



JUNE 2025

4-H Family News

Eaton County



Happy June, Everyone!

It has been a busy month, with more coming up as we all get ready for fair week! With this in mind, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. If we don't know the answer, we'll find the person who does!

I'd like to shout a few events from the last month- Our 4-H Dog Committee for throwing a wonderful Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match on May 17th. We also had a fun and informative goat clinic that same day! The next day, May 18th, was our 4-H HDC (Horse Development Committee) Horse Clinic, which was another great educational opportunity for our 4-H youth. Eaton County also recently sent six volunteers to the Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop, which is more than we've had attend in years! We are excited to welcome new instructors to the program, and to further the education of our existing instructors.

We could not run this program without our committed volunteers, so thank you all so much for your continued help and support!

Sincerely,

Jessie Gott, 4-H Program Coordinator

Announcements + Reminders

- Are you a 4-H teen or gold level volunteer looking to take on an additional role during fair week? Contact Jessie to sign up to help run a 4-H booth at fair, promoting our program!!!
- The deadline to apply to become a SILVER volunteer for anyone that wants to help with fair is JUNE 7! If you'd like to become a GOLD volunteer before fair, there is no guarantee that we can meet that fair deadline. Please email me directly ASAP if you are interested in applying to volunteer with us!
- The Extension office does not have forms or information regarding the sale this year. If you are looking for Pre-Fair Premiums, Proxy Forms, Carcass Packets, or other forms for Fair, you can find them on their site: EatonCountyFair.com

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Horse Development Committee Clinic



Thank you to our wonderful HDC for hosting a great Horse Clinic on Sunday, May 18th.

We had several knowledgeable clinicians that came to assist as well. HDC is already planning another clinic in 2026!

We would love to have more leaders and youth to attend the next meeting September 10th at 6:30 pm at the Extension office. At this meeting, we'll discuss ideas and what everyone would like to see in the future! See you there!

Photos provided by leaders



Goat Showmanship Clinic



Thanks to Liz Hubert and Julie Ennes for running this awesome clinic on Saturday, May 17th! 4-Hers in attendance learned about packing and proper fitting.

Photos provided by leaders





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Showcase your photography, videography and graphic design skills at 4-H Dairy Days!



New for 2025, Michigan 4-H Dairy Days will have feature three new contests! These contests are open to any Michigan 4-H youth ages 8-19, regardless of their enrolled project area.

Showcase your creative skills by submitting your entries to:

- Photography
- Graphic design
- Videography

So grab your cameras, get those creative juices flowing and show us what you've got!

Submissions are due June 5. Learn more at tinyurl.com/DDcreative.

June 6: Fairy Garden Workshop

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Youth ages 5-19 will learn the basics of miniature gardening and some fairy lore.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/fairy-garden-workshop25

June 7: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. We will be finding new caches, trading travel bugs, exploring the gardens and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache

June 13: 4-H Terrarium Workshop

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Youth ages 8-19 will create a miniature, self-sustaining ecosystem, in a controlled indoor environment.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-terrarium-workshop

June 20: Garden to Table Summer Workshop Series

Taylor Community Library, Taylor

In this hands-on program, youth will explore the journey of food from seed to plate! Participants will learn how to plant and care for a garden, harvest fresh produce, and turn their homegrown ingredients into simple, healthy meals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-to-table-summer-workshops

June 24: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

June 28: Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Come test your dairy industry knowledge against other 4-H'ers! This free event is open to any 4-H youth ages 8-19. Youth may enter as individuals or as teams.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-mi-4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are competing in the Michigan Livestock Expo but are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award!. Registration is due by June 12. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2025.

Ten Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service in 2025

For the fifth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“Simply put, our Michigan 4-H programs would not be possible without the help of caring volunteers who give their time and talent,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “MSU Extension is grateful for every volunteer in every program, but these ten individuals deserve special recognition. They have given so much to 4-H over their five decades of service and we offer our heartfelt thanks for all they have given to support 4-H youth.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2025 are:

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| • Cheryl Barton, Shiawassee County | • Vanessa Powell, Jackson County |
| • Linda Bogue, Cass County | • Diane Shepherd, Sanilac County |
| • Lisa Coe, Barry County, | • Paul Shoup, Mason County |
| • Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Ingham County | • Bernadette Strahl, Menominee County |
| • Sharon Mitchell, St. Joseph County | • Marla Wedge, Allegan County |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

August 2, 2025

Saginaw Field & Stream Club
Saginaw, Mich.

