



Eaton County

4-H Family News

February 2020

You are invited! Retirement Open House for Anne Pease

Please join us in wishing Anne Pease a happy retirement! Anne Pease started her career with MSU Extension and Eaton County as a 4-H Program Assistant in 1986 and became the office manager in 2005. Throughout her career, she has worked with many people both in Eaton County and across the state.

You are invited to help celebrate Anne's career on Wednesday, February 26, from 4pm—6pm in the PMR (basement of the Extension office building). We will greatly miss her fun personality, depth of knowledge, and willingness to help with everything in 4-H and beyond. If you have any photos to share of Anne and her work with Extension and 4-H, please email them to oosterh6@msu.edu. Please feel free to share with anyone that you know who has worked with Anne that we may miss.

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Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

PMR = Public Meeting Room (basement of Extension office); Kardel = Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds

- Jr Livestock Association, 2/10, 7 pm, Kardel *Show Feed and Supplement Clinic*
- Extension office CLOSED 2/17
- Fairboard, 2/17, 7 pm, Kardel
- Volunteer Changes Discussion, 2/19, 7 pm, Zoom video conference (same as 2/3)
- Swine Leader Meeting, 2/24, 7pm, PMR
- Retirement Open House for Anne Pease, 4 pm—6pm, PMR
- 4-H Council, 3/2, 7 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 3/19, 7 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 3/11, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 3/16, 7 pm, Kardel
- Dog Committee, 3/18, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Spring Leader Meeting, 3/23, 6 pm, - 8 pm, PMR

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar

**Keeping Kids Safe:
Resources for
caregivers of youth
ages 0-17**



This resource series introduces key concepts and age-appropriate activities for youth ages 0-17 that can be used by parents and caregivers to help protect children and teens from child sexual abuse. In addition, these factsheets share ways to help youth build skills and knowledge that will reduce their risk of being victimized.

Four factsheets exist in this series: Ages 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 and “the Downside to Sharenting.” To access or learn more about these resources, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/creating-safe-environments/for-parents-caregivers>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 6: 4-H Books for Cooks SPIN Club

Collins Elementary School, Houghton Lake

This event, for youth ages 6-12, engages participants in reading a book and then cooking food from the book. This is the first of a four-week SPIN club series.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-books-for-cooks-spin-club>

February 15: 4-H Tubing Party

Snow Snake Mountain, Harrison

4-H families and their friends can enjoy tubing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$11 per person. Participants must be 36” tall to ride the tubes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-tubing-party-2>

February 22: Youth Officer Training

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

This event is for all 4-H and non 4-H members who are an officer or wish to become one. Learn about officer roles and parli-pro; includes snacks and door prizes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-officer-training>

March 3-4: Project FISH Workshop

MSU Natural Resources Building, East Lansing

Teachers, educators and volunteers are invited to two days of “Place-Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education.” Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, a fishing rod and reel and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children in the classroom or in an after-school setting. Registration deadline: February 21; cost is \$75 per person.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/project-fish-workshop>

March 6: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-kent-county>

March 7: 4-H Dog Youth & Adult Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth ages 8-19 and adult volunteers who help in the dog project area are invited to learn more from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dog-youth-adult-workshop>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations 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. Held May 7 in East Lansing, the event seeks to inspire and prepare 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 grades 8-12 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 one of 20 grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 15-18, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The four-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan State Capitol, meetings with state legislators, and time to find and strengthen one's voice in the legislative process. During the program, youth are supported by highly qualified peer leaders and MSU Extension staff as they work in small teams to develop real world solutions to challenges in agriculture, civil rights, education, environmental quality, human health, technology and other public policy issue topics.

While directly observing Michigan's state government in action, and through participation an immersive legislative simulation, 4-H Capitol Experience participants develop a valuable and solid understanding of the state's legislative process. Attending the program strengthens participants ability to speak up on issues that matter, and to make a positive difference as active and engaged citizens in Michigan.

Hotel lodging, local transportation, materials, chaperone supervision, and most meals are included in the registration fee, which is \$360 for currently registered Michigan 4-H members (\$380 for non 4-H members). Contact your [local 4-H Program Coordinator](#) to learn about scholarships that may be available in your county to cover some, or all, of the 4-H Capitol Experience registration fee.

Registrations must be completed online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/capitolexperience2020/> by February 9 in order to participate. To find out more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on March 1! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State. Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking, fun and food with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

Beef and Dairy Steer Tagging

Tags for the Eaton County Fair will be at the Extension office starting February 3, 2020. Please pick up your tags and the form. Please only take as many as you need. All market beef must be tagged in, forms and photos submitted to the appropriate superintendent from February 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020.

Dairy Feeders: One tag per animal will need to be placed in the right ear of the animal by May 1, 2020. Forms and photos are due May 1, 2020.

Full information with the letters and forms can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_fair.

Spring Leader Update Meeting

Please save Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendars for the Spring Leader Update meeting. All clubs must send at least one registered volunteer to this meeting. The meeting will go over 4-H updates, fair information, and sign-ups for Food Shack, grey building, and fairground clean-up shifts. **It is highly important that someone from each club attends.** If nobody from your club can make the meeting, you need to meet with Kristy prior to March 31.

Enrollment deadline fast approaching!

