



APRIL 2025

4-H Family News

Eaton County



April Showers Bring May Flowers!

As the weather warms up, we are looking forward to the many upcoming events in these next warmer months!

One final reminder that the Fair Board is hosting an Active Shooter Training tonight, at 6:00pm in Kardell Hall. All administrative leaders and superintendents are encouraged to attend.

The 4-H Junior Livestock Association and Small Animal Association joint Sub-Committee is working on planning some exciting Spring and Fall programming. If you are interested in learning more about this or assisting in this planning process, please let me know!

The 2025 Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match will take place on Saturday, May 17th at 9:00am. More information on this event can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

The 2025 Eaton County 4-H Horse Development Committee's Horse Clinic will be held the following day, Sunday, May 18th at 9:00am. Information about this event can be found on Facebook in the coming days.

Thank you all for making the best better every day!

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING EVENTS + MEETINGS

Active Shooter Training | April 7 | 6:00pm | Eaton County Fairgrounds

Spring Leader Meeting | May 5 | 6:00pm | Extension Office

Council Meeting | May 5 | 7:00pm | Extension Office

Expo Days Orientation Meeting | May 14 | 5:30pm | Extension Office

HDC Meeting | May 14 | 6:30pm | Extension Office

Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match | May 17 | 9:00am | Eaton County Fairgrounds

HDC Clinic | May 18 | 9:00am | Eaton County Fairgrounds

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Good Friday | April 18th

Memorial Day | May 26th

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism

April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

Online

This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm

April 24: 4-H Fly Fishing Series

Adrian, Michigan

Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series

April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30

May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs

May 3: Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens

Owosso, Michigan

Learn about 4-H Shooting Sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 – August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.





STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H / FFA Meats Judging State Contest 2025

**4-H
and
FFA
Meats
Judging
State
Contest**

May 7, 2025

MSU Meat Lab



Registration is now open for this year's 4-H and FFA Meats Judging State Contest!

The contest will take place on Wednesday, May 7th at the MSU Meat Lab. Youth who participate in 4-H and FFA can compete in both divisions at this contest.

Find more information, including the registration form, here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-meats-judging-state-contest-2025>

Registration will close April 25!



Make The Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar Series

Join the "Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project" webinar series this April-May 2025 on Wednesdays at 6:30pm!

This free webinar for youth ages 8-19 will teach you Marketing strategies, Communication skills, Record-keeping tips, Goal-setting techniques, and so much more!

Take your small or large livestock project to the next level and gain tools for success in and out of the ring! Sessions will not be recorded and take place Wednesdays at 6:30pm on Zoom.

See dates and topics and save your spot now:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-all>

Make The Most Of Your Market Animal Project Webinar Series
April-May 2025

Youth 8-19 years old
Covers marketing, communication, record-keeping, goal-setting, and more so you can maximize your market potential

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STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp



Drum roll, please! The information you've been waiting for is now available!

You can find an information packet all about this year's 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp on our website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-and-veterinary-science-camp-2025>

Registration is now open on that same website! Register today!

MI 4-H Animal Science Ambassadors

Attention MI 4-H animal science youth! Are you interested in...

Building leadership & communication skills? Networking with other animal science youth? Learning more about your species and animal science as a whole?

Then here is a new statewide program for you! The Animal Science Ambassador Program is now open for applications! Applicants must be 15-18 years old as of January 1st, 2025, and currently enrolled in 4-H. A completed application includes a completed application via Qualtrics and a letter of recommendation.

The species that will be covered are dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, equine, poultry, rabbits, caviars, and canines. Two applicants will be chosen to represent each species. There are two spots for each species that youth will apply for, and youth will serve a total of 2 years per term. More information can be found in the Qualtrics application.

Applications and letters of recommendation are due by 11:59 p.m. on May 1st, 2025.

The Qualtrics application can be found here:
https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ySuLr60WzNn6bY





STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism



Drive your career forward and join us for the Driving Success With Workplace Professionalism webinar on Thursday, April 10 at 6 p.m. ET!

Whether you're just entering the workforce or are a seasoned pro, this session will provide valuable insights on how professionalism can accelerate your career growth, strengthen relationships, and help you leave a lasting impression.

Part of the Driven for the Future: Career Webinar Series sponsored by Toyota R&D

Register now: canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism

2025 Michigan 4-H International Summer Exchange Program

Host a Japanese youth in the Summer of 2025 through States' 4-H International!

