

# St. Clair County 4-H Family News

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## St. Clair County 4-H News & Events

### From Lori Warchuck's Desk

#### PROGRAM RESOURCES

The beginning of a new 4-H year brings out good intentions from many of us, members and leaders alike. Sometimes our enthusiasm for the competitive part of our 4-H experience can overshadow our good intentions and real mission of our 4-H activities.

While it is often thought that participation in competitive events builds good character, it doesn't automatically happen. Just as a 4-H leader has a plan for each meeting or event for the 4-H year, we need to develop an action plan for learning good sportsmanship through our 4-H activities.

Good sportsmanship is a critical skill for youth. Competitive events and activities provide a great opportunity for youth to learn how to be fair, respectful and gracious whether they win or lose.

Let's not leave this important skill to chance and add a sportsmanship component to your club meetings and activities.

To help youth practice this important skill, Michigan 4-H Youth Development has developed a series of sportsmanship activities that can be used at club meetings, events or other youth activities.

Remember, exhibiting good sportsmanship is not just for youth 4-H members – it applies to everyone involved, including volunteers, parents, leaders and others.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_sportsmanship\\_activity\\_series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_sportsmanship_activity_series)

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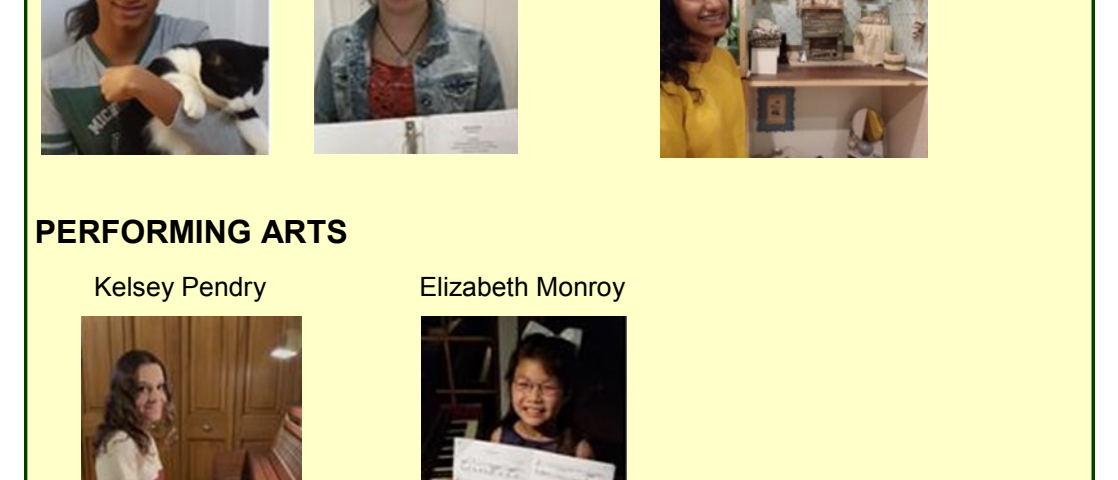
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## 4-H Virtual Winter Achievement Wrap Up

The 2021 Virtual 4-H Winter Achievement awards presentation took place on Saturday, January 23. The event featured 20 exhibitors and 80 projects. It was an exciting day for judges and participants alike. The virtual interviews were fantastic and exhibitors seem to have mastered the technology used to upload project photos and videos for judging.

## CLOVER SPROUTS



Our Clover Sprout participants were particularly impressive showing their projects. Great job!!