Are you fully enrolled in 4-H? Do you know someone who would like to join? All 4-H members must be fully enrolled by March 15 to be eligible to show at the 2020 Eaton County Fair as a 4-H member. Not sure if you are enrolled? You can easily check! Log into your 4-H Online account and look at each member under the blue chart titled "Member/Volunteer List" and look at "Enrollment Status". The following options may appear:

- Active: Fully enrolled!
- Pending: NOT ENROLLED. You need to submit your 4-H Participation Fee to the Extension office. If you paid to your club, remind the club leader to submit the fee.
- Incomplete: NOT ENROLLED. You need to finalize and submit your enrollment. This usually happens if the signature authorization page was not correctly completed and needs to be redone.
- Inactive: NOT ENROLLED. You need to renew your 4-H Online profile.

Members should receive an email from the system as well once their profile has been approved. You can check your account by visiting https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment. If you have questions about your status listed in 4-H Online, please contact the office.

Save the Date: 4-H Cloverbud Camp

Save the date for Saturday, April 4 for this year's 4-H Cloverbud Camp! Sick of winter/spring and ready to kick off summer? Start your summer early with this year's "Summer Barnyard Bash" theme (and parents—get caught up from spring break week while your kids are at camp!). 4-H Cloverbud Camp will be from 10 am—3 pm at Kardel Hall. Youth ages 5—7 as campers and youth ages 12—19 as counselors. Watch your email for registration information coming soon!

Eaton County 4-H SPIN Clubs

What is a 4-H SPIN Club? 4-H SPIN Clubs are short-term, special interest clubs that meet for a short timeframe and focus on one topic or theme. If you are new to 4-H, you are welcome to join just for the SPIN Clubs! The cost to join 4-H is just \$20 for the year and if you are already a 4-H member, you do not have to pay this again! Some clubs may have additional fees. RSVP your spot in any or all of the clubs by emailing Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu or contacting the Extension office. Check out our upcoming 4-H SPIN Clubs:

4-H Robotics Club

Learn how to build and program your own robot using the LEGO EV3 robots and participate in a variety of challenges during this 6-week series. This series covers an introduction to the LEGO EV3 robots and will focus mostly on coding and programming. For ages 9—13: new members, the cost to join 4-H is \$20. For youth already enrolled in 4-H, the club is free. Scholarships are available. Club meets on March 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 19th, and 24th from 5—7 pm at the High Point Stables Party Barn, located at 2534 E. Vermontville Highway, Potterville (follow the driveway until it ends).

SPIN Book Club

Do you love to read? Then the 4-H Winter SPIN Book Club is for you! Participants will be reading *Lunch Money* by children's fiction author, Andrew Clements. Every participant will receive a copy of the book to borrow for the duration of the club. Come join us for book discussions, activities, crafts, and great times with new friends! Do you have reading hours to complete? Join the club, we'll help you complete your hours in style! The club will meet in the McLean Room at the Delta Township District Library from 6—7pm on March 3rd, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th.

BioBlitz SPIN Club

Students 9—13 are invited to join us as we learn how to understand, value, and protect life on our planet through interactive activities that focus on topics such as pollinators, conservation, and plant science. It is our hope that these experiences will inspire people to place greater value on the natural world, preserve the systems essential for all life on Earth, and effectively communicate the importance of biological diversity.

Understanding and appreciating the organisms that inhabit our planet is a critical first step toward a more sustainable future. This club takes place every day from March 30—April 3, from 1—3pm, at the Grand Ledge Area District Library and will also feature a family engagement event showcasing the knowledge gained on Earth Day, April 22, from 6—8pm.

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LEGO EV3 Mindstorms Robotics with 4-H STEM Workshop

Grand Ledge youth (and any other areas) - enjoy your half day off from school and come to the LEGO EV3 Mindstorms Robotics workshop on February 21 and 28 from 1—4pm at the Grand Ledge Area District Library, 1931 Room Main Branch. We'll have an afternoon of fun building, programming, learning, and experimenting! Open to youth ages 8—19, preregistration required; attendance at both half-day workshops is expected. Limited number of participants—contact the Extension office to RSVP!

Fair board

Next meeting: 1/17 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

Save the Date!

2020 Eaton County Fair is July 13-18. Non-livestock judging will be July 11.

Fair Theme

“Showing at the Eaton County Fair”

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 2/10 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will feature a **Show Feed and Supplement Clinic**, presented by Brigitte Grobbel! Learn how to feed your show animals to their potential and how to use supplements to make them show ring ready. Don't miss this clinic!

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 3/2 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Bring your ideas for how to spend the funds allocated from the endowment!
- 4-H Council is sponsoring each club to purchase up to \$50 per club of 4-H curricula for club use! You can view prices and curricula types at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/ (scroll down to “Resources available for club use” and look under “Resource books”). Copies of each curricula are also available at the Extension office if you wish to see the curricula prior to deciding what the club would like to buy (Extension office copies are also available for check out or purchase depending on the curricula). Please contact the Extension office with which curricula your club would wish to purchase!

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 3/19 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend. Interested in being a species representative? There are many open positions! Learn more about your species, help shape the project area for the county, and more!

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/11 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will further plan the June clinic.
- State 4-H Horse Show Delegate Selection Process has been updated! Find the new process online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/horse_development_committee

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. All those in the dog project area are encouraged to attend. This meeting will further discuss the pre-fair dog show in May.