



Eaton County

4-H Family News

February 2018

JOANN Paper Clover Campaign

You may have noticed in the January 4-H newsletter that National 4-H has a new partnership with JOANN! Here are a few events coming up:

- JOANN has invited 4-H families to participate in a community service project at their stores this Saturday, February 3! Come visit the JOANN on the corner of Saginaw and Waverly in Lansing from 11am - 2pm and help make Valentine's Day cards for those that need their day brightened!
- JOANN is also sponsoring a Paper Clover campaign through the month of February to benefit 4-H. You can donate \$1 or \$4 at checkout and you will receive a paper clover with a special project on the back! As an added bonus, \$4 donations will also receive a \$4 coupon for your next purchase.
- Finally, sign up for 4-H Rewards at JOANN! 4-H families can sign up for the rewards and receive 15% off eligible purchases. A portion of the sales made with the reward code also are donated to National 4-H!

More information about the JOANN partnership can be found at <https://4-h.org/get-involved/partners/joann-fabric-craft-stores/#/partnership>.

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Style Revue committee, 2/5, 6:30 pm, Extension office
- Participation Celebration, 2/10, see page 4 for details
- Jr Livestock Association, 2/12, 7 pm, PMR
- Open Office Hours, 2/14, until 7 pm unless prior arrangements are made
- Fairboard, 2/19, 7 pm, Kardel
- Volunteer Interviews and Orientation, 2/20, Extension office
- Youth-Adult Partnerships Training, 2/26, 6 pm—8 pm, PMR *please RSVP*
- Small Animal Association, 3/1, 7 pm, PMR
- 4-H Council, 3/5, 7 pm, PMR
- Dog Committee, 3/7, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 3/14, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 3/19, 7 pm, Kardel
- Volunteer Interviews and Orientation, 3/20, Extension office
- Spring Leader Update, 3/26, 6:30 pm, PMR

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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**Save the date
for the 4-H
Robotics
Challenge**



On March 10-11, Michigan 4-H members from across the state will gather at the Kettunen Center to participate in the 4-H Robotics Challenge.

Open to youth ages 12-16 as either individuals or a team, the event will include LEGO EV3, Junk Drawer Robotics, and VEX real-time challenges.

Registration for the 4-H Robotics Challenge will be available soon and will be due by Feb. 20.

4-H Workshops and Events

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated. Registration due Feb. 9.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project Workshop

Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.

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

February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse 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_grand_traverse

March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2

March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H FunFest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest

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

Capitol Experience registration now available!



All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.

Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more.

Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more!

Registration is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/> and is due by March 16.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute now accepting applications!

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI).

This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology, potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.



WFPMIYI empowers youth and gives them the opportunity to share their innovative ideas to better the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyi>.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance roll-over information

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H'ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018. Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth_pork_quality_assurance_program_rollover_information. Please watch future newsletters for information pertaining to Eaton County Fair exhibitors.

New social media resource!

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

4-H RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY Online Consequences

KEY CONCEPT:
Understanding the possible consequences of sharing information online.

LEARNING & LIFE SKILLS:

- Decision-making
- Self-responsibility

AUDIENCE:
Age range: 11 and older
Skill Level: Beginning

TIME:
20-30 minutes

SETTINGS:
1. Room with tables and chairs

MATERIALS:
A variety of different news articles about responsible consequences such as: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc. (You may want to print these out before the activity.)

2. News or articles (one per participant)

3. News or activity paper

4. Flipchart or other large paper

BACKGROUND:
According to "Teens, Social Media and Technology Overview 2015" by the Pew Research Center, nearly three-quarters of teenagers ages 13-17 have access to smartphones. Of those teens, 82 percent report going online daily, and 71 percent say they use more than one device (including their cell phone). 70% of those people should be aware that there are consequences to their online actions. Anything digital can be deleted, copied and shared, even if you intend to only share it privately.

OVERVIEW:
In this social media activity, participants will explore the various consequences youth have faced because of information they shared online. They will explore the concept of how a quick "hit" of something or a tweet, status update, snap or other action could have negative consequences. The activity pairs well with other lessons on responsible social media usage.

OBJECTIVES:
After completing this activity, the participants will be able to:

- Consider the possible risks of sharing information online.
- Think critically about what they choose to post and share online.

PROCEDURE:
Before the meeting:

- Review the background information and activity directions.
- Print off news articles of your choice for every group of five to four participants. Provide a copy for each person in the group.

4-H GROWS HERE

In this new Michigan 4-H resource, club leaders can educate youth about the impact media can have on others and themselves. Anything digital can be stored, copied and shared, even if it is only intended to be shared privately.

