



Eaton County

4-H Family News

January 2020

New Volunteer Selection Process

Michigan State University Extension is launching a new volunteer system called Volunteer Central. You can find a brief overview and highlights for current volunteers on page 3 of this newsletter. For those wishing to become a 4-H volunteer, you should use Volunteer Central to apply. The new website is: https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/#/volunteer_home

How do I know if I need to apply? If you are volunteering with your 4-H group and are not a current 4-H volunteer (with an "active" status in 4HOnline), you may need to apply!

What level of volunteer should I apply for? Detailed definitions of what would be a Gold or Silver level volunteer are found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-volunteer-definitions>

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office. A detailed email on the changes with volunteering will be coming from 4HOnline. There are also two question and answer sessions that you may attend:

- In-person on Monday, February 3, at 6pm in the PMR
- Zoom (video conferencing) on Wednesday, February 19, at 7pm

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- 4-H Council, 1/6, 7 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 1/9, 7 pm, PMR
- Extension office CLOSED 1/20
- Fairboard, 1/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Advanced Officer Training, 1/28, 6-8pm, PMR *Please RSVP by 1/24*
- Volunteer Changes Discussion, 2/3, 6 pm, PMR (same as 2/19)
- Jr Livestock Association, 2/10, 7 pm, PMR
- 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)

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

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2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsmanship winner



Michigan 4-H congratulates Caleb Hall, of Shiawassee County, on being named the 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year!

Hall received nine nominations, and that in itself is an incredible accomplishment. Their nomination letters were accompanied by an enthusiastic letter of support from Nikki Hersch, Shiawassee County 4-H program coordinator.

The nominators shared stories of leadership, mentorship to other 4-H youth, determination and passion for his animal projects, and his bright personality. Additionally, Hall was awarded Shiawassee County's John & Joan Spindler Sportsmanship Award in 2019. Congratulations Caleb!

4-H Events and Workshops

January 6: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy

Online webinar

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

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

January 7: 4-H State Award Program Overview Teen/Parent Training

Online webinar

This training will provide 4-H members/teens with an overview of the 4-H State Awards Program, as well as review the application and deadlines.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-award-program-overview-teen-parent-training-january>

January 8: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy

Online webinar

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

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

January 15: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, Centreville

YQCA is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 18.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals-yqca-st-joseph-county-01-15-20>

January 31: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

Join this Friday evening judging workshop followed by a practice contest on Saturday morning! The workshop will feature three classes and an opportunity to give oral reasons. This is an approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-horse-judging-workshop>

February 1: 4-H Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

Join us for an annual clinic, with a day full of clinics in the classroom and arena.

Topics will include showmanship, trail, and barrel racing.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic-1>

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

MSU Extension to launch new portal for volunteers in 2020

In early 2020, MSU Extension will launch Volunteer Central, a statewide volunteer management database and screening system. Volunteers are the core of many MSU Extension programs and the most essential partners MSU Extension has. As such, the organization has made a major investment into Volunteer Central in an effort to improve processes for both staff and volunteers. In the new system, volunteers will enjoy improved features including easy-to-read dashboards and a one-stop application process, among other advantages.

A unique feature of Volunteer Central is that each volunteer will have their own unique online account and profile. Unlike 4-H Online, family profiles will not be permitted. This is necessary to protect the confidentiality of each volunteer and the integrity of data in the system. In preparation for the launch of Volunteer Central, those who currently share an email address with another 4-H volunteer should make plans to create a separate email address for each shared user. For those who may need help with this task, holiday time with family, friends and neighbors is a great opportunity to ask for assistance in this area.

Once you have created a new email address, please either:

1. Log in to 4-H Online and add the newly created email address to the volunteer with whom it should be associated; or
2. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator and share the newly created email address and the volunteer with whom the account should be associated.

The email addresses in 4-H Online and shared with 4-H program coordinators will be used to create access accounts for current volunteers in Volunteer Central. In the coming weeks, look for additional information about Volunteer Central and when current volunteers will have access to the system. In the meantime, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, March 1,

at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.). Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.

NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Use the [ticket link \(https://fevo.me/34iKclr\)](https://fevo.me/34iKclr) to claim as many free tickets as desired. Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. After filling out all the information on the screen, click "CONFIRM." You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan tickets off your phone at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.



2020 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you making plans to apply for a 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award? Take note of the exciting changes to this year's program!

- The awards program will be held on Wednesday evening of 4-H Exploration Days.
- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9.
- This will open up the opportunity for all State Award delegates to attend both first and second half sessions at 4-H Exploration Days.
- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Learn more and apply at: extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards.

Advanced Officer Training

Have you attended officer training in the past? Held multiple officer roles or the same office numerous times? There is now an advanced training just for you! The advanced officer training is on Tuesday, January 28, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. and will cover more advanced parliamentary procedure and share ideas and strategies for making club meetings more effective and engaging! RSVP for this FREE training by Friday, January 24 to the Extension office! Dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. to those who RSVP (please indicate any food sensitivities when RSVP'ing). Although this training is geared toward youth, adult volunteers are welcome to attend.

Paige Cords Showman Program

Applications for the 2019 Paige Cords Showman Program are due February 2. The program awards funds to help Eaton County Fair livestock exhibitors with their projects. Funds can be used to purchase livestock, feed, or necessary supplies. Selected beef market recipients will be awarded \$500; sheep and hog market recipients will be awarded \$300. Beef breeding recipients will be awarded \$250 and sheep and hog breeding are awarded \$150. For more information and the application, visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eYYEtwXZY1eB2J2yk3yZsDf2LtCvg1VO/view?usp=sharing>.

New Beef Superintendents and Tagging

Congratulations to Crystal Kebler for being selected by fair board as the new beef superintendent and Chris Langmaack for dairy beef! All those who are planning to exhibit beef and dairy market beef at the 2020 Eaton County Fair, please watch your emails later this month for tagging information. This email will be sent to all those enrolled in the beef, dairy cattle, dairy market, and dairy feeder project areas in 4HOnline and to FFA advisors, so please make sure you are enrolled in those projects!

Scholarships available for increasing your skills and knowledge for youth and volunteers!

Ongoing training to improve skills and knowledge in both youth development and specific projects are important for 4-H volunteers and youth. Did you know that to help with this effort, there are multiple sources and types of scholarships available to those who attend educational workshops? If you are interested in attending any state-level 4-H workshops, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Capitol Experience, or national events like Citizenship Washington Focus, there are funds available to help you! For more information about scholarships, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/scholarships.

Eaton County 4-H SPIN Clubs

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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. Check out our upcoming 4-H SPIN Clubs:

4-H Cocoa SPIN Club: The Science behind Chocolate

Do you love chocolate? Youth ages 9—13 are invited to join us as we learn all about chocolate! We will explore components of plant science, culture, and history while we taste and make chocolate treats! This club will meet on Tuesdays from January 7—February 18 (no meeting 2/4) from 6-7pm at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing. This club is \$5 for 4-H members or only \$25 to sign up in 4-H! RSVP for the club by contacting the Extension office or emailing ochylski@msu.edu.

4-H Movie Club

Love watching movies? Join the 4-H Winter Movie SPIN Club! Each week participants will watch and discuss a different children's film, from March of the Penguins (January 17), The Chronicles of Narnia (January 24), The Nightmare Before Christmas (January 31), Cool Runnings (February 7), Eight Below (February 14), and Frozen (February 21)! Come join us for movie viewings, discussions, activities, crafts, and great times with new friends! What a movie night out of the house? This is for you! Can't make it to every show? No problem, come when you can. 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 the days listed above from 5—7 pm at the High Point Stables Party Barn, located at 2534 E. Vermontville Highway, Potterville (follow the driveway until it ends). RSVP your spot by emailing Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu or contacting the Extension office.

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). RSVP your spot by emailing Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu or contacting the Extension office.

Fair board

Next meeting: 1/20 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”

4-H Council and fair board discussed and voted to do an open-to-interpretation theme this year that is generic for the fair and not tied to one particular decorating theme. Be creative with how your group shows at the fair!

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 1/6 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: 1/9 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!

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 2/10 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will discuss the budget for the year and feature an educational presentation about nutrition and feed!

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.