## GOLD SEAL AWARD RESULTS

### Department 1 Grow With Us

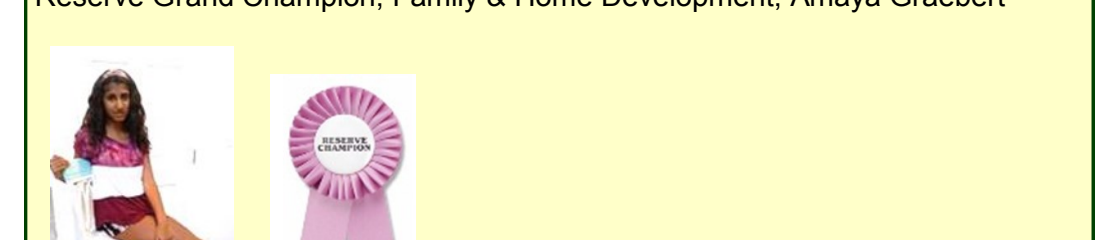
#### ANIMAL SCIENCE

Amaya Graebert, Jinger VanTroostenberghe



#### FLOWERS

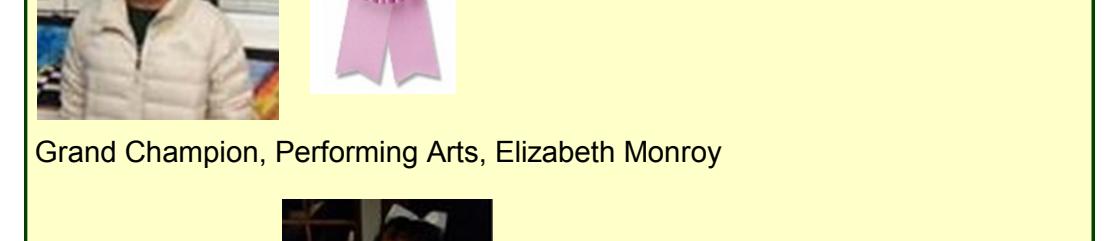
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### Department 2 Show Us Your Handiwork

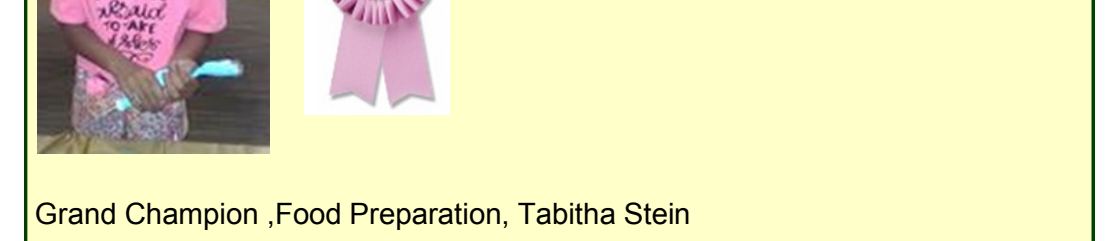
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#### FAMILY & HOME DEVELOPMENT

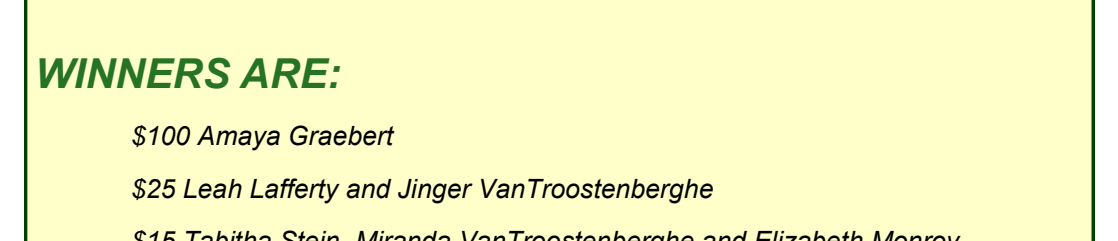
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#### PERSONAL APPEARANCE

