



Saginaw County

4-H Family News

APRIL 2021

Greetings Saginaw County 4-H,

We have a new addition to the Saginaw County 4-H team! Please join me in welcoming, Ashley Rodarte, the new Saginaw County 4-H AmeriCorps Member.



AmeriCorps

As an AmeriCorps member, Ashley will be supporting the implementation of new 4-H programs, connecting with volunteers, and offering 4-H events.

Ashley grew up in Saginaw County and currently resides on her family's centennial homestead with two active dogs and alpine goats. She cherishes her memories of her Great Grandma explaining how builders allowed her to place a single rock in the porch as the house was being built.

In her free time, you will find Ashley exploring the great outdoors, foraging, and making her next DIY Project. She lives with her husband, two sons, and daughter. Be on the lookout for fun, interactive and nature-based 4-H SPIN Club's led by Ashley! If you have any ideas or projects areas you would like to see Ashley lead, please feel free to contact her any time at rodarte1@msu.edu.

Welcome Ashley!

Announcements or Contents...

April 5: Horse Council Meeting-7:00pm
(Meeting info goes out through 4-H Online)

April 13 : 4-H Saginaw Leaders Advisory Board Meeting-7:00pm
(Meeting info goes out through 4-H Online)

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!

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There's no better time to
join 4-H!

FREE 4-H MEMBERSHIP

September 1, 2020 through
August 30, 2021



SAGINAW COUNTY PROGRAMS

4-H Are You Ready for the Warm Weather?

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/areyourlacetied/>



Learn how to safely prepare for and take a short hike, the benefits of spending time outdoors, and the importance of Leave No Trace principles while you are hiking.

Learning kits will include: starter first aid kit, emergency blanket, whistle, rain poncho, headlamp, journal, water bottle, and Leave No Trace cards.

Tuesdays from April 27 until May 25, 2021 from 5:30-6:30 EST / 4:30-5:30 CT.

Space is limited to 32 participants.

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



Embryology 4-H SPIN Club



TUESDAYS APRIL 13TH-MAY 18TH 4:00-5:00PM

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Have you ever wanted to watch a chick hatch from its shell? If you answered yes, then the Virtual 4-H Embryology SPIN Club is for YOU! It will be an egg-cellent opportunity to learn about the beginning of life of a chicken. Some of the eggs-amples we'll eggs-plore are prepping the eggs for the incubator, daily development inside the egg, hatching and chick handling (just to name a few).

A FREE 4-H Embryology learning kit is included and will be mailed home one week prior to the start of the program. This Club meets April 13-May 18th on Tuesdays, from 4:00-5:00pm and is open to current or new 4-H members ages 5-19. Activities are best suited for ages 8-12 and adult assistance is recommended for younger children. The 4-H Embryology SPIN Club is limited to first 20 enrolled 4-H members. **Zoom meeting links and related information will be sent through 4-H Online.**

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Embryology4hspinclub/>

Questions: contact Ashley Rodarte at rodarte1@msu.edu

PROJECT FISH 4-H SPIN CLUB
Virtual via Zoom

**OPEN TO SAGINAW COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS
SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Learn Fishing Basics
Includes Rod, Reel, Fully Load Tackle Box
FREE-No cost
Make a Pop Can Caster
Fish ID and Conservation

April 15-May 6
Thursdays 4:30-5:30

LEARN THE BASICS OF FISHING TO ENJOY THE WATER THIS SEASON!

4-H Members : It's time to go "Fishin' in Michigan"! This FREE 6-week short-term special interest Club is designed to help youth who are new fishing or those young anglers interested in expanding fishing skills. Youth will be introduced to basic angling ethics and stewardship through interactive games and activities including how to bait a hook, casting, knot tying, and fish cleaning and cooking. This program will run Thursdays April 15-May 6 from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Need fishing supplies? We have you covered!

Each participant will receive a rod, reel, fully loaded tackle box, and more! Everything an angler needs to hit the water this season! **Space is limited to the first 20 registered 4-H Members on a first-come first serve basis. Supplies will be delivered locally in Saginaw County. Curbside pick-up in Saginaw ONLY for 4-H Members who live outside the County.**

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ProjectFish4HSPINClub/> by April 9.

Questions? Contact gathstac@msu.edu for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saginaw County Needs You!

We are looking for volunteers to join the 4-H Community as Club and Project Leaders, SPIN Club Leaders!

What is the time commitment?

It's up to you! Volunteering with 4-H is very flexible.

You can lead your Club/program on your own schedule. Volunteers are able to set their own meeting dates, times, and locations.

Why Volunteer with 4-H?

FLEXIBILITY-volunteer on your schedule

PASSION-Volunteer in the areas of your personal interest and skills

NETWORK-Build your connections and meet new people

TRAININGS-MSU

Extension provides on-going access to trainings and resources to help you work with youth

COMMUNITY-Positively impact and get involved in your community



The **all-new** Michigan 4-H Dog Program Walk Across Our State Challenge is now open for registration! That's right, earn prizes while walking the dog! *Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021*

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

RULES & REGISTRATION FOUND HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HDogWalkAcrossOurState/>



The **all-new** Michigan 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge is now open for registration!

Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

REGISTER HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/RideAcrossOurState/>

CONTEST RULES FOUND HERE: https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-

The Importance of Saving and Investing: 4-H Livestock Edition



Open to youth ages 15-19 (statewide)

April 5, 7:30 pm

The end of a market livestock project is usually a check from the auction.

This 1-hour workshop will cover:

The different types of saving goals: short, medium and long-term

The importance of planning ahead

Understanding Investment alternatives

Additional resources

Registration link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Investing2021/>



The Importance of Saving and Investing: Livestock Edition

Importance of Saving and Investing: Livestock Edition is a workshop for 15-19 year olds. The one hour zoom session at 7:30 on April 5th will focus on the end of a market livestock project--the check you get after auction--and what saving and investing options are available. Short, medium, and long term investment options will be discussed, as well as planning ahead, investment alternatives, and more. Registration is now open! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Investing2021/>

4-H Market Livestock Through a Business Lens is a one hour online workshop for youth ages 8-19 that will help youth look at their 4-H livestock project as a business. Topics covered during this interactive session will include a business concept, risk management, the cost of doing business, and more! This workshop will be held April 20th at 7:30 pm, and will be hosted by Kalkaska County 4-H and Beth Martínez, MSU Extension Educator. Registration is now open! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart2021/>



Open to youth ages 8-19.

April 20, 7:30 pm via zoom.

This 1-hour workshop will cover:

- How to get started
- Types of organizations
- What makes a business concept?
- The cost of doing business
- Money management skills
- Credit and cash flow
- Business credit vs. personal credit

Registration link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart2021/>

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 5: Creative Cards 4-H SPIN Club

This club is open to youth ages 8 and up **statewide!** Card crafting supply kits will be supplied to registered youth. Crafting meetings will be held Monday's beginning April 5th - May 3rd, from 5-6 pm. At the end of the club, youth will participate in a service project, donating their cards to a local organization. Register now, spots are limited: <https://forms.gle/UEgzmaz9c9EFgrVx7>

April 5: Themes Trivia Nights 4-H SPIN Club

Virtual

For one week only, come test your knowledge on topics such as Disney Movies, Animals, Acronyms, Sports, and "Where in the World". Compete as a team of 5 or as an individual and see if you can be crowned the Ultimate Trivia Wizard! Starting on April 5, we will meet every Week-night until April 9. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is free to join and open to youth ages 10 and up. For more information and to register, please go to <http://bit.ly/Trivia4H>. Youth must also be enrolled in this club through 4-H Online (Club is listed under Bay County – SPIN Club: Themed Trivia Nights!).

April 8: Virtual Clue 2 at the Zoo

Virtual

Notorious animal-thief Nikolai the Camel Guy is plotting to steal one of the zoo's animals! However, the letter to his accomplice with all the plan's details has been damaged. Which animal do they want to steal? Why? And which zoo employee is in on it? Gather two or three of your friends to team up and solve this crime before it's too late! Register for this FREE event here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/VC2Mystery/>

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>

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

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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/u/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

4-H Events and Workshops

April 12: Jedi Training 4-H SPIN Club

Virtual

Do you have what it takes to be a Jedi? Join Luce and Mackinac County 4-H for Jedi Training this April. Explore the skills of the Jedi through mindfulness, physical activity, and a variety of at home challenges. Open to youth ages 7 and up. Sessions will run every Monday from April 12th through May 10th from 5:30 - 6:30PM ET. To register visit: <https://forms.gle/fakJTvCQUq8geb7q7>

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 16: Spoke Word 4-H SPIN Club

Zoom

Have you ever wanted to know about the secrets to poetry and how to make the words rhyme? Now is the time! Join us as we learn how to write our story on the page. We will help you develop the skill and let your world be the stage. Starting on April 16 at 4 PM, we will show you the steps it takes to get their ideas on paper. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is free to join and open to youth ages 9 and up. For more information and to register, please go to <http://bit.ly/Poetry4H>. Questions about this club, please email Lance Fowler: fowler37@msu.edu.

April 17: 4-H In the Kitchen Live! Homemade Fortune Cookies

Virtual

Participants will get to learn how to make their own Fortune Cookies from scratch, learning a bit of food science as we go. While cookies are baking, we're also going to learn a little bit about the history behind these cookies and some things that might surprise everyone. registration link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/FortuneCookies/>

April 20: Earth Day Hero 4-H SPIN Club

Zoom

Join us as we learn to become Earth Day Heroes. Every Day can be Earth Day as we learn, create, and experiment with things that can benefit the environment. The club will meet virtually beginning April 20, 2021 and concluding April 29, 2021. Register at : <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-earth-day-heroes-spin-club> Have any questions, please contact Martina Valdez @ valdezm3@msu.edu.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Come grow with us in any of these 4-H project areas and more!

