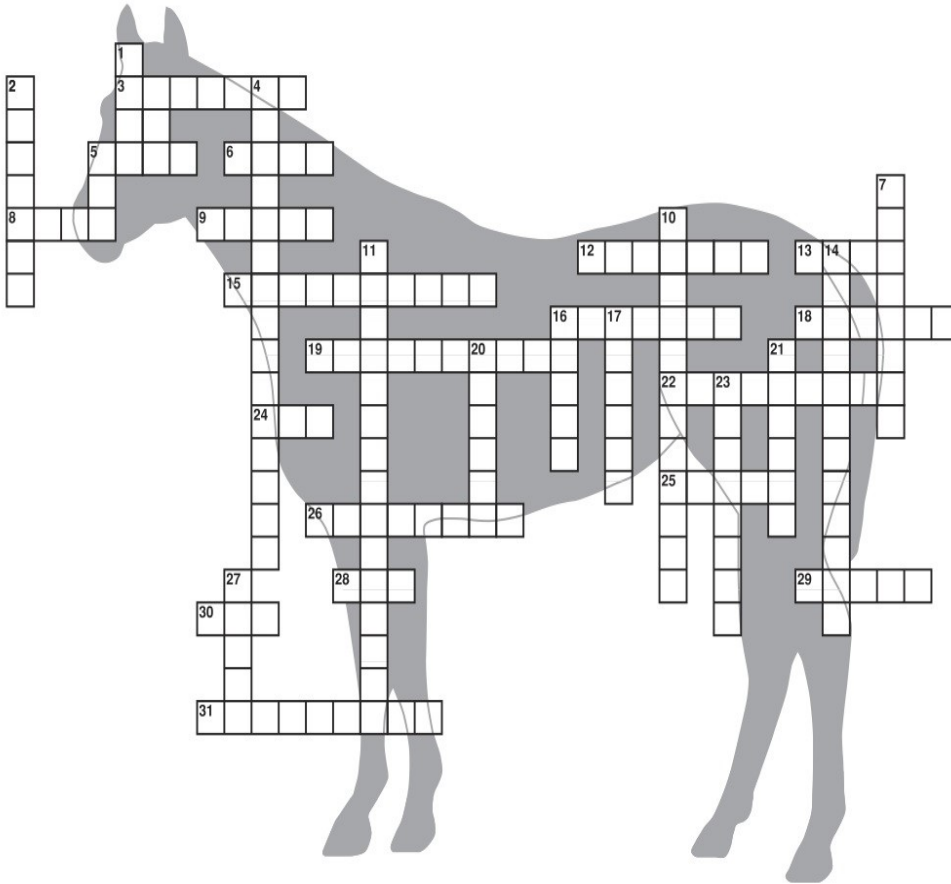
National 4-H Council is continuing its nationwide partnership with Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) with the spring 2021 Paper Clover Promotion to be held April 28-May 9, 2021.

During these dates TSC customers can purchase a paper clover both online or in stores for \$1 to support their local 4-H program.

Funds donated go back to support the county 4-H program where the store is located.



Breeds of Horses Puzzle



Across

3. Oldest pure breed of horse.
5. Any equine smaller than 14 1/2 hands.
6. One type of Paso horse comes from this South American country.
8. Abbreviation for American Quarter Horse Association.
9. Another name for a pinto colored horse.
12. The special gait of the Missouri Fox Trotter.
13. A parade horse should _____ high and lightly.
15. A breed originating in Hanover, Germany.
16. There are both horses and ponies in this breed and they are noted for their high action.
18. Chincoteague _____ have an interesting history.
19. An Irish pony.
22. Breed of speckled and spotted horse.
24. Another name for buckskin color.
25. Horses of this color are almost black.
26. One of the smaller pony breeds.
28. The Cleveland _____ was an important harness horse before the auto.
29. A medium-sized pony from the British Isles.
30. Abbreviation for Appaloosa Horse Club.
31. A breed of draft horse from France.

Down

1. The _____ Fino is a South American horse with a smooth gait.
2. Early horses in North America.
4. This breed is noted for its flashy showiness and several gaits (two words).
5. Abbreviation for Pony of the Americas.
7. Austrian breed noted for its ability in dressage.
10. Breed of harness racers—trotters and pacers.
11. Fast walking horse developed on Southern plantations (two words).
14. This breed was developed in England for its long-distance speed.
16. Horses are measured in.
17. A slow, collected gallop.
20. The first American breed and only breed ever started by a single horse.
21. Breed of white horses.
23. Golden horse with white mane and tail.
27. The largest draft horse.



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CLOVERBUD 4-H WORD FIND

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Find the 4-H word and
circle them:

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| CLOVER | HEART |
| CLUB | MEMBERS |
| FRIENDS | PLEDGE |
| FUN | PROJECT |
| GREEN | SERVICE |
| HEAD | WHITE |