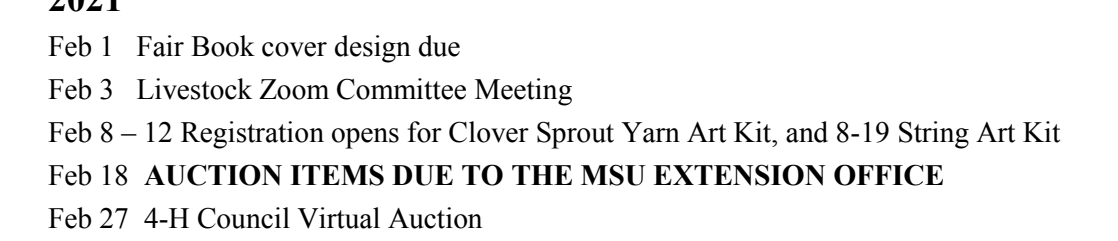
#### SCRAPBOOKING

Jinger VanTroostenberghe



#### WOODWORKING

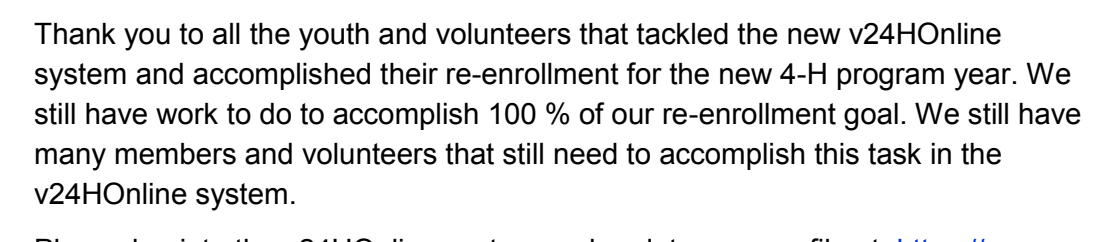
Leah Lafferty



### Department 3 We Present To You

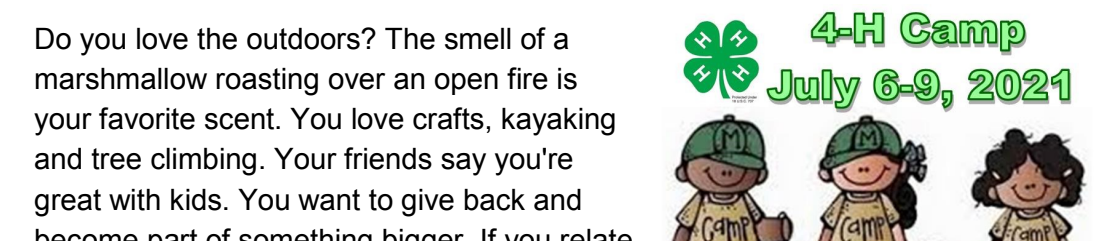
#### COMMUNICATIONS

Amaya Graebert, Leah Lafferty



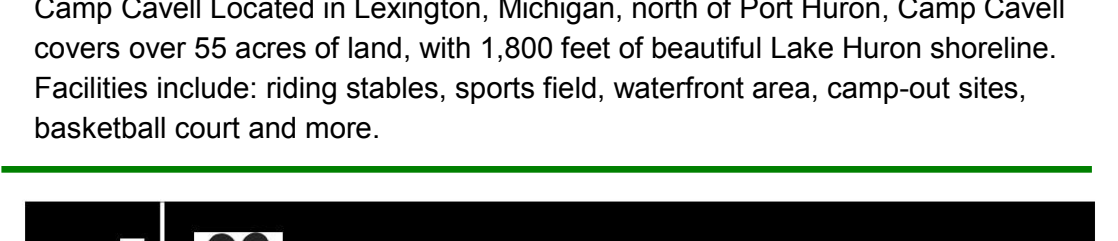
#### LITERACY

Amaya Graebert



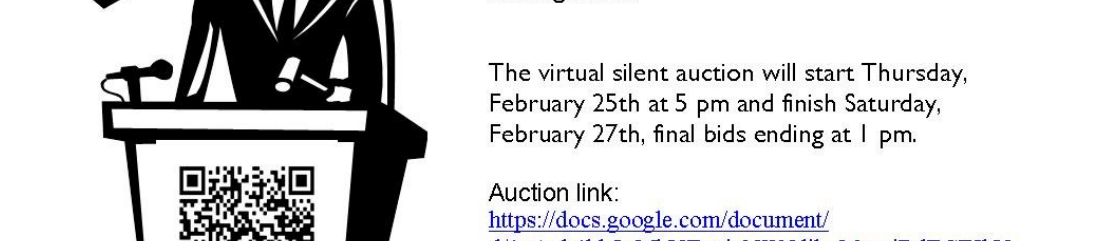
#### PERFORMING ARTS

Kelsey Pendry, Elizabeth Monroy



#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Amaya Graebert, Leah Lafferty



#### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

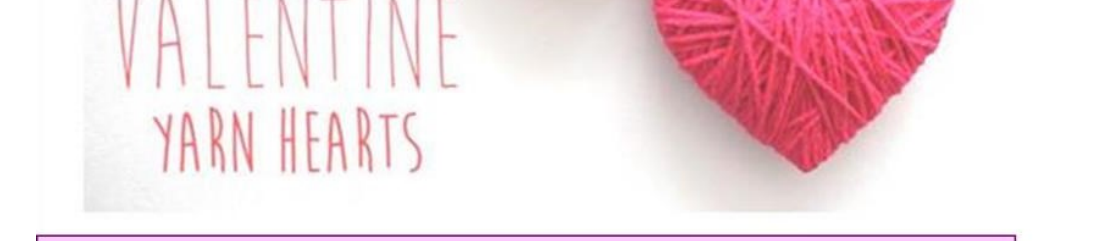
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### Department 4 Let's Eat

#### FOOD PREPARATION

Amaya Graebert, Madelyn Fox, Tabitha Stein



## GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE GRANDCHAMPION AWARD WINNERS ARE:

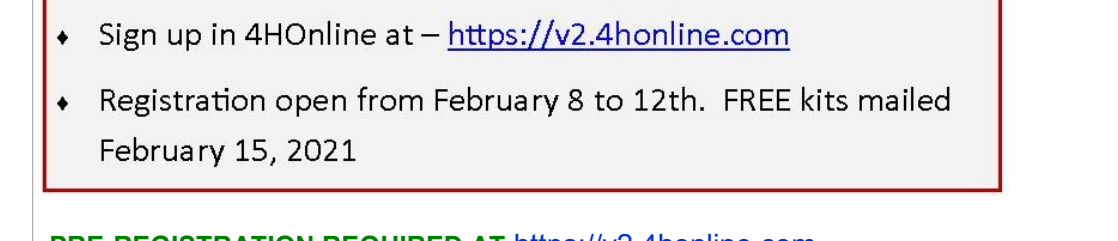
Reserve Grand Champion, Flowers, Tabitha Stein



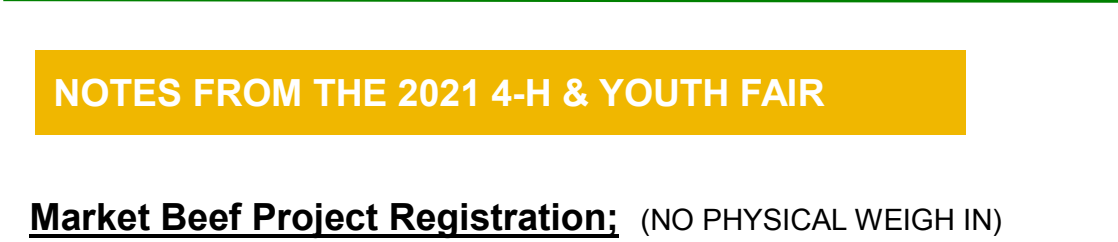
Grand Champion, Animal Science, Amaya Graebert



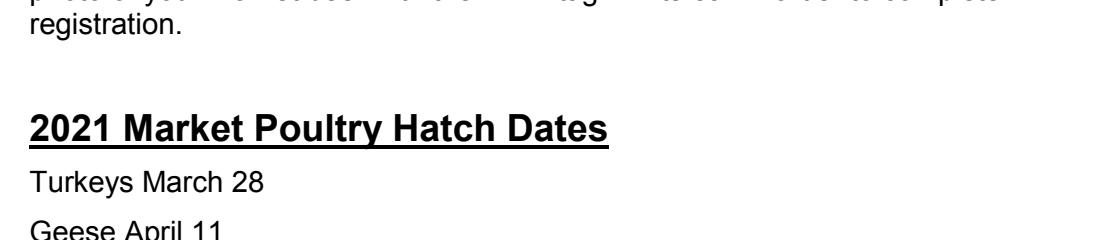
Reserve Grand Champion, Family & Home Development, Amaya Graebert