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

We are excited to announce that the [2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament website](#) has been updated and that registration for the event is now OPEN!

Please head to the tournament website for event details and registration. Registration closes July 13, 2025.

Please be aware that due to the scope of this event, any errors in registration must be corrected prior to the event and cannot be made onsite.

Ensuring that registrations are accurate is the responsibility of each participant with the help of county club leaders and staff. Please Reach out to 4h.shootingsports@msu.edu with any registration questions or corrections!

WEXFORD COUNTY

SAVE THE DATE! 4-H BULLSEYE BASH

TARGET ARCHERY COMPETITION
JULY 19, 2025 | 1 PM | CADILLAC



4-H archers new to competition are encouraged to participate! This target archery competition is a learning event to test participant's skills, make new friends, and provide competition experience in a friendly atmosphere. Entry is limited to current 4-H members who have participated in a 4-H archery program this year or in the past. All contestants should have prior shooting event experience, at the club or county level. No previous tournament experience is required.

Questions? Contact Kate King
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SUMMER OF SAVINGS

- PREPARE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE
- LEARN TO SAVE
- EARN A \$20 GIFT CARD

- NOW THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2025
- MICHIGAN YOUTH 9-19 YEARS OLD
- FULL DETAILS SHARED UPON REGISTRATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

Summer of Savings 2025

Michigan youth ages 9–19 can earn a \$20 gift card this summer just by completing a 4-H financial education lesson on savings!

Now – August 15, 2025

Choose how you learn:

Live Zoom, Watch a recording, or Self-guided course (Nearpod – with parent/guardian permission)

Incentive limited to the first 100 participants, so don't wait! Details on learning options sent after registration.

Register now and start saving smart!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/summer-of-savings>



Volunteer + Member Information

WELCOME...

New 4-H Volunteers!

Gold:

- Morgan Piepkow
- Aimee Samann
- Shanandua Lawless
- Lindsay Haigh
- Andy Haigh
- Caleb Pease

Silver:

- Katy Stanke
- Mackenzie Thompson



Resource Shout-Out : 4-H Council Scholarship

Did you know that the Eaton County 4-H Advisory Council has scholarship opportunities for youth and volunteers?

There are many exciting state-wide 4-H opportunities available to attend every year, so we hope that this scholarship makes it easier to attend some of these events, without breaking the bank!

The Eaton County 4-H Council can reimburse youth and adult volunteers for registration fees up to \$220 for educational workshops for youth and volunteers who attend educational opportunities at state 4-H events. This opportunity is available for folks that follow the instructions on the 4-H Council Scholarship form.

You can access this form on our website under 4-H Council, or by using this link:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/uploads/images/UPDATED%204-H%20Event%20Scholarship%20Instructions%20and%20Form>

Resource Shout-Out : Officer Roles

Club officer roles are vital to many of our clubs! Whether you are a volunteer looking to help a youth member, a seasoned officer serving for another year, or a new youth member looking to serve in an officer role, it always helps to have a refresher of what all these roles entail!

You can find descriptions of the four essential officer positions, their responsibilities, and supporting materials to help officers be successful using the link below:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/officer_roles_and_responsibilities_in_a_4_h_club

Youth and Volunteers- Join a Committee!

Eaton County 4-H has a variety of associations and committees to guide the county program and certain project areas or events. Participation is highly encouraged and many offer great leadership opportunities for youth!

Our 4-H HDC (Horse Development Committee) provides educational opportunities for youth involved in the horse project. HDC meetings are the second Wednesday of the following months at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR: September, March, and May. We would love to have more leaders and youth to attend the next meeting September 10th at 6:30 pm at the Extension office. At this meeting, we'll discuss ideas and what everyone would like to see in the future!

We are always looking for club representation at the 4-H Council, the association that helps to oversee activities for the county 4-H program. All clubs are encouraged to send representatives to this meeting to have a voice in shaping our county program! Meetings are the first Monday of the following months at 7 p.m. in the PMR: October, November, January, March, May and August.