Teach youth the consequences of their activity online with this new lesson plan that pairs well with other previously created responsible social media usage lessons.

Download your copy at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_responsible_social_media_activity_online_consequences.

2018 Fair Theme and Dates

“Shooting for the Stars”

July 9-14

Non-livestock judging on

July 7

Save the Date!

Fair board is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on March 3 at Kardel Hall! Funds will go toward covering costs for the new furnaces in Kardel Hall. For more information, visit the Facebook event

at <https://www.facebook.com/events/887313464766725/>.

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: 3/5 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. Congratulations to all the award winners from the 2016-2017 program year!

Spring Leader Update

Please save Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendars for the Spring Leader Update meeting. All clubs must send at least one registered volunteer to this meeting. The meeting will go over 4-H updates, fair information, and sign-ups for Food Shack, grey building, and fairground clean-up shifts. If nobody from your club can make the meeting, please contact the office by Friday, March 23 to set up an alternative time to meet with Kristy.

New 4-H Families—we want to hear from you!

Michigan 4-H strives to create an environment that is inviting and easy to navigate for families participating in 4-H for the first time. We are currently conducting a statewide survey so we can identify and remove barriers for youth and families who are new to 4-H. If your family was new to 4-H in the last few years, keep an eye out for an email with the survey link in early February!

Beef and Dairy Beef Information

- 2018 beef and dairy steer tags are now available at the Extension office. Tagging must be completed by February 15 and forms and photos submitted to the superintendent or dropped off at the Extension office by 2/15.
- The beef and dairy beef superintendents, Katelyn and Kylie Thompson, would like to welcome Josh Locke as Assistant Beef Superintendent and Meghan Bignall as Assistant Dairy Beef Superintendent.
- The superintendents will be hosting a Beef and Dairy Beef Clinic that will focus on Feeding, Showing and Grooming and Breakeven for your youth's Beef and Dairy Beef projects! Held at Kardell Hall on April 15, 2018 from 3-6 pm, with guest speakers and great take home information. Please rsvp to any Beef or Dairy Beef Superintendent by April 10, 2018.

Michigan 4-H Night with the Griffins

February 24th, 2018

7pm – Van Andel Arena

Saturday, February 24th game is the Toy Night game and will feature a Joe Hicketts Blockhead giveaway to the first 2,000 fans in attendance (subject to availability)

Enjoy Upper level Faceoff seating for only \$15, Upper Level Center Ice seating for only \$18, Lower Level Faceoff seating for only \$21 or Lower Level Center Ice seating for only \$25! (A savings of up to \$4 per ticket – plus, no per ticket service fees.) *A portion of each ticket will go to supporting the Michigan 4H organization.*

Purchasing your tickets is easy! Simply go to www.griffinshockey.com/promocode. Enter in the promo code MI4H. Select your seats and make your purchase! Offer not valid at the box office – online only. Promotions subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding the offer or for groups of 10 or more, please contact Bre'onna Raymo at 616.774.4585 ext 3017 or braymo@griffinshockey.com

Enrollment deadline fast approaching!

Are you fully enrolled in 4-H? Do you know someone who would like to join? All 4-H members must be fully enrolled by March 15 to be eligible to show at the 2018 Eaton County Fair as a 4-H member. Not sure if you are enrolled? You can easily check! Fully enrolled members will have their 4-H Online profile say “active” under the enrollment status in their 4-H Online account. If your status says “pending” it means the Extension office may not have received your 4-H Participation Fee yet or is still processing your enrollment. If it says “incomplete”, you need to finalize and submit your enrollment. Members should receive an email from the system as well once their profile has been approved. You can check your account by visiting http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment#enrollment. If you have questions about your status listed in 4-H Online, please contact the office.

Dog Project Information

Save the Date for the Pre-Fair Dog Show! The show will be on May 5. More information will be coming in March!

Please make sure you use the updated May 1 dog form this year for your dog project. The updated form can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/dog_committee.

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.

NEW! Teen Leadership Guide

Do you volunteer as a teen leader? Does your club utilize teen leaders? Then you won't want to miss this NEW guide for teen leadership! This guide is full of resources on what teens can do as teen leaders and guides and prompts for thinking about your teen leader project. The guide also includes resources for volunteers who are working with teen leaders. Check out the guide at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_teen_leadership. The guidelines for the teen leadership class for the Eaton County Fair can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/project_guidelines.

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! The final training will be held on Monday, February 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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!

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 2/20 or 3/20 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 2/20 or 3/20 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.