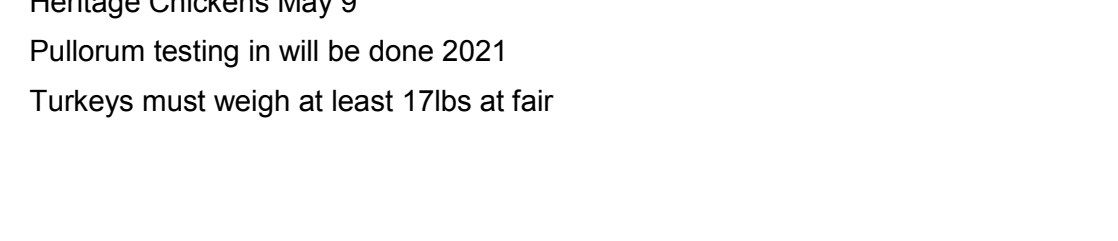
Grand Champion, Art, Leah Lafferty



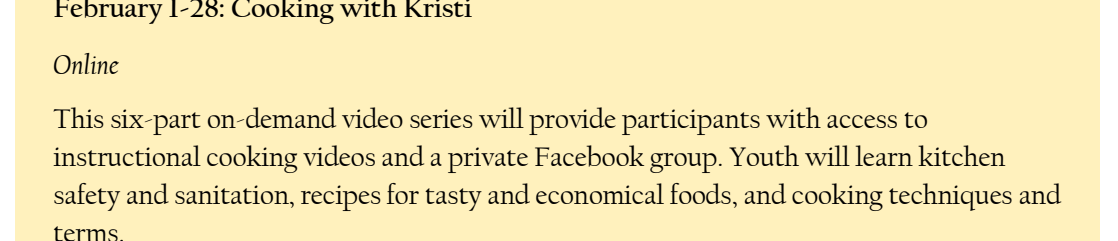
Reserve Grand Champion, Photography, Amaya Graebert



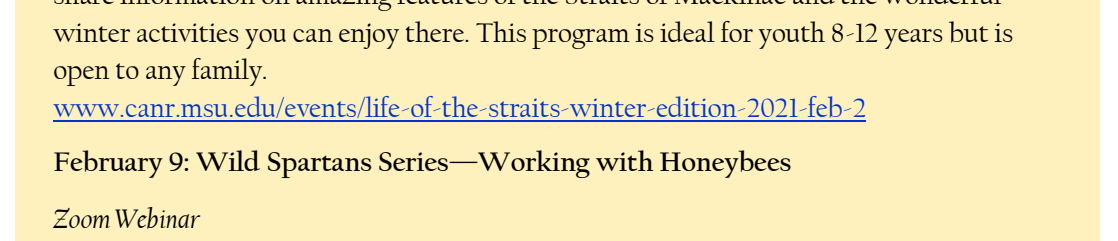
Grand Champion, Performing Arts, Elizabeth Monroy



Reserve Grand Champion, Food Preparation, Amaya Graebert



Grand Champion, Food Preparation, Tabitha Stein



## AWARDS FOR VIRTUAL WINTER ACHIEVEMENT TOP EXHIBITORS:

- Top Exhibitor receives a \$100 prize
- 2nd and 3rd receive \$25 each
- 4th through 6th receive \$15 each
- 7th through 10th receive \$10 each

## WINNERS ARE:

\$100 Amaya Graebert

\$25 Leah Lafferty and Jinger VanTroostenberghe

\$15 Tabitha Stein, Miranda VanTroostenberghe and Elizabeth Monroy

\$10 Bella Brunet, Violet Stein, Lucas Fox, Christopher Monroy, Kelsey Pendry, Rachel Case and Madelyn Fox

You can view the awards presentation by going to this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGjCk8K-8UM&feature=youtu.be>

