



Eaton County

# 4-H Family News

February 2017

## New Website!

It is time to update your website bookmarks! Eaton County 4-H has a new webpage, located under the main Eaton County MSU Extension webpage:

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/eaton>

Please use the navigation menus to find the 4-H page and subpages (on the left when viewing on a laptop or desktop, on the upper right when viewing on a mobile phone or tablet).

We hope that the transition to a new site will be easy and allow you to better connect with the resources that MSU Extension and the state 4-H office has to offer. If you see something missing or have questions about where to find something, please contact the office!

Sincerely,

Kristy Oosterhouse, 4-H Program Coordinator

## Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Jr Dairy Association, 2/7, 7 pm, PMR
- Jr Livestock Association, 2/13, 7 pm, PMR
- Volunteer Orientation, 2/14, 3:30 pm, Extension office
- Style Revue Committee, 2/15, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Food Shack Committee, 2/15, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Open Office Hours, 2/15, after 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Cloverbud Craft Day, 2/18, 10 am—2 pm, PMR
- Extension office CLOSED—2/20
- Fair board, 2/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Small Animal Association, 3/2, 7 pm, PMR
- Volunteer Celebration, 3/4, Kardel
- 4-H Council, 3/6, 7 pm, PMR
- Dog Committee, 3/8, 7 pm, PMR
- Open Office Hours, 3/15, by appointment only after 6 pm, Extension office
- Horse Development Committee, 3/16, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fair board, 3/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Spring Leader Update Meeting, 3/27, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Volunteer Orientation, 3/30, 3:30 pm, Extension office

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## 4-H Exploration Days!

It is anticipated that the registration book for the 2017 4-H Exploration Days will be available online starting February 20. Hard copy books will be available at the Extension office the first week in March. It is recommended that you turn in your registration forms and deposit prior to March 14 to have the best chance at your 1st choice sessions (registration deadline is April 26). Registration books will be posted online here: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/registration\\_information](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information)

## 4-H Workshops

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_winterfest\\_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2)

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94>

MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference

[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse\\_youth\\_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 4: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee

Contact Taylor Fabus ([tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu))

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Contact Melissa Elischer ([elischa@msu.edu](mailto:elischa@msu.edu))

Kettunen Center, Tustin

## Other 4-H Events

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend

[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse\\_youth\\_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living

<http://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#!/healthy-living>

National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins

Contact Tarin Minkel ([minkeltj@anr.msu.edu](mailto:minkeltj@anr.msu.edu))

Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience\\_3](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3)

Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_ffa\\_horse\\_judging\\_contest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest)

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

### Will You Put the “U” in the Challenge U 4-H FunFest?

The 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest is another special workshop for younger (aged 9 to 13) Michigan 4-H'ers ([http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4\\_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h)). At this event, participants will:

- Spend two action-packed days – in sessions they choose, led by experts – learning the secrets of healthy living and food science. The hands-on sessions from which to choose will include:
  - What to eat and when to increase energy
  - Becoming a junior chef
  - Relaxation tips and tricks
  - Indoor and outdoor cooking
  - Healthy money habits
  - Food preservation
  - Dancing and more.



Through such 4-H projects, young people both enjoy hands-on activities and develop life skills (<http://bit.ly/1PVDmIX>). For example, by allowing 4-H'ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At the 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest, youth will also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”

Who: Youth 9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2017 and chaperones

When: March 11 to 12, 2017 (begins 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning and ends at 11:30 Sunday morning, before lunch) at the Kettunen Center (<http://www.kettunencenter.org>) in Tustin

How: The Challenge U 4-H FunFest schedule and registration is available on the web (<http://bit.ly/2joxVks>). The registration fee (\$70 for 4-H members and volunteers or \$119 for non-4-H members and volunteers) includes overnight housing, meals and all session supplies.

If you need more details than are available on the registration site given above, you can obtain additional information from:

- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>)
- Michelle Neff (by email at [hydemich@msu.edu](mailto:hydemich@msu.edu) or by telephone at 989-539-7805)

## Eaton County 4-H News

### Spring Leader Update Meeting

The spring Leader Update meeting will be on Monday, March 27, at 6:30pm in the PMR. All clubs need to have at least one leader attend the meeting. If no leaders can make the meeting, you must schedule another time to meet. This meeting discusses fair updates, fair signups, and 4-H updates.

### Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Updates

If you show swine, you need to be certified in YPQA. Due to upcoming changes with YPQA after the 2017 year, the online YPQA (<http://www.pork.org/youth-pqa-plus/>) will no longer be free after the end of February. You may still be able to take an in-person session through the FFA advisors. If you are new to showing swine or your certification expires on or before 7/2017, you need to take the certification. You can view certification expiration dates (for Eaton County residents) at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_fair](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_fair).

### HELP NEEDED: Food Shack Committee

4-H Council is looking for volunteers to help on the food shack committee. Possible roles may include help with the following tasks:

- Shift schedules
- Menu planning
- Food ordering
- Finances

A little help will go a long way. If you are interested in finding out more, please attend the committee meeting on 2/15 at 6:30 pm at the Extension office.

