



Eaton County

# 4-H Family News

January 2018

## Order 4-H Day at the Breslin tickets by 1/15!

4-H Day at the Breslin is January 20! Get your free tickets to watch the MSU Women's Basketball team take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4:00 p.m.! Gates open at 2:30 p.m. for 4-H families. See the sidebar on page 2 for details on a special alumni reception!

You can order tickets by calling the Extension office at 517-543-2310 and leave your name, phone number, and number of tickets you wish to order, or email [msue.eaton@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.eaton@county.msu.edu)! Ticket orders placed now will be available for pick up at the 4-H registration table (Northwest Kalamazoo Gate) the day of the game starting at 2:30 p.m. Don't miss out on this fun day! The last day to order tickets is Monday, January 15.

For more information about 4-H Day at the Breslin, visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_day\\_at\\_the\\_breslin\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1).

## Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- 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
- 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\*

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_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar)

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Community Group

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## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Calling 4-H  
Alums:  
Attend the 4-H  
Alumni Tip-Off  
Reception!**



On January 20, 4-H alumni from across the state will gather at the Varsity S Club on the second floor of Spartan Stadium to celebrate 4-H. Alumni and their families will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before heading over to the 4-H Day at the Breslin game.

The 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception will be held from 1:30—3 p.m. Registration for this free event is currently open at <http://bit.ly/2zliKTx>. Please register by January 12.

### 4-H Workshops

**January 6: 4-H Healthy Living Teen Ambassador Training**

*Michigan State University, East Lansing*

Teen training designed for youth interested in healthy living programming and how they can make a difference their community.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_healthy\\_living\\_teen\\_ambassador\\_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_healthy_living_teen_ambassador_training)

**January 10 : Family STEM Night**

*Mio Elementary School, Mio*

Available to third and fifth graders, the Family STEM Night will provide hands-on STEM activities that will engage families.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/family\\_stem\\_night](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/family_stem_night)

**February 7: 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training**

*Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Owosso*

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\\_shiawassee\\_cou](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training_shiawassee_cou)

**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 will be opening soon.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_veterinary\\_science\\_teen\\_and\\_adult\\_leaders\\_workshop2](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.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_dog\\_project\\_leader\\_and\\_judges\\_workshop\\_1](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 will be opening soon.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_beef\\_sheep\\_and\\_swine\\_teen\\_and\\_adult\\_leaders\\_workshop2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2)

### Other 4-H Events

**January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin and Alumni Tip-Off Reception**

*Michigan State University, East Lansing*

A full day of fun on MSU's campus, whether you're a 4-H alumni or a current member of the Michigan 4-H community.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_alumni\\_tip\\_off\\_reception](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception)

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_day\\_at\\_the\\_breslin\\_1](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](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>.

## JOANN



### JOANN Fabrics & Crafts partners with 4-H

JOANN Fabrics and 4-H have formed a new partnership to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Through this partnership, they hope to empower more kids through experiences where they can grow valuable life skills and learn by doing, creating and making.

As part of the partnership, JOANN's is providing a free rewards card to members of the 4-H community, including youth, parents, alumni, volunteers and supporters. Reward card holders receive 15 percent off the total cost of eligible in-store and online purchases; 2.5 percent of all rewards card purchases will be donated back to 4-H. To sign-up for your free rewards card, visit <http://www.joann.com/4-h/> or download the JOANN's app on your mobile device.

The popular craft store is also supporting 4-H through a 4-H Paper Clover campaign that will take place during the month of February. Visit your local JOANN's store during this time to purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Paper Clover. One-hundred percent of the proceeds raised during the Paper Clover campaign will support 4-H with 70 percent of funds generated in Michigan being donated to the state 4-H program.

As the partnership grows, JOANN's and 4-H hope to provide additional opportunities to the 4-H community. Look for additional details in the future about an in-store volunteer project on Feb. 3, and an online fashion review!

