



Eaton County

# 4-H Family News

October 2018

## Find resources for the new year!

Do you know where to find the answers to your questions for this new year? We have many resources available to help you find the answer! Here are just a few:

- New to a project or looking to expand your knowledge? The Extension office has a LOT of activities and curricula available (some to check out for FREE!). Come into the office or let us know what you are looking for!
- New family? Check out our welcome packet at [http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_club\\_resources/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/)
- Lost with keeping track of dates & meetings? Our 4-H Events Calendar to the rescue! [http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_events\\_calendar](http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar)
- Confused about what to do for the JLA and SAA sales? Find information at [http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_associations\\_and\\_committees/junior\\_livestock\\_association](http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/junior_livestock_association) and [http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_associations\\_and\\_committees/small\\_animal\\_association](http://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/small_animal_association)

## Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- TSC Paper Clover, 10/3-10/14
- National 4-H Week, 10/7—10/13
- National 4-H Spirit Day, 10/9
- Jr Livestock Association, 10/8, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 10/15, 7 pm, Kardel
- Horse Development Committee, 10/18, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Style Revue, 10/25, 6:00 pm, Extension office
- Small Animal Association, 11/1, 7 pm, PMR
- 4-H Participation Celebration, 11/3, Kardel
- 4-H Council, 11/5, 7 pm, PMR
- Dog Committee, 11/7, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 11/14, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 11/19, 7 pm, Kardel

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

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## Stay Connected

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Community Group

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**4-H scholarships available**

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

The Michigan State University applications are due mid-October while species specific scholarships are due by Nov. 1.

Applications and more information is available at [http://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

**4-H Events and Workshops****October 6: 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin**

*The Wild Pumpkin, Beaverton*

Celebrate fall by joining Michigan 4-H members and families feeding animals at a petting farm, enjoying wagon rides, and venturing in a sunflower maze. Registration is not required.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_day\\_at\\_the\\_wild\\_pumpkin](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_wild_pumpkin)

**Oct 9: 4-H Spirit Day**

Celebrate 4-H Spirit Day by showing your 4-H pride, wearing 4-H apparel and spreading the word about 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spirit-day>

**October 20—21: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update**

*W.K. Kellogg Biological Station Conference Center, Hickory Corners*

Come obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP certified instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

**October 28: Day of the Dead Celebration**

*St. Francis/St. Maximillian, Ray*

Dia de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is an important day in Latino communities. Youth ages 5-19 are invited to learn about and experience an authentic Day of the Dead celebration.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/day\\_of\\_the\\_dead](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/day_of_the_dead)

**November 2: Marquette County goLEAD - Youth Leadership Institute**

*Marquette County MSU Extension Office, Negaunee*

Develop your leadership skills by participating in this engaging experience led by MSU Extension educators. Space is limited, so be sure to register by Oct. 21.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/marquette\\_county\\_golead\\_youth\\_leadership\\_institute](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/marquette_county_golead_youth_leadership_institute)

**November 17: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Meet others from across the state passionate about creative arts while engaging in hands-on activities that build your creative talent. Registration available soon!

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/save\\_the\\_date\\_michigan\\_4\\_h\\_creative\\_arts\\_celebration](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/save_the_date_michigan_4_h_creative_arts_celebration)

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

## Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover campaign kicks off Oct. 3



Again this fall, local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores are continuing their long-standing partnership with 4-H for the 2018 Fall Paper Clover Campaign supporting county, state and national 4-H programming.

From Oct. 3 -14, 2018, TSC customers can participate in the 2018 fall Paper Clover campaign by purchasing paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout. This bi-annual event takes place at TSC's 1,600 stores across the nation—including the 86 stores in Michigan.

Of the funds raised, 70 percent returns to the community in which it was raised to support county 4-H programs. Of the remaining funds, 10 percent supports state 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training workshops, 5 percent supports other state 4-H programs, and the remaining 15 percent goes to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and National 4-H Council for underwriting the cost of the program.

This past spring, the TSC Paper Clover fundraiser generated nearly \$55,000 for Michigan 4-H. Help more youth in your community experience 4-H by purchasing a \$1 clover at your neighborhood Tractor Supply store this October.

## National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 76th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 7-13. This year's theme, *Inspire Kids to Do*, is a campaign that will give kids more opportunities to do, empowering them with the skills they need to succeed in life and career.



During the 2018 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing. From empowering them to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation.

Across the country, the goal of the 2018 National 4-H Week is to reach one million doers. You can help accomplish this by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids to do on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 9, is the official 4-H Spirit Day where it is encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

**4-H Youth in Action Award applications due Oct. 22**



Sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, where you'll have the chance to tell your story while meeting 4-H celebrities and other notable alums.

