



Benzie County

4-H Family News

March 2021

Spring Sessions in 4-H

Spring 4-H is now in Session! There are many fun and exciting SPIN Clubs available online for 4-Hers to take part in. Benzie County 4-H is hosting Session Two of Pippin's Pantry: DIY Dog Treats starting March 17. This virtual SPIN Club focuses on pet versus people food safety, veterinary/animal science, baking techniques, and canine first aid. This Club is designed for ages 5 to 12, but all ages are welcome to attend!!! Registration is free and open until March 9: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Pippins_Pantry2/

Tollgate Farm is beginning their virtual Farm Series in March and have several sessions that will run all the way through June! You can also learn to explore your Family History and roots with a 4-H Event on March 23 (see page 2)! As someone who LOVES genealogy personally, I am looking forward to this education event!

If you are planning on showing a 4-H Livestock Project at either Northwest Michigan Fair or Manistee County Fair make sure you are aware of your possession and registration dates AND make sure you are enrolled in 4-H Online!!!! If you are participating at Manistee County Fair with 4-H you MUST be registered in 4-H Online by April 15, 2021!

I look forward to seeing you all in the virtual world!!!

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Upcoming Important Dates

- ›March 1: Animal Registration Date for NW Michigan Fair:
Dairy Feeder - Goat - Junior Beef - Lamb - Poultry
- ›March 9: Registration for Pippin's Pantry 4-H SPIN Club Closes.
- ›March 17: Pippin's Pantry 4-H SPIN Club Session Two Starts!
- ›March 18: Manistee Co. 4-H Livestock Council Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 PM EST
- ›April 1: Registration Date for Manistee County Fair:
Show & Market Beef/Dairy Steers
- ›April 15: 4-Hers participating at Manistee County Fair MUST be registered in 4-H Online!

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Michigan 4-H presents
American Ninja
Warrior Daniel Gil**



Join Michigan 4-H on March 24 for a special presentation by 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil!

During the free virtual event, Gil will discuss overcoming obstacles. This unique opportunity is open to all Michigan youth and their families.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST. Preregistration is required. To register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 4— April 8: 4-H Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Explore ecosystems, Michigan wildlife, and citizen science by examining trail camera footage. The club will meet each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. EST through April 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club

March 9: Wild Spartans Series - Searching for Vernal Pools

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 March, dive into the springtime ephemeral pools in the woods to discover the treasures within!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march

March 10: Officer Training - Virtual Edition!

Zoom Webinar

This training is open to all 4-Hers in Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The youth-focused training will offer instruction on running club meetings virtually and tips for voting in a virtual meeting, as well as provide an opportunity to try out various features.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10

March 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series 2021

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-march-18

March 16: 4-H Give Green Day

Everywhere

Michigan 4-H is once again joining MSU's #GiveGreenDay. Help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 23: The Roots and Branches of Your Family Tree

Zoom Webinar

Ever wondered about the traditions in your family, where they came from or how they settled where they are now? Join this webinar to learn how to start researching your family tree.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-roots-and-branches-of-your-family-tree>

April 1: 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline

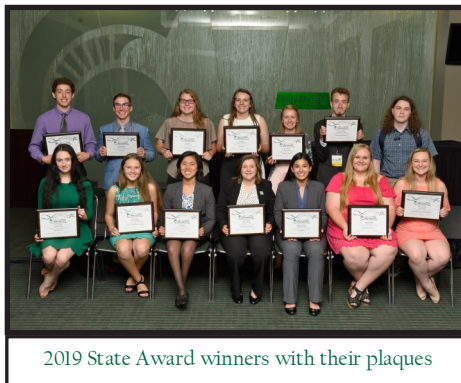
For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Apply for a 2021 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1, 2021. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



Join the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team!

Youth ages 15-19 are invited to apply for the new Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team to help create a friendly, positive environment for Michigan youth and communities. The Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance is the brainchild of two Michigan 4-H teens who attended the [2020 National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute](#) and were inspired to create positive change in their 4-H community.

Applications are being accepted for the teen leadership team that will serve as advisors for the state-level Alliance. These leaders will develop leadership skills and help to create opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to come together in fun, positive, and supportive ways. While this group is being established through Michigan 4-H, youth do NOT need to be 4-H'ers to apply; this opportunity is open to all teens interested in supporting the inclusion and participation of LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in Michigan 4-H.

Teen leaders will meet two to three times per month and should plan on committing about three hours of their time each month. The first meeting will be in April. This teen leadership team is just the beginning; additional opportunities will be available for youth who wish to serve on regional or local Alliance leadership teams, as well as join and participate as members.

Applications from prospective youth leadership members will be accepted from February 15 – March 15 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hlgbtqia/>. Youth interested in learning more about the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance are encouraged to attend an optional Zoom open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required to participate in the open house, and can be completed at <https://bit.ly/3q6v1D8>. For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educator Brian Wibby at wibby@msu.edu.

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 29. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.