- ◊ Beef
- ◊ Birds & Poultry
- ◊ Business & Entrepreneurship
- ◊ Career Exploration & Workforce Preparation
- ◊ Cats & Dogs
- ◊ Citizenship & Civic Engagement
- ◊ Clothing & Textiles
- ◊ Community Service
- ◊ Dairy Cattle
- ◊ Entomology & Bees
- ◊ Environmental Science & Natural Resources
- ◊ Expressive Arts
- ◊ Food & Nutrition
- ◊ Global & Cultural Education
- ◊ Health & Fitness
- ◊ Horses & Ponies
- ◊ Horticulture
- ◊ Leadership Skills Development
- ◊ Mechanical Sciences
- ◊ Outdoor Recreation & Education
- ◊ Plant Science
- ◊ Rabbits & Cavies
- ◊ Robotics
- ◊ Sheep
- ◊ Shooting Sports

4-H Events and Workshops

April 22: Backyard Bees 4-H SPIN Club

Virtual

What's all the buzz about? It's the statewide Backyard Bees 4-H Club! The Backyard Bees 4-H Club will meet via zoom for six weeks every Thursday starting at 6:30pm. Youth participating will be mailed a "FREEBEE" bee kit that will contain all the materials needed to participate. Sessions will also include: a virtual visit to a hive, bee installation, beekeeping equipment, pollination and more! Register by emailing Kaelie Fessler at fessler5@msu.edu.

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

April 24: 4-H Poetry Pack

Virtual

The 4-H Poetry Pack" being hosted by one of our volunteers that is sure to be an excellent time. Participants will get to learn all about the various forms of poetry and learn how to apply those skills to their own works of poetic art. It's scheduled on Saturday April 24th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm so don't miss out!

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

April 26: Lego Master Builder 4-H SPIN Club

Virtual

Registration is open for the April 4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club, it will begin on Monday, April 26th and end Friday, April 30th, registration closes on April 22nd. This club will meet virtually every day from 4-5:15 pm EST. Youth will get a chance to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HLegoSPINClubApril/>

April 28: Financial Reality Fair

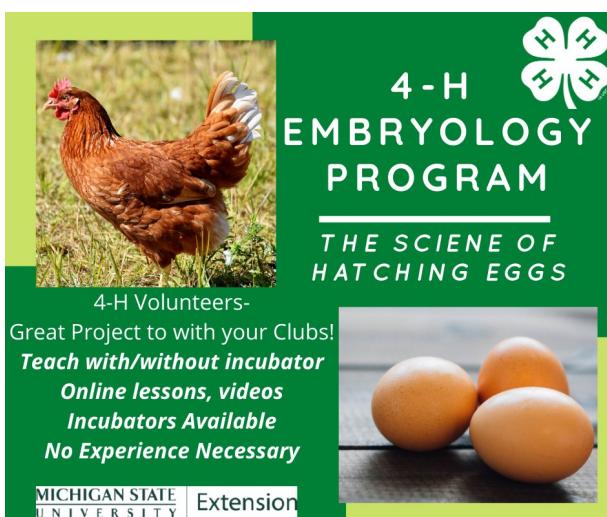
Virtual

Join us for a real life simulation activity that will challenge teens to see if they can live within their means on an income of someone just started out in their career. Participants will gain budgeting skills as they pay for their housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, food, entertainment and more. Registration is open to the first sixty youth: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/reality-fair>

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



4-H VOLUNTEER CORNER



4-H Embryology Program: The Science of Hatching Eggs. Michigan State University Extension. 4-H Volunteers: Great Project to work with your Clubs! Teach with/without incubator. Online lessons, videos. Incubators Available. No Experience Necessary.

This in-depth educational online learning tool can be used as a stand-alone program or can be used in combination with an incubator and eggs with no prior experience! Staff/Educators may choose to incubate their own eggs, or simply use the series of videos to demonstrate all things embryology, from the parts of an egg to caring for freshly hatched chicks and everything in-between. Youth can view the videos and see what would take place even if they don't have eggs in-person.

The objectives of the online course are to:

- Teach responsibility and caring for a living thing
- Teach respect for life and the value of living things
- Emphasize a "hands-on" experience with living things
- Help students grasp developmental processes and stages of growth
- Introduce and explain the topic of reproduction
- Introduce students to scientific processes and other areas of science

To learn more or to register for this course, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/michigan-4-h-embryology-course>

4-H Volunteers: Check out these volunteer resources to support your Clubs

Safety in Virtual Learning Environments Video:

This short video shares best practices and policies around youth safety in virtual settings, explore strategies to maintain youth safety when programming virtually, and resources that are helpful.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/videos/safety-in-virtual-learning-environments>

Volunteer Brainstorm Session Recording:

Action Team 6 recorded one of the volunteer brainstorm sessions, the recording is almost an hour in length but provides some great ideas of what volunteers are doing to keep youth engaged or ideas they have tried. While this is a video, the most value comes from listening to the audio so it could be listened to similar as a podcast.

https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/4-H%20Volunteer%20Brainstorming%20Jan21/1_mm5a5I1

Save the Date



June 22-24, 2021

Registration opens end of April.



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4-H Exploration Days: Expanded!

June 22-24, 2021 Awesome sessions planned, inspirational key note speaker, free time, and so much more!! Registration will open end of April.

Scholarships are available for Saginaw County 4-H Members!

Contact gathstac@msu.edu for more info.

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/momgoose.

