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Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- Jr Livestock Association buyer's workshop, 4/8 7 pm, Kardel Hall
- Fairboard, 4/15, 7 pm, Kardel
- Small Animal Association fun workshop, 4/26, 7 pm, Kardel Hall
- Small Animal Association buyer's workshop, May 2, 7pm, PMR
- 4-H Council, 5/6, 7pm, PMR
- Horse Development Committee, 5/8, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Pre-Fair Dog Show, 5/18, Fairgrounds
- Fairboard, 5/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Jr Livestock Association, 6/10, 7pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 6/17, 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

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Apply now for 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp



The 2019 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is now accepting applications! Designed for youth aged 13 to 15, this program is held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, Aug. 4-10.

Campers explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 4: 4-H Healthy Living Showcase

Online Webinar

Learn about Michigan 4-H curriculum related to nutrition, physical fitness, gardening and mental health from the comfort of your home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-healthy-living-curriculum-showcase>

April 11: Financial Fitness

Farmington Branch Library, Farmington

Pump up your savings to meet your financial goals by learning more about stocks, bonds and investments. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/financial-fitness>

April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

MSU -Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun and educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

April 16: 4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Become a certified Junior Master Gardener during this one-day workshop comprised of both lecture and hands-on activities. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-junior-master-gardener-workshop-april-2019>

April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. This event leads to instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol and muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

April 28: Environmental Science and Citizenship

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Joining the spirit of Earth Day, learn about different environmental systems such as watersheds and wetlands and how you can make a difference in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/enviromental-science-and-citizenship>

May 11: Northern Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Palooza

Kalkaska Fairgrounds, Kalkaska

Participate in a showmanship contest and learn from experts in educational workshops focused on rabbits and poultry.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/northern-michigan-4-h-rabbit-and-poultry-palooza>

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

Pledge your hands to larger service this April with the #DaretoServeChallenge!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more!

This year, members of the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council are issuing a special challenge to their fellow Michigan 4-H members, as well as volunteers, alumni and staff. They have created the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge, which seeks to inspire everyone in Michigan 4-H to do at least one thing to serve their community during the month of April. Their goal: have at least one 4-H led community service project completed in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April! Imagine how big of an impact we can have if each of us chooses to lend our hands to larger service!

Here's how it works:

1. Join with others, or work on your own, to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference.
2. Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan. This will help others find your service opportunity so they can take part, too!
3. When you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.

If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to the Michigan 4-H Foundation at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/>.

Learn more!

Visit www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge to learn more about the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge and find resources for planning your project.

See the next page for a service project in Eaton County!

**True
Leaders
in Service**




Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!



From April 1 to May 15, 4-H youth, alumni, friends and supporters have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20,000 as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Simply visit <http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand> to register and show your support of 4-H. Anyone can raise their hand, even if they participated in previous years! Each hand raised (registered) before May 15 counts as a vote and the states with the most hands raised will receive a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award.

Do your part and help grow Michigan 4-H experiences for additional youth in our state! After registering, make sure to share this opportunity with other fellow 4-H supporters and ask them to raise their hands as well.

An Idea to a Business 4-H SPIN Club

Do you love watching Shark Tank? Learn about creating your own business, develop an idea, and pitch it in this hands-on club taught by 4-H teen leader, business entrepreneur, and veteran entrepreneur competition winner Emily Newborn. The club will take place on Tuesdays, May 7—June 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the pitch competition taking place at the Eaton County Fair. This club is FREE if you are already a registered 4-H member or only \$20 for the 4-H Participation Fee (scholarships available). Please sign up in the “SPIN Club An Idea to a Business” club in 4-H Online to register for this club or contact the Extension office!

4-H True Leaders in Service: Community Service Project

Jael Tombaugh, State 4-H Leadership Council member and member of Barn Busters 4-H Club, is currently serving on the 4-H True Leaders in Service planning committee, which goes along with National 4-H Month of Service in April. This has inspired her to conduct a community service project of her own!

Jael is collecting and donating items to Rosey’s Kennel and Rescue. They are an awesome organization, and many members of her community rely on them to board their pets when they are away. They also take in animals, such as rescues, and take care of them until they can find a proper home, or a shelter to go to. You can find a full list of their services at - <http://roseyskennel.weebly.com/> or on Facebook!

Through the end of April (around April 29th) she will be collecting needed supplies for Rosey’s Kennel and Rescue, along with any money donations that some may have. Some donations will go towards the purchasing of dog and cat food, and any donations that are left will be going straight to their organization.

Rosey’s Kennel and Rescue are in need of:

- Cleaning Supplies (Bleach Wipes, Bleach, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, etc.)
- Kitty Litter
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Dog and Cat Food (money donations will be going towards this)
- Anything else our furry friends could use!

Anything helps, even sharing the community service opportunity! If you would like to donate supplies or money, please contact Jael at tombaughjael2003@gmail.com.

Delta Wild 4-H Spring Series

Interested in learning more about wildlife? Come be a wildlife biologist! Youth will learn about the wildlife in Delta Township, conduct hands-on scientific research using motion cameras to study wildlife, and learn from students and faculty at MSU! The spring series is on Wednesdays from April 3—May 29 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library. This club is FREE if you are already a registered 4-H member or only \$20 for the 4-H Participation Fee (scholarships available). Please sign up in the “SPIN Club Delta Wild 4-H” club in 4-H Online to register for this series or contact the Extension office!

