



Eaton County

# 4-H Family News

September 2017

## Support Eaton and Ingham County 4-H at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair!

**Kickoff event:** We have all kinds of great activities planned for our in-store takeover on October 7 at the store located at the Lansing Mall!

**In store:** October 7—October 12 at the Lansing Mall Barnes & Noble. Just mention that you are with the Eaton and Ingham County 4-H bookfair at checkout and we'll earn up to 20% back on purchases you make during our bookfair.

**Online:** October 7—October 17 shop online at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) and a percentage of your purchase will count toward our bookfair. Make sure to use code **12157095** at check out.

Feel free to invite any family and friends who would like to support our bookfair as well. Every purchase counts!

### Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Small Animal Association, 9/7, 7pm, PMR
- Grandparent's Day, 9/10, noon—4pm, Lansing River Trail by Impression 5
- Fall Leader Update Meeting, 9/11, 6:30pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 9/18, 7pm, Kardel
- Open Office Hours, 9/13, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, Extension office
- Fair board, 9/18, 7pm, Kardel
- Horse Development Committee, 9/21, 6:30pm, PMR
- 4-H Council, 10/2, 7 pm, PMR
- 4-H National Youth Science Day, 10/4, MSU (exact location TBD), 4pm—7pm
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair, in-store 10/7-10/12, online 10/7-10/17
- Jr Livestock Association, 10/9, 7 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 10/16, 7pm, Kardel

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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## Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop



This workshop will be held at **Kettunen Center** (<http://bit.ly/2lHuDdk>) on **September 23-24, 2017**. 4-H adult leaders and members (11 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2017 and older) interested in rabbits, cavy and/or poultry projects are encouraged to attend to:

- Gain fun, hands-on experience.
- Learn new ideas for projects and other fun activities.
- Explore science-based information in rabbit, cavy and poultry management.
- Enhance knowledge and skill in the rabbits, cavy and/or poultry project areas.
- Share ideas with others from around the state.

Visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_small\\_animals\\_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop) to register by September 13.

## 4-H Workshops

September 12: Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social\\_media\\_for\\_4-h\\_club\\_leaders](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4-h_club_leaders)

Webinar

September 23-24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop

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Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 12 : 4-H Club 201: Building Bridges

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_club\\_201\\_building\\_bridges\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1)

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

October 12: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/>

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Delta County MSU Extension Office, Escanaba

October 20: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/>

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Mid-Michigan Community College, Mt. Pleasant

November 8 : NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/>

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St Clair County Administration Building, Port Huron

## Other 4-H Events

September 23: Dickinson Outdoor Extravaganza

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson\\_outdoor\\_extravaganza](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson_outdoor_extravaganza)

Cowboy Lake Park, Kingsford

September 26: Sustainable Ag Field Day for 4-H and Informal Educators

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/sustainable\\_ag\\_field\\_day\\_for\\_4h\\_informal\\_educators](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/sustainable_ag_field_day_for_4h_informal_educators)

W.K. Kellogg Biological Field Station, Hickory Corners

October 6: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_foundation\\_annual\\_meeting](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_foundation_annual_meeting)

MSU Kellogg Center, Lansing

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016\\_msu\\_pumpkinfest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest)

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

November 11: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

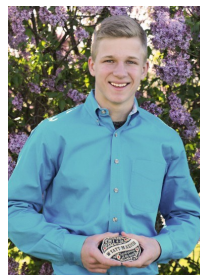
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_club\\_officer\\_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training)

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

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

## Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2017, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a [Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award](#). If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2017. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond!



Wyatt Mazich of  
Shiawassee Co.  
2016 winner.

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:

- Nomination Form found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive\\_event\\_resources](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources).
- Nomination Letter
- Letter of Support from County Staff

## Congratulations to the 2017 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth ages 11 and 12 the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. As part of the contest, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension staff members select up to two youth essays from each county to be recognized as award winners.

The essay theme for 2017 was "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to their 4-H experiences as ones that have allowed them to make new friends, try new projects, explore new places and help their dreams come true. Some credited 4-H with helping them increase their public speaking skills, confidence and time management skills. Other 4-H'ers wrote with excitement about their club meetings, events, exhibits and community service projects.

Overall, 31 youth from 18 counties were honored as 2017 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- **Branch County:** Kathleen Bailey and Jacob Reif
- **Cass County:** Benjamin Shelby and Madison Weedon
- **Cheboygan County:** Thomas Tafoya
- **Eaton County:** Javelynne Bowels and Ryleigh Mauk
- **Ionia County:** Cassidy Cashen and Peyton Hoppes
- **Kent County:** Grace Richmond
- **Macomb County:** Taylor Frazier and Teagan Lake
- **Marquette County:** Halle Graves and Hayden Graves
- **Mason County:** Ryann Rohrer
- **Menominee County:** Malorie Baumler and Kara Solander
- **Monroe County:** Griffin Linn and Jaren Schmidt
- **Oakland County:** Samantha Conlon and Khamani Potts
- **Oceana County:** Beckett Newell and Alexis Settler
- **Sanilac County:** Emily Martinez and Riley Wallace
- **Shiawassee County:** Emma Challender and Veronica Gross
- **St. Clair County:** Gwyneth Glombowski and Douglas Modrich
- **Washtenaw County:** Quinn Hilla
- **Wayne County:** Carlene Armstrong

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan.