### 2017 Eaton County Fair

July 10—16

#### Fair Theme:

Caution: Future  
Leaders Under  
Construction

## Cloverbud Craft Workshop

A Cloverbud Craft Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. –2 p.m. in the PMR. Come create a variety of projects geared for Cloverbud members (ages 5-8 as of January 1, 2017). This workshop will be \$10 for current Eaton County 4-H members or \$20 for non-4-H members; cost includes supplies and lunch. For registration information, visit the office or [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_cloverbud\\_craft\\_workshop1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/eaton_county_4_h_cloverbud_craft_workshop1).

NEEDED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS—We will need teens (4-H age 13 and older) to help with this workshop. If you are interested, please contact Kristy at the office!

## Tickets now available: Volunteer Celebration

Come celebrate the accomplishments of 4-H volunteers and youth from the past 2015-2016 program year! 4-H Council's Volunteer Celebration will be on Saturday, March 4 at Kardel Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will be celebrating 4-H volunteers who have reached milestones in their years of service (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years of service), youth who have been awarded county awards and who have completed their years in 4-H, and the Friend of 4-H, Outstanding Leader, and I Dare You awards. All those involved in 4-H, families, and friends are welcome to attend! Tickets are \$5/person (children 6 and under free) must be purchased from the Extension office by Friday, February 24.

## 4-H Foodie Club

Teens! Curious to learn more about cooking and healthy food? Then you won't want to miss the 4-H Foodie Club, sponsored by the Delta Township District Library and Eaton County 4-H! The series takes place at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing every Wednesday from March 8 to April 19 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Teens will spend the afternoons learning how to make healthy snacks, plan balanced meals, shop smart, learn tips for eating out, and food safety at home. This series is only \$10 to join 4-H (scholarships are available by contacting the office) and is open to teens ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2017. Enroll in the series by creating a family and youth profile at <https://mi.4honline.com> (select Eaton County and the "4-H Foodie Club") and submitting payment to the office or bring to the first day of the series. View the flyer online at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_foodie\\_club](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_foodie_club).

## 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics Series

Do you love finding items around the house and seeing what you can make with them? The 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics Series will introduce robotics and engineering through the use of common materials. The series will meet every other Tuesday from March 7—May 2, from 6:00pm—7:30pm in the PMR (basement conference room at the Extension office). Youth ages 9—19 are welcome to sign up. Cost for the series is \$5 for current 4-H members, \$15 for non-members. Sign up by selecting the "4-H Junk Drawer Robotics Series" from the clubs in 4-H Online. View the flyer online at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_junk\\_drawer\\_robotics\\_series](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_junk_drawer_robotics_series).

### Do I need to collect sales tax as a 4-H group?

***\*\*This article does contain some updates to the volunteer and treasurer's manuals (bolded)!\*\****

Michigan 4-H groups have a responsibility to be good stewards of money and, as part of that, the collecting and remitting of Michigan sales tax applies. Sometimes sales tax can seem confusing or overwhelming. To help, [Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development](#) provides tools in the "[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers: Leading the Way to Financial Accountability](#)" and the "[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurer: A Guide to Managing Money Wisely](#)" to support 4-H groups as they work through collecting and paying sales tax. An overview of sales tax for Michigan 4-H groups:

- All tangible items are taxable regardless of where they are sold. For example, candles and greeting cards, even if they are sold at a bake sale, are taxable.
- Food is taxed depending on where it is sold. Food sold at a concession stand, like at a restaurant where the food is prepared and immediately consumed, is taxable. Food sold at a bake sale, like in a grocery store where food is meant to be consumed later, is not taxable. **Vegetables, eggs, milk, meat and poultry that is only cut, repackaged or pasteurized by the seller is not considered prepared food and therefore is not taxable.**
- If taking orders for items, such as candles or wrapping paper, that are sold through a company, generally that company is responsible for collecting and remitting the sales tax. Therefore, it is not the responsibility of the group selling those items. It is always wise to check with the company first to be sure the sales tax is included in the selling price and will be remitted by the company.
- When reselling or auctioning items, for simplicity sake, regardless of how they were purchased or received, collect sales tax on the final price/payment. Items made by members of the group and sold must also include sales tax.
- **When a 4-H group holds a livestock auction or animal sale, sales tax does not need to be collected and remitted if the purpose of the sale is for agricultural purposes, e.g., breeding, meat or milk production, etc. This would include any commission the 4-H group receives as a portion of the sale. Any re-sale of the animal would be non-taxable as well, as long as the agricultural purpose was established.**

All sales tax must be reported and submitted annually in the club's Annual Financial Summary Report. 4-H youth treasurers should be involved in helping the group leader complete this important year-end report due in the fall. As questions arise, clarification on state sales tax can occur through conversations with your county 4-H program coordinator. By following all sales tax laws, Michigan 4-H groups are responsible stewards of funds raised throughout the year.

This article was written by Laurie Rivetto, January 27, 2017. For more information, visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/do\\_i\\_need\\_to\\_collect\\_sales\\_tax\\_as\\_a\\_4\\_h\\_group](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/do_i_need_to_collect_sales_tax_as_a_4_h_group).

### Volunteer Interviews and Orientations

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 2/14 or 3/30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 2/14 or 3/30 at 3:30 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.