CSI Science 4-H SPIN Club

Interested in learning more about crime scene investigation and forensic science? Youth will experience hands-on CSI science activities, learn about evidence collection, and practice their sleuthing skills to see what it takes to be a crime investigator! Sessions will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays from April 29—May 21, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library for youth ages 10—14. This club is FREE if you are already a registered 4-H member or only \$20 for the 4-H Participation Fee (scholarships available). Please sign up in the “SPIN Club CSI Science” club in 4-H Online to register for this club or contact the Extension office!

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 4/8 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This is the Buyer's Workshop! All youth who are selling in the sale are strongly encouraged to attend to learn about the sale forms and buyer etiquette. Youth who attend the meeting will be able to pick up 2 passes for new buyers at the end of the meeting. Youth who do not attend will not be able to get passes until after May 8.

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 5/2 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting is the buyer's workshop! If you are planning to sell in the SAA sale, be sure to attend this meeting!
- SAA is holding a fun, educational workshop on 4/26 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. Come learn about your species!
- Reminder that SAA voted to have clubs rotate who is in charge of the SAA sale lunch and silent auction. The list of clubs responsible this year and the duties can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/91032/SAA_Luncheon_and_Silent_Auction_Club_Rotation_Schedule.pdf

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 5/8 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. Reminder to RSVP via the Facebook page if you plan to do a presentation to fulfill a State 4-H Horse Show delegate requirement.
- June clinic will be on horsemanship! Date is tentatively June 5.

Dog Committee Corner

- Pre-Fair Dog Show is May 18! Registration information on the website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/dog_committee

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 5/6 at 7 p.m. in the PMR.
- 4-H Council scholarship requirements to attend state level 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days have been updated! Check out the new process at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/scholarships
- 4-H Council is sponsoring each club to purchase up to \$50 per club of 4-H curricula for club use! You can view prices and curricula types at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/ (scroll down to "Resources available for club use" and look under "Resource books"). Copies of each curricula are also available at the Extension office if you wish to see the curricula prior to deciding what the club would like to buy (Extension office copies are also available for check out or purchase depending on the curricula). Please contact the Extension office with which curricula your club would wish to purchase!

Fair board

Next meeting: 4/15 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

Start planning now for the Eaton County Fair!

2019 Eaton County Fair

July 8—13

Fair Theme: The County Fair—An All American Tradition

Swine Tagging

For leaders who are picking up and dropping off swine tags or taggers please remember that there are set dates and times. For more information on swine tagging, see the email sent through 4-H Online on March 26 or posted on the Eaton County 4-H Facebook page.

Ag Career Day at the Fair

Eaton County Farm Bureau is hosting an Ag Career Day at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in the afternoon of Friday, July 12, 2019. This event will be for high school aged 4-H and FFA members to expose them to the different agriculture careers in Eaton County and Michigan and will have people in the industry showcase what work they do in agriculture. The goal is to expose the youth to careers in agriculture so that they can better understand what opportunities are available to them in the industry and once they have aged out of 4-H and FFA.

Fair books

Fair book information for this year will be available online at <http://eatoncountyfair.com/pageserver/fair-book>. You can also purchase a hard copy of the fair book from the Extension office for \$5.

Deadlines

Please check your species for due dates for pen and barn space forms due to superintendents! Most are due by May 1.

Entry forms are due by May 4 to the fair office.

Entry Process *NEW for 2019*

Registration will occur through an online system, which can be found at <https://fairentry.com>.

Step-by-step process:

- Look at the fair book located at <http://eatoncountyfair.com/pageserver/fair-book>. Fair Entry does NOT have the longer descriptions or rules associated with the departments, sections, or classes. Families will need to reference the fair book to make sure they are selecting the right classes.
- Find the Eaton County Fair on <https://fairentry.com>.
- All families with ACTIVE 4-H members will be able to log in with their 4-H Online account (see help documents linked below). Families with FFA only youth will have to create a new account this year. Fair Entry will auto populate the youth who are active in 4-H Online. Families with some 4-H and some FFA youth will be able to use the same account for entries, just add exhibitors for non-4-H youth. Families who also exhibit in open class can complete their open class entries also with the same account.
- Add all entries to all exhibitors in the family before submitting. Please only create entries for classes you will exhibit in at fair.
- After submission, entries are approved by the fair. You must submit any other required paperwork (May 1 forms, pen or stall request forms and fees, camping forms and fees) to the fair office and/or superintendent as indicated on those forms or in the fair book.
- Contact the fair office with any changes prior to June 7.

Tips:

- All help documents are located at <https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217431057-Families-Resources-for-Exhibitor-Entries-updated-Sept-2018>.
- ***Keep the confirmation email!*** The system will send an email to the email address on file that confirms your entries.
- All entries will be approved by the fair. There is no online payment this year.
- In two clubs? Fair Entry defaults to the primary club. You can easily change each class entry to your second club or an FFA chapter as needed.