## 4-H Age Guidelines:

Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs are open to young people aged 5-19 years of age. “4-H age” is determined by a young person’s age as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. Cloverbuds are 4-H age of 5-8 and complete non-competitive projects; 4-H members are a 4-H age of 9-19. For the 2017-2018 program year:

If you were born in ...	Your 4-H age is...
2012	5
2011	6
2010	7
2009	8
2008	9
2007	10
2006	11
2005	12
2004	13
2003	14
2002	15
2001	16
2000	17
1999	18
1998	19

## Reenrollment in 4-H

The 4-H program year runs September 1—August 31. Each year, 4-H members and volunteers must reenroll in the program. Detailed instructions regarding reenrollment will be given at the Fall Leader Update Meeting and sent out via email in September. All 4-H members and volunteers must reenroll via 4-H Online. Reenrollment instructions can be found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_enrollment#enrollment](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_enrollment#enrollment). A brief overview of the reenrollment process this year:

- After September 1, member and volunteer profiles will automatically roll over to inactive in the system.
- All members and volunteers that wish to reenroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 program year will need to log into the account they created and update any necessary information for each person’s profile that is reenrolling for the new year.
  - All information currently in the system will carry over to the new year, with the exception of the agreement signatures and health information, which have to be recompleted each year.
- DO NOT create a new account if you have ever enrolled in 4-H Online. You will be required to log into your existing account. There is an option to reset the password to the email on file! If you need to check which email you used or change your email, please contact the office.
- If any information has changed, please update the info (including any club changes or project changes!) and then resubmit your profile for approval.
- You will receive one automated email from the system when you submit your profile. You will receive another automated email once your profile has been accepted and marked active. Members and leaders are not official until their profile has been accepted by the Extension office.
- Participation fees for youth members will still be collected by administrative leaders and at the Extension office, you will not be able to pay online. As of September 1, 2017, the 4-H Participation Fee is \$20 per youth with a maximum of \$60 per family.
- Your reenrollment in 4-H will not be complete until youth participation fees have been turned in and profiles are determined to be completed correctly by the Extension office. All reenrollments will need to be submitted (including participation fees) by November 15.

## Fall Leader Update Meeting 9/11

The fall leader update meeting will be held on Monday, 9/11, at 6:30 pm in the PMR. All clubs must have at least one leader in attendance at this meeting, which will cover important year-end information from the prior year and enrollment information for the new 4-H year. If nobody from your club can make the meeting, you must contact the office prior to the meeting and arrange another time to meet or your club may be placed on probation.

### County Award Nominations

Have you considered nominating a leader or member for special recognition? Here's your chance. The deadline for nominations is November 15 (to correspond with club reenrollments). The award recipients are voted on by the awards committee in December and recipients of medals, plaques and other awards are announced at the Volunteer Celebration. Forms are available at the Extension office and are posted on our website at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_associations\\_and\\_committees/4\\_h\\_advisory\\_council](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/4_h_advisory_council).

### JLA/SAA Sale Checks

All sale checks are now available! Checks not picked up by November 1 will be donated back to the appropriate association. Checks are not mailed. As a reminder, thank you cards must be turned in to be mailed (cards must have complete addresses and stamps) or proof of mailing prior to picking up your check. If you need another copy of your buyer and premium donors to be able to send the cards, please contact the office.

### 4-H Creating Your Own Business Series

Spend six Wednesday afternoons learning the in's and out's of creating your very own business in an area of your interest! The series is on Wednesdays from September 13—October 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library in Lansing. Learn entrepreneur skills such as marketing, budgeting, and business etiquette. On the last week (October 18th), youth will have the opportunity to showcase their business idea to family and friends from 5:30pm—6pm! Only \$5 for 4-H members or \$25 for non-4-H members (series fee plus 4-H participation fee to join 4-H). To apply for the series, submit payment to the Extension office and enroll in the "4-H Creating Your Own Business Series" in 4-H Online by Monday, September 11.

### 2018 Fair Theme

It's time to start thinking about the theme for next year's fair! Please submit your theme suggestions to the Extension office by the Council meeting on Monday, October 2 (can bring suggestions to the meeting). Clubs are encouraged to discuss and submit themes! Suggestions will be emailed out to everyone after the October meeting. Voting on the fair theme will take place at the November 4-H Council meeting on Monday, November 13.

### Night Open Office Hours

Need to talk with 4-H staff or visit the office after hours? Starting in September, the second Wednesday of each month the office will be open until 7pm for drop-ins (past 7 by appointment only), unless otherwise posted. Perfect for committees to meet, talk with 4-H staff, or drop or pick things up from the office!

### 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!

- Thursday, November 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 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 9/28 for time slots available between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. or 10/19 for time slots available between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Interviews take approximately 30 minutes. Call the Extension office to RSVP for a time slot.

Upcoming volunteer orientation dates are 9/28 at 6:30 p.m. or 10/19 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.