The 4-H Youth in Action Award program recognizes four 4-H true leaders from across the nation in core pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Applications are due Oct. 22, 2018 and are available at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.

### **Show your 4-H Pride during 4-H Spirit Day!**

The first ever 4-H Spirit Day is on October 9! Show off your 4-H pride by wearing your 4-H t-shirt, sticker, pin, etc. to school or work! If you need a pin or sticker, stop by the Extension office and we will give you one FREE (available while supplies last). We have FREE 4-H Alumni pins available too!

### **County Awards Banquet: 4-H Participation Celebration**

Tickets will be available starting October 9 for this year's county awards banquet! The 4-H Participation Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 3, in the evening at Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds. Come enjoy an evening of food, entertainment and celebration as awards will be given for youth and volunteers. Those receiving awards will receive a post card invite in the mail; however all are welcome to attend including family and friends.

### **Shooting Sports Informational Meeting**

Are you interested in participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports club this year? You won't want to miss the informational meeting on 12/8 at 10 a.m. at Kardel Hall. The meeting will go over sign-up information, schedule, and more!

### **Officer Training**

Have you been elected as an officer of your club or 4-H group? Want to know how to perform your role? How do you make a motion and run a meeting? Learn about officer roles and parliamentary procedure at the Officer Training on Monday, December 3, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. in the PMR (basement of Extension office). RSVP for this FREE training by November 30 to the Extension office! Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m.

### Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 10/8 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will feature officer elections and voting on sale bylaw changes that were proposed at the August meeting, including sale order.

### Fair board Corner

- Next meeting: 10/15 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. This is fair board's annual meeting and elections for those who are members of the Eaton County Agricultural Society.
- Have fun with fair board! Fair board is hosting a Halloween weekend of fun with their first annual Camp'R'Treat on October 19—21 at the fairgrounds. Trick or treat through the campground, haunted barn, games, costume contest, hayrides, bonfire, and more! Camping will be \$10/night. For more information, visit their Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1883118108660222/>. You can attend the hayride and bonfire without camping on October 20; more information for that event is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1928193353911910/>.

### Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 10/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will feature officer elections! Help serve the county and have a greater voice in county decisions!

### 4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 11/5 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Council serves an important function for guiding our county program as a whole, including offering educational opportunities, scholarships, and organizing our awards banquet and food shack. **Council is in need of YOUR help!** Due to declining attendance, Council may experience restructuring. Your voice at this meeting is very important to help shape these efforts!
- *Deadline extension:* Submit 2019 fair theme suggestions to the Extension office by 10/15! Submitted themes will be emailed out and voted on at the November meeting. Discussion at the last Council meeting also discussed changing the way fair themes are done—attend this meeting to share your voice!

### Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 11/1 at 7 p.m. in the PMR.

### Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 11/ 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. Share your thoughts on how the dog program went this past year and your ideas for the future!

### Style Revue Committee

Do you participate in any clothing/textile project areas including sewing, knitting, crochet, recycled garments, etc? Your opinion is needed! Come share your thoughts on doing a Style Revue (4-H fashion show) and creating the event for this year!

Meeting 10/25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

### Youth-Adult Partnerships Training

Volunteers, do you want to strengthen your skills when working with youth on youth voice, leadership, and involvement in your club? Learn how to work with youth as partners to build a better club! Three trainings on youth-adult partnerships will be held throughout the 2018-2019 program year. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE TRAINING!** Volunteers who attend this training will count toward the Training category in the Club Standards Award. Trainings are free and dinner or refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the start of the training. All trainings are located in the Public Meeting Room (basement of the Extension office). Please RSVP to the Extension office by the day prior to the training you want to attend. Youth are welcome to attend as well!

- Thursday, December 13, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, January 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Third date TBD.

### Prospective Volunteers

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? All prospective volunteers must go through the Volunteer Selection Process in its entirety prior to being accepted as a volunteer. Any adult who is involved in a club activity on an ongoing basis (more than 4 meetings) must go through this process. The full process can be found at [http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu\\_extension\\_volunteer\\_selection\\_process](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process).

One of the steps to become a new 4-H leader is to complete an interview with 4-H staff. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, the next scheduled interview dates are 10/24 for time slots available between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes. Call the Extension office to RSVP for a time slot.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 10/24 at 6:30 p.m. The orientation will take about 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours and you must RSVP to the Extension office. All volunteers must attend an orientation within their first year of becoming a registered leader.