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

- Feb 1 Fair Book cover design due
- Feb 3 Livestock Zoom Committee Meeting
- Feb 8 - 12 Registration opens for Clover Sprout Yarn Art Kit, and 8-19 Spring Art Kit
- Feb 18 AUCTION ITEMS DUE TO THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
- Feb 27 4-H Council Virtual Auction
- April 12 Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Virtual Round Up
- June 26 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Shooting Sports Tournament, Blue Water Sportsman's Club
- June 27 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Archery Tournament, Goodells County Park

Check out the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page for more information and activities <https://www.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty> and <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events> and <https://msue.stclaircounty.org> or call (810) 989-6935

## LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM NOTES:

### 4-H Re Enrollment

It's time to re-enroll in Michigan 4-H!

Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that tackled the new v24HOnline system and accomplished their re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year. We still have work to do to accomplish 100% of our re-enrollment goal. We still have many members and volunteers that still need to accomplish this task in the v24HOnline system.

Please log into the v24HOnline system and update your profile at <https://v24honline.com>

As a reminder, there will be no participation fees collected for the current program year so there is no cost to re-enroll.

4-H Volunteers you should have received a letter from the office with re-enrollment instructions.

If you are having difficulty with the volunteer management systems please feel free to reach out to the office for help. 810-989-6935

### Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Virtual Round Up

Do you love the outdoors? The open fire of a marshmallow roasting over an open fire is your favorite scent. You love crafts, kayaking and tree climbing. Your friends say you're great with kids. You want to give back and become part of something bigger. If you relate to this, then there's the perfect opportunity waiting for you this summer at Thumb Area 4-H Camp. We're looking for fun, crazy, and responsible youth ages 15 - 19 to take on a role where almost anything is possible while learning leadership skills.

Youth ages 15 - 19 interested in the program and returning Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselors are invited to participate in a virtual camp counselor round up.

Zoom call will take place on Monday, April 12 starting at 6:30pm. The zoom link will be emailed to those who have registered at <https://v24honline.com>

Thumb Area 4-H Camp takes place July 6-9th (counselors come in on the 5th) at Camp Cavell Located in Lexington, Michigan, north of Port Huron, Camp Cavell covers over 55 acres of land, with 1,800 feet of beautiful Lake Huron shoreline. Facilities include: riding stables, sports field, waterfront area, camp-out sites, basketball court and more.



## 4-H AUCTION

February 25-27, 2021

- This annual auction helps fund local St. Clair County youth projects and scholarships.
- 50% of the proceeds go back to the club that solicited the item 50% goes to the food pantry
- Support your local 4-H Program at this fun bidding event.

The virtual silent auction will start Thursday, February 25th at 5pm and finish Saturday, February 27th, final bids ending at 1 pm.

Auction link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oAqj4bL5gMbV7TgjnYwQib\\_MomjBdECTJKv-40Aa8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oAqj4bL5gMbV7TgjnYwQib_MomjBdECTJKv-40Aa8/edit?usp=sharing)

Items picked up at the Fair Office in Marysville, Feb. 26 & 28, CASH or CHECK only

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## VALENTINE 4-H Projects for Cloversprouts & 4-H Members



VALENTINE YARN HEARTS

Another fun 4-H project, Valentine Yarn Heart Kits, mailed to you!

- Available to 4-H Clover Sprouts registered in the St. Clair County 4-H Program
- Sign up in 4HOnline at - <https://v24honline.com>
- Registration open from February 8 to 12th. FREE kits mailed February 15, 2021

## String Art



4-H'ers ages 8-19 can get Valentine String Art Kits, mailed them!

- Available to 4-H members registered in the St. Clair County 4-H Program (only 40 kits available)
- Sign up in 4HOnline at - <https://v24honline.com>
- Registration open from February 8 to 12th. FREE kits mailed February 15, 2021

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT <https://v24honline.com>

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## NOTES FROM THE 2021 4-H & YOUTH FAIR

### Market Beef Project Registration: (NO PHYSICAL WEIGH IN)

Register your beef project animals at the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSellU8316MZGyVHvTufF9DSy2Kqn4rMvFBnZu7blRie6mdFxEQ/viewform>

Your beef project must be registered by January 30, 2021. You must upload a photo of your market beef with the RFID tag# in its ear in order to complete registration.

