



Eaton County

4-H Family News

December 2017

JOANN and 4-H Partnership

Do you shop at JOANN for your sewing and arts and craft supplies? Thanks to a new partnership between JOANN and National 4-H, you can now save money and donate to 4-H at the same time! Current and lifetime members, parents of members, and volunteers can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will also give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to National 4-H Council to support 4-H programming.

To find out more information about this great program and sign up for the rewards card, visit <http://www.joann.com/4-h/>.

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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

- Officer Training, 12/4, 6pm—8pm, PMR *please RSVP*
- Style Revue Committee, 12/6, 6:30pm, Extension office
- Expansion & Review Committee, 12/7, 6:30pm, PMR
- Jr Livestock Association, 12/11, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 12/18, 7 pm, Kardel
- Volunteer Interviews and Orientation, 12/20, Extension office
- Extension office CLOSED 12/22—1/2
- Small Animal Association, 1/4, 7 pm, PMR
- 4-H Fun Day, 1/5, see page 4 for details
- 4-H Council, 1/8, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 1/15, 7 pm, Kardel
- Horse Development Committee, 1/18, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Volunteer Interviews and Orientation, 1/23, Extension office
- Youth-Adult Partnerships Training, 1/24, 3 pm—5 pm, PMR *please RSVP*
- Youth Treasurer Training, 1/30, 6 pm—8 pm, PMR *please RSVP*
- 4-H Master Your Money series, 1/31—3/7, Delta Township District Library

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%20county%204%20h/4%20h%20events%20calendar)

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**Save the date
for Challenge U
4-H FunFest**



Challenge U 4-H Funfest, held at the Kettunen Center, offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to participate in hands-on sessions that will engage youth in learning about themselves, food and being active.

Targeted to youth ages 9 to 13, the Challenge U 4-H Funfest provides an opportunity for younger 4-H youth to become familiar with the Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting.

Look for registration to open in January 2018.

For more information about this event, contact Michelle Neff at hydrmich@msu.

4-H Workshops

December 7: 4-H Treasurers Training

Dowagiac Union High School, Dowagiac

Being a 4-H treasurer is an important role. 4-H youth treasurer's learn valuable life skills to benefit their future.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_treasurers_training

December 12: 4-H Alumni Engagement Training

Northstar Cooperative Building, East Lansing

This session will highlight meaningful ways to maintain relationships and steward 4-H alumni. Topics will include: 4-H alumni as 4-H volunteers, 4-H donors and 4-H advocates.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/alumni_engagement_training

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop

MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/ready_to_go_volunteer_training_toolkit_train_the_trainer_workshop

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County

Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City

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.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--bay_county

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin

Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing

Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

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

SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-Hers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you'll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: <https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>.



2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!



2017 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

4-H State Award Teen Training- Monday, December 18th at 4:00 pm
Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/666848773>

4-H State Award Teen Training- Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 pm
Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/847861226>

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO> and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Free tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events. Call or email the Extension office with how many tickets you wish to order by Thursday, December 21. 4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception.



Michigan 4-Hers recite the American and 4-H pledges during the halftime show.

4-H Pledge Posters now available!



THE 4-H PLEDGE
I pledge...

-  **my HEAD** to clearer thinking.
-  **my HEART** to greater loyalty.
-  **my HANDS** to larger service.
-  **my HEALTH** to better living.

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@anr.msu.edu.

Extension office HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that the Extension office will be closed from Friday, December 22, through Tuesday, January 2, for the holidays. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 3. Happy holidays!

4-H Council Corner

- 4-H Council is the governing body advising 4-H matters in the county. Share your voice! Each club is strongly encouraged to send representatives to meetings!
- Next meeting: 1/8 at 7 pm in the PMR.
- Show your 4-H pride: Purchase a “4-H Grows Here” window decal at the Extension office for \$6!
- Awards banquet: The Participation Celebration will be held on February 10, 2018 starting at 6 p.m. at Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the Extension office through January 26. Invitations to those who will be recognized at the event will be sent by the end of December.
- New scholarship available for 4-H events: The Jr Dairy Association has disbanded. The funds from the association were donated to 4-H Council and the group has set up a scholarship fund with these funds. Any 4-H youth enrolled in the dairy project is eligible to receive a scholarship for registration to a 4-H event up to \$200 and 2 events/person/year. The event does not need to be dairy related—youth could use this scholarship for events like 4-H Exploration Days, Kettunen Center workshops, 4-H Capitol Experience, Citizenship Washington Focus, etc. Youth will have to fill out a form to receive the funds, which can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/4_h_advisory_council.

4-H Fun Day

Save the date for January 5, 2018! Join 4-H Council at Kardel Hall from 4pm to 10pm. Learn about different project areas, including trying out craft projects, from 4pm to 7pm and have fun with a 4-H dance and board games from 7pm to 10pm. Bring a friend, you don't have to be in 4-H to participate! Cost for the event is \$3 per person, with a cap of \$15 per family of 5 or more; pay at the Extension office or at the door. All ages are welcome to attend! To RSVP, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948afaa2dabf49-activity>.

Help needed for the event: Leaders or teens who would be willing to teach a lesson on their favorite project (sorry no animals allowed). Project table instructors may be reimbursed for supplies (please contact the Extension office prior to purchasing supplies). If you are interested, please contact the Extension office or the event committee, Chyanne Rea, Betsy and Savannah Mauk, and Logan Nierenberger, or submit your choice using the sign-up genius link above.

4-H Master Your Money Series

Put your money to work for you! During this 6 week 4-H SPIN Club, youth will have the chance to learn about how they can make their money work the most for them. Youth will learn about budgeting, saving, investing, learning about credit and debt, selecting financial institutions, writing checks and working with checking accounts, setting SMART goals, and identifying needs versus wants, all through hands-on activities. In addition, children's literature will be infused into each week to help teach concepts about money. For more information, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_master_your_money_series.

The series is on Wednesdays, from January 31 to March 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing. Cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$25 for non 4-H members (series fee plus 4-H participation fee to join 4-H). RSVP your spot by contacting the Extension office with the parent name, youth name and age, and a phone number and email address. On the first day of class, parents will need to submit payment via cash or check and enroll in 4-H Online (plan to come early between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.).

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 December 4, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. in the PMR (basement of Extension office). RSVP for this FREE training by December 1 to the Extension office! Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Treasurer Training

Have you been elected as treasurer of your club or 4-H group? Want to know how to perform your role? How do you handle money for a 4-H group? Learn about the youth treasurer position and learn money management life skills that will help with this position and beyond! Attend this FREE training on Tuesday, January 30, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. in the PMR (basement of the Extension office). RSVP for this training by Friday, January 26 to the Extension office. Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m.

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Open Office Hours

As a reminder, 4-H staff hold open office hours on the second Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise posted). The office will be open until 7pm (after 7pm by appointment only) those nights for those needing to come into the office or meet with 4-H staff.

*NOTE: January's open office hours are CANCELED.

Youth-Adult Partnerships Training

Volunteers, do you want to strengthen 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 2017-2018 program year. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE TRAINING!** 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!

- Wednesday, January 24, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, February 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Prospective Volunteers

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? There is a revised process for our Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) to reflect our new centralized process. These changes can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment#volunteers. All prospective volunteers must go through this process 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.

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 12/20 for time slots available between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. or 1/23 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 12/20 at 3:30 p.m. or 1/23 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.