

*Eaton County*

4-H Family News

September 2019

Tractor Supply Company Fall Paper Clover Campaign

Help support our county program at the Tractor Supply Company stores in Charlotte and Delta Township from October 9—20, 2019!

Every fall and spring, 4-H joins forces with Tractor Supply Company to hold the Paper Clover Campaign, where individuals can purchase a \$1 (or more) paper clover at check out at local TSC stores to support the 4-H program. Local 4-H programs receive 70% of the funds raised at local stores and 30% goes directly to support 4-H at the state and national level.

These funds supported a total of \$2,810 for opportunities in Eaton County during the 2018-2019 program year. Funds supported the 4-H participation fee scholarship for 30 individual youth and 8 families in the 2018-2019 year, double the support provided in the previous year, and youth who attended 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Creative Arts Workshop, 4-H Capitol Experience, and the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit. We need your help to continue to offer these great opportunities for youth! The 2018-2019 campaigns raised \$1,534.30, which fell short of our needs for last year. You can help by sharing information about the campaign, helping your club by hosting a booth at either TSC stores and talking to the public about 4-H, and purchasing a clover at either of these stores!

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Fall Leader Update Meeting, 9/10, 6pm, PMR
- County Award Forms DUE, 9/13
- Fairboard, 9/16, 7pm, Kardel
- Horse Development Committee, 9/18, 6:30pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, TBD, 7pm, PMR
- 4-H Council, 10/7, 7pm, PMR; Expansion & Review at 6pm
- Jr Livestock Association, 10/14, 7pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 10/21, 7pm, 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

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Georgia Boots partners to support 4-H



Georgia Boot is offering members of the 4-H community a 50% discount on any boots on their website (except clearance items) through Sept. 30.

Georgia Boot will also give part of all 4-H boot sales back to 4-H by donating 5% to the National 4-H Council. To get your discount code, go to www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/ and register.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

September 9: Youth Fun with Finances

Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

The free and fun event is open for youth, ages 13-19, to participate and learn about how to save money and earn credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-fun-with-finances>

September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings

4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Kettunen Center, Tustin

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-leadership-global-citizenship-spectacular>

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

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



Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

Michigan 4-H represented by two youth at 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Michigan 4-H was represented by two youth in the [4-H Shooting Sports National Championships](#) held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 23 through June 28.

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship is open to youth across the country to compete and present their skills in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and hunting.

“We’re really proud of our two 4-H’ers who attended this national event,” said Laura Quist, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator with MSU Extension. “Competing at the national level takes a lot of commitment, time and effort.”

Preparation for youth to attend the national championships begins months in advance of the competition. The youth selected to participate put in considerable practice time in their chosen events in order to compete at their best.

The Michigan 4-H youth that attended and competed are:

- Joe Balkema, a 15 year-old Kalamazoo County 4-H’er, who received a gold medal in 3-D archery and third place overall in compound archery.
- Jackson Sokel, a 16 year-old Monroe County 4-H’er, who competed in shotgun.

“Congratulations again to these two youth on a great contest,” continued Quist. “We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents of these 4-H’ers who helped to make their success possible.”

Applications for youth wishing to attend the event in 2020 are due to Quist by September 22. For information about the competition or [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) in general, contact Quist at quistl1@msu.edu.

Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H’er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where 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!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.

4-H Age Guidelines:

Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs are open to young people aged 5-19 years of age. "4-H age" is determined by a young person's age as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. Cloverbuds are 4-H age of 5-7 and complete non-competitive projects; 4-H members are a 4-H age of 8-19. For the 2019-2020 program year:

If you were born in ...	Your 4-H age is...
2014	5
2013	6
2012	7
2011	8
2010	9
2009	10
2008	11
2007	12
2006	13
2005	14
2004	15
2003	16
2002	17
2001	18
2000	19

Youth Reenrollment in 4-H

Reenrolling youth in 4-H is a simple two-step process:

- Complete your reenrollment in 4HOnline. Instructions and the link to access 4HOnline can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment. A few tips for completing this step:
 - DO NOT create a new account if you have ever enrolled in 4HOnline. You will be required to log into your existing account and complete enrollment there.
 - There is an option to reset the password if you have forgotten it, which will email a temporary password to the email on file. If you need to check which email you used or do not have access to the email in 4HOnline, please contact the MSU Extension office.
 - All signatures on the authorization page must be completed correctly. This includes typing in Youth First and Last Name in the "Member Signature" boxes and Parent/Guardian First and Last Name in the "Parent/Guardian Signature" boxes. Make sure the check boxes that are above the signature boxes are also checked. Any variations or errors in these steps will result in you needing to recomplete the entire page of signatures before the youth is approved as a member. Media release is optional.
 - If any information has changed, please update the information (including contact information, club changes, or project changes) and then click "submit" on your profile for approval.
 - Only youth and volunteers that have been accepted through the Volunteer Selection Process will reenroll.
- Submit your 4-H participation fee. The fee is \$20 per youth with a maximum of \$60 per family (scholarships available by contacting the Extension office). Please contact your club administrative leader for payment instructions as some clubs prefer fees paid to the club and some prefer fees paid directly to the Extension office. Payments are not accepted online.

You will receive an automated email from 4HOnline when you submit your profile and a second email once your profile has been accepted and marked active once the participation fee has been received at the Extension office. Members and volunteers are not in 4-H until their profile has been accepted and marked active by the Extension office.

Volunteer Reenrollment in 4-H

Reenrolling as a volunteer in 4-H is a two-step process this year.

- Complete your re-enrollment via 4HOnline. 4HOnline instructions and guides and a link to the database can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment. IMPORTANT: The code of conduct has been updated this year in 4HOnline. Please read it so you are familiar with the expectations of you as a volunteer.
- Submit your background check using the information sent via email from 4HOnline.

Please complete the background check by November 15, 2019 along with your 4-H Online reenrollment. Volunteers who do not complete both steps by November 15 will be required to recomplete the Volunteer Selection Process in its entirety prior to being accepted as a volunteer.

Any questions about the reenrollment process? Contact the Extension office!

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 9/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will include a discussion of the State 4-H Horse Show delegate selection process.

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: TBD at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend.
- Reminder to pick up your sale check if you haven't yet! Checks not picked up by November 1 will be donated back to the appropriate association.

4-H Expansion & Review Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 10/7 at 6 p.m. in the PMR. Open for membership! Please attend if you have a desire to help move our county 4-H program forward and grow! The committee-chosen focus for this year is on increasing the engagement of older teens in the program.

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 10/7 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. Don't forget to submit your fair theme suggestions to the Extension office by this meeting!
- 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!
- **COUNTY AWARDS:** Don't forget to fill out awards forms, due September 13! Award forms are available at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/4_h_advisory_council#awards

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 10/14 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will include a continuation of the ideas discussed at the August meeting.
- JLA Sale photos are now available! You can download photos from <https://wrphotography93.zenfolio.com/f816610240> . If you have issues downloading them, please bring in a flash drive to the Extension office and we can help!
- Reminder to pick up your sale check if you haven't yet! Checks not picked up by November 1 will be donated back to the appropriate association.

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 11/13 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. All those in the dog project area are encouraged to attend.

Fair board

Next meeting: 10/21 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. Eaton County Agricultural Society members conduct elections for fair board term positions.