### Michigan 4-H Healthy Living Challenge: 5-2-1-0 for Your Health

Michigan 4-H wants to help you jump start a healthier year in 2018 with the 4-H Healthy Living Challenge: 5-2-1-0 for Your Health! With 200,000 youth annually pledging their health to better living for their clubs, their communities, their country and their world, youth across Michigan are encouraged to join in this fun 4-H challenge that focuses on one of the four main pillars of 4-H: health!



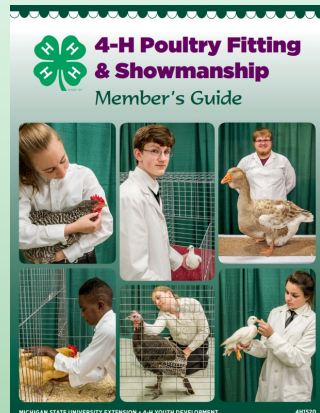
To participate in the challenge, youth should strive for the following each day throughout the months of January and February:

- 5 servings of fruits and vegetables
- 2 hours or less of screen time (TVs, computers and tablets)
- 1 hour of physical activity
- 0 sweetened beverages (soda and juices)

To help you keep track of your progress, Michigan 4-H has created a helpful tracking sheet. Record your efforts each day and at the end of February, submit your form to your county 4-H program coordinator. All individuals who submit a tracking sheet will receive a healthy living prize!

For more information and to download your tracking sheet, visit <http://bit.ly/2CKBlqW>.

### Updated Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Guide for Members now available!



The Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting and Showmanship Guide for Members has been updated and is perfect for both beginning and experienced showmen.

This edition features colored photos depicting the methods of fitting and showing chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons. Scorecards are also included at the end of each species' section.

Download your copy at [msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_poultry\\_fitting\\_showmanship\\_members\\_guide\\_4h1520](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_poultry_fitting_showmanship_members_guide_4h1520).



### 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. Stay tuned for more details!

### 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 soon!

### High Point 4-H Club Winter Riding Clinic

High Point 4-H Club will be hosting a Winter Riding Clinic on February 25th. The clinician will be Trevor Walton, who is a well known and respected trainer, instructor and judge. There will be three different sessions with only 5-7 riders, so individualized and personal instruction will be provided to each rider. The clinic will be held in an indoor arena, so the clinic will be a great opportunity to get some time in the saddle and start working on achieving new riding goals for the upcoming show season and fair. The cost is \$80 per session, but 4-H members who register before January 31st can pay just \$75. The registration information and form can be found on High Point 4-H Club’s Facebook page or by contacting Lindsey Vanderlaan at lvanderlaan239@gmail.com or 517-490-7013.

### Paige Cords Showman Program

Applications for the 2018 Paige Cords Showman Program are due February 2. The program awards funds to help Eaton County Fair livestock exhibitors with their projects. Funds can be used to purchase livestock, feed, or necessary supplies. Selected beef market recipients will be awarded \$500; sheep and hog market recipients will be awarded \$300. Beef breeding recipients will be awarded \$250 and sheep and hog breeding are awarded \$150. For more information and the application, visit <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HL9P9MpdNKaZRJ37KsKCfslHGd02OWff>.

### 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](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.).

### 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.

### Ingham County 4-H Still Life Workshop

Join Ingham County 4-H for a day of fun, exploration, and learning! Sessions will be offered on a variety of different topics and will be hands-on and interactive. The workshop is Saturday, January 27, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at North Aurelius Elementary School in Mason. The workshop is free; however, some sessions may have a nominal fee for supplies (visit link for session descriptions). Must pre-register by January 18 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2018ICStillLifeWorkshop/>.

### 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.

### Resource: Activity-based learning with Cloverbuds

Do you work with cloverbuds, youth ages 5 –8? Activity-based learning is a great way to engage cloverbuds in club activities! Learn more about activity-based learning and an idea for an activity using animal feed at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/activity\\_based\\_learning\\_with\\_4\\_h\\_cloverbuds](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/activity_based_learning_with_4_h_cloverbuds).

## 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](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 1/23 or 2/20 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 1/23 or 2/20 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.