### 2021 Market Poultry Hatch Dates

Turkeys March 28

Geese April 11

Ducks May 23

Chickens May 30

Heritage Turkeys Feb 28

Heritage Ducks April 18

Heritage Chickens May 9

Pullorum testing in may be done 2021

Turkeys must weigh at least 17lbs at fair

## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### 4-H Events and Workshops

February 1-28: Cooking with Kristi

Online

This six-part on-demand video series will provide participants with access to instructional cooking videos and a private Facebook group. Youth will learn kitchen safety and sanitation, recipes for tasty and economical foods, and cooking techniques and terms.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi)

February 2: Life of the Straits Winter Edition

Zoom Webinar

The program will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 9. Each session will share information on amazing features of the Straits of Mackinac and the wonderful winter activities you can enjoy there. This program is ideal for youth 8-12 years but is open to any family.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-winter-edition-2021-feb-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-winter-edition-2021-feb-2)

February 9: Wild Spartans Series—Working with Honeybees

Zoom Webinar

Join each month to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In February, attendees will hear from an entomologist and learn what the buzz really is about bees!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february)

February 13: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

Zoom Webinar

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this new series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! Sessions will be held monthly.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-feb-13](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-feb-13)

February 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series

Zoom Webinar

This youth-led series, occurring monthly, is a safe place for past, present, and future MSU Tollgate Farm stewards and stewards-in-training to connect or reunite as a community and to explore resiliency and growth as youth leaders.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-feb-18](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-feb-18)

February 20: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Baked Corndogs

Zoom Webinar

Participants will learn how to prepare a healthier version of a corndog.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-baked-cordogs](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-baked-cordogs)

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

## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA:

### Update on Michigan 4-H programming

A message from MSU Extension Director Jeff Dwyer and Jake DeDecker, state leader of Michigan 4-H Youth Development

To say that 2020 was difficult is an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic and the losses and life changes that came along with it took its toll on many of us. At MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H, we felt the pain that comes with cancelling events and pivoting exclusively to online programming.

You'd be hard pressed to find anyone—inside or outside Extension—who isn't eager to get back to 4-H families are missing incredible experiences and connections that were built through in-person gatherings and programs.

We are making plans to resume face-to-face programming, and our look forward to engaging 4-Hers, their families and volunteers. Our staff is working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when the time to public health caused by COVID-19 greatly diminishes. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, we are eager to see you all at the events, club meetings, competitions and fairs we all have grown to love.

In the meantime, we are committed to bringing high-quality virtual programming to residents and communities with varying needs throughout the state. We encourage 4-Hers and clubs to continue meeting via zoom and engage in the many virtual educational programs offered by 4-H. For more information on virtual programs and resources or help setting up 4-H club meetings, contact your 4-H program coordinator or visit MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources web page at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/rlr/>. Thank you for all that you do. We hope to see you soon.



## WORLD FOOD PRIZE

MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

### World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute applications due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. On May 6, youth will join virtually to become inspired and prepared as the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in the grades 7-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and how it is affected by one of 20 key factors that impact food security. At the online event, youth will present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They will also participate in an interactive session with global challenge experts to learn more about topics related to global food and food security.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be considered as possible delegates to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, or virtually, in October. For more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/). Registration will open on March 1; registration and papers are due by April 1.



## TIME Magazine selects 4-H'er as "Kid of the Year"

Congratulations to Colorado 4-H'er Gitanjali Rao, TIME Magazine's Kid of the Year! At age 15, Gitanjali is the first 4-H'er to ever be selected for the honor.

Gitanjali earned the distinction for her efforts to address a range of major problems. Utilizing STEM, she has worked on issues that include contaminated drinking water, opioid addiction and cyberbullying. It is her belief that young innovators such as her hold the key to solving world problems.

Read more about Gitanjali's 4-H story and experiences in her interview with TIME: <https://time.com/5916772/kid-of-the-year-2020/>

