



# St. Clair County 4-H Family News

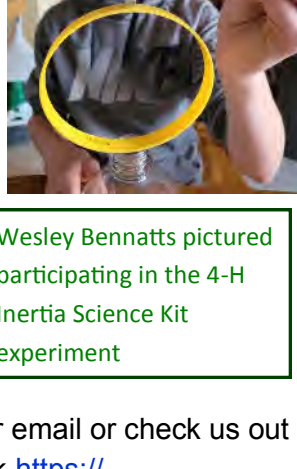
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## St. Clair County 4-H News & Events

## St. Clair County 4-H Staff

### From Lori Warchuck's Desk

Although 4-H continues to be under a no face to face programming policy there are still fun things happening here. Fun kits that contain everything needed to complete science experiments, crafts and more. Kits, depending on content, are either mailed to participants or curb side pick up.



Wesley Bennatts pictured participating in the 4-H Inertia Science Kit experiment

New kit activities are posted monthly. Watch your email or check us out on Facebook, here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>

In addition to the activity kits, 4-H staff, in partnership with the St. Clair County Information Technology department, set up the Chicken Cam. The Chicken Cam was a live feed link that took viewers from incubation of chicken eggs to hatching and including brooding. Link was shared with classrooms and libraries that were not able to have the Embryology Program in-person.

Check out the latest news on the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>

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**NOTE:** Most of our MSU Extension staff are working remotely. If you leave a message on the voicemail we can return the call from off site. Thank you for your patience in continuing to let us serve you over the phone and via the internet. If you have to drop something off the drop box is still available.

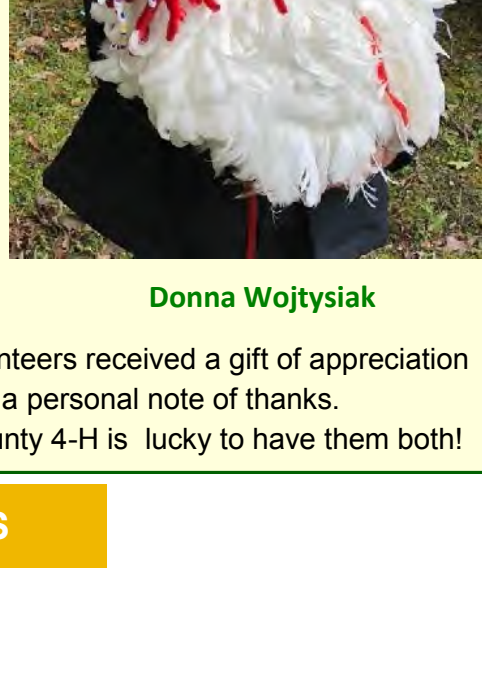
## Volunteers are the Heart of the 4-H Program

In honor of National Volunteer Week that took place April 18-24, 4-H recognized 53 volunteers across the state thanking them for 50+ years of service. Two St. Clair County 4-H Volunteers were honored and recognized state wide for their service to the 4-H Program.

Check out all the fantastic Michigan 4-H volunteers serving 50 + years at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/fifty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension>



Betty Simpson



Donna Wojtysiak

In recognition of their service, 50 year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership as well as a personal note of thanks. Congratulations to them both, St. Clair County 4-H is lucky to have them both!

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2021**
- May 10 Fair Board Meeting
  - May 14 Fair swine exhibitors uploaded photos due <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfy3Ullg4Jvkr.../viewform>
  - May 15 Horse ID's for fair due
  - May 17 4-H Council Meeting (Zoom)
  - June 26 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Shooting Sports Tournament, Blue Water Sportsman's Club (subject to change)
  - June 27 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Archery Tournament, Goodells County Park (subject to change)
  - July 19-24 St Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair
  - Aug 14 4-H Virtual Day Camp (Participants will receive a Day Camp Kit in a take along box )

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

## FAIR UPDATES:

The fair had a very successful Discovery Day tagging 36 sheep, 7 veal and 120 market hogs. It looks like a nice group of livestock will be exhibited at the Fair July 19-24, 2021

Swine Exhibitors: Please upload your photos with your tags in your project animal's ear here. They must be submitted by May 14th.

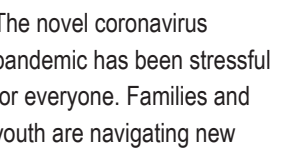
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Horse ID's need to be turned in on or before May 15, 2021.



## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.msu.edu/events>

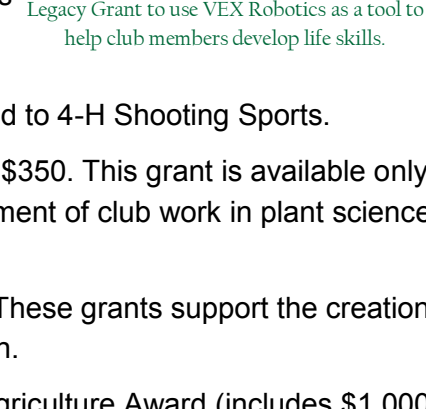
## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

### 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.



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.

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

**Save the Date**

**PLUG INTO 4-H**

2021 MICHIGAN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED

June 22-24, 2021  
Registration opens June of April

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