It is time to "Spring" into action and consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer! Invite an international youth (ages 12-17 years) or adult chaperone into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. You and your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on your country, too!

Applications to host can be found at www.states4hexchange.org

For more information contact: Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu





4-H VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME...

New Eaton County 4-H Gold Volunteers!

- Jessica Smith
- Jade Mills
- Karla Schafer
- Jenna Hren
- Axie Barclay

New Eaton County 4-H Silver Volunteers!

- Dylan Hall
- Alexis Julson



Volunteer Webinar: 4-H Club Fundraising 101

April 16, 2025 at noon or 7pm

Get inspired with creative and effective ways to fundraise for your 4-H club! This webinar covers Michigan 4-H fundraising policies and shares tips to help your efforts stay on track and successful. Don't miss it!

For more information or to register:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>





2025 Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match

Saturday, May 17, 2025

For Youth
and
Adults

Registration Packet and
full information can be
found here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/dog_committee

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Pre-registration is preferred. Please return forms by **Monday, April 28, 2025**. Day of Registration will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Pavilion, Eaton County Fairgrounds
1025 S. Cochran Ave, Charlotte, MI

Class Fees:
\$6.00 per class (Pre-Registration)
\$8.00 per class (Day of Show)

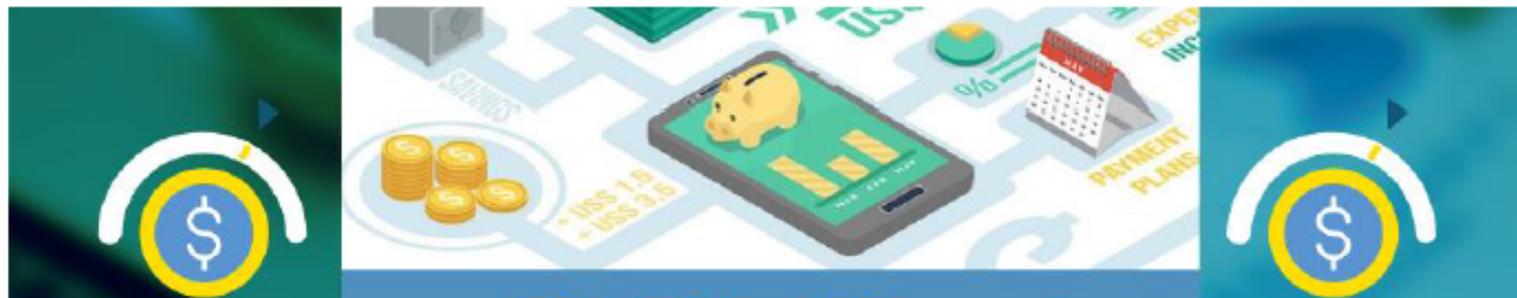
Join us for a fun dog show experience!

- Participants may Adults or Youth
- 4-H rules and regulations will be followed for all classes
- Current vaccination records must be attached to the registration form (Bordetella, DHLPP, and Rabies.)
- Appropriate behavior and dress is required at all times
- No puppies under 5 months are allowed to show
- Concessions will be available
- Bake sale fundraiser! Donations for these fundraisers are encouraged

Please review Registration Packet for full list of rules

\$100 of the profit earned may be donated to the Eaton County Agricultural Society for the 2025 Eaton County Fair dog trophies.





Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

Program Details

This exciting and interactive scavenger hunt game is designed for youth, ages 13-19 years old residing in Michigan, to learn essential money management skills. Powered by the Goosechase app, participants will complete creative missions, answer trivia and solve puzzles to earn points and climb the leaderboard. A total of ten \$50 gift cards will be awarded to top scoring youth.

Registration

More information and registration at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions> or

<https://bit.ly/4h7zqji>

Deadline to register: April 28, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST

Sponsorship

This program is free for participants and is made possible through a generous sponsorship from the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.



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Game runs April 1- April 30, 2025





Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project

Program Summary

Designed for youth ages 8-19, this engaging webinar series covers everything you need to succeed at livestock auctions. From marketing and communication to record keeping, goal setting, and understanding break-even points, each session equips participants with the skills to maximize their market potential.

Webinar Dates and Titles

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

- April 30: Goal Getters
- May 7: Talk the Talk
- May 14: Records to Riches
- May 21: Marketing Mastery
- May 28: From Pitch to Payment



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Registration Information

FREE on Zoom

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

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