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4-H Family News

Eaton County



Happy New Year!

We are excited to kick off the year by getting back into regular monthly newsletters!

These newsletters will contain information about county and state-wide 4-H programming and information, so be sure to keep a lookout for the many opportunities listed!

In addition to these monthly newsletters, you can always find upcoming events on our website, and meeting dates and reminders on our Facebook page!

Upcoming Meetings:

SAA and JLA Meeting | Jan 13th | 7 PM | PMR

4-H Council | March 3rd | 7 PM | PMR

Horse Development Committee Meeting | March 12th | 6:30 PM | PMR

Dog Committee Meeting | March 19th | 6:30 PM | PMR

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

The Food Shack is Hiring for 2025 Fair!

The Food Shack is looking for one employee to join the team for the 2025 fair season. This is a paid position!

Interested? Call Carla at **517-652-9732** for more details!

Nylon Tape Fencing Available

Available for haul away: Enough nylon tape electric fence for three acres plus many fasteners and several gates.

Interested? Contact David Waymire at **517-290-3610**

It's Time to Register!

Log into 4-H Online to register
for the 2025 4-H year
www.4honline.com



2025 4-H Cash Composition Contest



Learn about credit

Answer this year's question in 300 words or less

Submit your essay by February 28, 2025

Possibly win a \$100 gift card!

Open to 9-19 year olds in Michigan



MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WINTER WEBINAR SERIES



January 15th at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler

January 29th at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay

February 5th at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly

February 18th at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus

March 12th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite

March 26th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attend the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & Expo



Join us for the 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo at the MSU Pavilion! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as to compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, educational display, showmanship, and new this year -skillathon.

Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 17. All other contest registrations are done onsite at the show.

Educational sessions will also be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at:
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy_show.

January 14: Wild Spartans – Working my dream job with Michigan Sea Grant

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, delve into the freshwaters and skies that surround as you meet Elliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant. You'll learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is youth ages 12-19. www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025

January 14: Adulting 101 – Decreasing Stress with Mindfulness

Online

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks related to finances, home, health or finding a career? Adulting 101 can help you learn real life skills to successfully transition to living independently. In this session, learn how stressors can affect physical and mental health and practice mindfulness techniques to use in everyday life.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025

January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automotive research and development

Online

Are you passionate about vehicles and ready to jump-start your career? Enjoy technology, robotics and hands-on problem solving? Join this webinar designed to provide valuable insight into the skills and certifications you need to excel in today's fast evolving automotive industry.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success

January 30: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building a Culture of Appreciation by Recognizing 4-H Volunteers and Youth

Online

Discover simple, impactful ways to celebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 16-18, in Lansing.

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on:

agriculture; civil rights; crime, law enforcement and corrections; education; energy, environment and natural resources; health and human services; and jobs and the economy.

The cost to register in 2025 is \$365, which includes most meals, materials, and lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



SAVE THE DATE – Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin returns on March 1, 2025! For nearly two decades, this has been exciting event attended by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers and families. We look forward to continuing this event in 2025 as 4-H'ers from across the state come together for a day of fun, comradery and basketball at MSU.

Make plans to join us on March 1 as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Gophers. Tickets will be available soon; visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin for more information.



Driven for the Future: Empowering Michigan's Next Auto Tech Workforce

Website:

<https://bit.ly/3ONTYI3>



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Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build crucial workforce readiness skills during this five webinar series. Skilled trade careers and apprentice experiences will be highlighted.

Any attendee who attends all five webinars (live or recorded) with submission of contact information will receive an incentive.

This program is FREE and open to all, though geared towards middle school students, high school students, and recent graduates.

January 23, 2025 at 6pm EST– Gear Up for Success through Apprenticeships in Automotive Research and Development

February 13, 2025 at 6pm EST– Ace the Interview

March 20, 2025 at 6pm EST– Rev Up Your Future: Careers in Automotive Performance and Evaluation

April 10, 2025 at 6pm EST– Drive Success with Workplace Professionalism

May 1, 2025 at 6pm EST– Engineer the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems

For more information and registration:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/driven-for-the-future/>

Sponsors:

Incentives and program are free thanks to generous support from Toyota Motor North America Research and Development

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4-H Winterfest 2025

DATE:

February 8—9, 2025

LOCATION:

Eagle Village
Hersey, MI

COST:

\$120

SOCIAL MEDIA:

[https://www.facebook.com/
profile.php?
id=100067458275560](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067458275560)



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

4-H youth 8—12 years old

DESCRIPTION:

Youth and adults who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Eagle Ville in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands on sessions.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration information will be available in early January with registration taking place through 4-H Online. The committee highly encourages youth to be enrolled in 4-H Online prior to registration opening.

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2025 MI 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

March
1-2 **MI 4-H Dairy Conference**
Michigan State University

June
28 **State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest**
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

July
14-17 **MI 4-H Dairy Days**
Michigan State University

Sept. 28- **National 4-H Dairy Conference**
Oct. 2 Madison, WI

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MICHIGAN 4-H Capitol Experience

DATES & TIMES:

March 16-18, 2025

LOCATION:

Okemos Conference Center and the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing

COST:

\$365 includes most meals, lodging, handouts, resources, and fun surprises.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships may be available in some counties. Please contact your local 4-H Program Coordinator.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

High school age youth in Michigan

DESCRIPTION:

Youth will select an issue group according to their interests, which will be led by a teen facilitator. Issue groups will provide a space for youth to meet peers from across the state while talking about their ideas and what they learned. Youth will:

- Meet elected officials
- Hear from experts in policy representing a broad range of careers
- Hear from young people who have made a difference in their communities
- Discuss hot topics and learn how a bill becomes a law in Michigan and experience a hands-on legislative simulation

HOW TO REGISTER:

Register online at

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

Registration deadline is March 1, 2025

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Event Tentative Agenda

Sunday, March 16

- 1pm Registration & Welcome
- Legislative Simulation & Government Overview
- Issues On The Line
- Issue Group Icebreakers and bill idea brainstorming and selection
- Pizza Dinner
- Refining your issue; Writing your bill

Monday, March 17

- Capitol tour
- Legislative Aide visits
- Lunch on your own
- Lobbyist visits
- Community Organization/State Agency visits
- Dinner at Brody complex
- Bill Refinement



Tuesday, March 18

- Elevator Speech
- Legislative visits, Committee meetings, watch session
- Legislative Reception
- Bill discussion and voting in both chambers
- Governor - Bill signing or veto
- Evaluation and certificates
- 6pm Adjournment

Issue Groups

Each issue group will be facilitated by a teen steering committee member supported by an MSU Extension staff person. Issue groups will serve as networking and learning groups throughout the event. Participants can choose from:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Crime, Law Enforcement, and Corrections
- Education
- Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources
- Health & Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy

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Crash Course: Credit Survival 101

Discover the secrets to mastering credit with a class that's anything but boring! From understanding credit scores to unlocking tips for smart spending, we'll break down the basics to help you build a solid financial future.

Wednesday, January 15 @ 6 pm

Or

Tuesday, February 4 @ 5:30 pm



Register Here:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/creditcrashcourse/>

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Bonus: Learn how you can win a \$100 gift card by sharing your knowledge on credit!

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