

Hi **4-H** Family,

In this email digest, I want to start by congratulating our Michigan 4-H State Award winners and delegates. Michigan 4-H State Awards are the highest honor that a 4-H member can earn. In a virtual ceremony on Wednesday, 6/24/2020, 4-Hers selected as delegates and award winners were recognized for their efforts and accomplishments. I am thrilled to share that we had two Eaton County 4-Hers recognized during the ceremony. Jael from Barn Busters was the Senior Award Winner in the Leadership and Personal Development Category. Ryleigh from Millerburg was one of the delegates selected for the STEM Category. Additionally, Savannah from Millerburg served as one of the emcees for the event. I am very proud of our 4-Hers and all that they accomplish, give them a big congratulations, they earned it!

Eaton County 4-H meetings and events:

**Please note: We are attempting to keep the Events Calendar as up to date as possible at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar.

- **NEW** Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H Virtual Showcase! Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H programs are teaming up to offer youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects virtually! Show what you've learned in your 4-H project this year and your project, from your photography, to sewing and crafts, to animal showmanship, and more! Save the date – entry registration will be due July 22! Entries will be judged and results available the week of July 27. More information will be coming soon, including classes and entry registration details.
- **Registration now open!** Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project, Mondays and Thursdays July 27-August 13, from 1pm - 2pm. The 2020 year has brought awareness, changes, challenges, and different experiences into our lives, including the impacts of novel coronavirus and protests surrounding systemic racism. The Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project creates space for youth ages 13-19 to share their stories of their experiences during this year so far through the lens of their photography. Teens will have the opportunity for self-expression through a series of photography prompts, discussion with other Eaton County youth on the photos and issues, and bring awareness to their community about the issues that are affecting them during this time. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/eatonphotovoice2020/>

Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:

- Reading Your Animal - Have you ever wanted to know what your animal is thinking? We can't communicate with animals the same way we do with

people, but we can certainly learn to understand them by observing their body language. Learn about what things to look for to know if your animal is relaxed or stressed and how you can best work with your animal. Please join Melissa Elischer, MSU Extension Animal Science Educator, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 7 pm, as she helps us learn more about how to understand and work with animals through observing their body language. You will have the chance to ask questions at the end of the webinar. This session is open to all (adults and youth), and is free. Please register through Events Management, using the link below, and then you will receive the Zoom webinar link in your email on Tuesday, June 30th. Register

here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ReadingYourAnimal/>

- 4-H Summer Movie Series - The 4-H Summer Movie Series is a virtual SPIN Club where youth ages 13-19 will watch the scheduled movie and then participate in a weekly discussion of the films curated from NETFLIX. Running from July 15 – August 19, the Summer Movie Series films present coming of age stories through a diverse range of topics and genres. While these films share the universal themes of growth and self-discovery, they were selected to present the differences and experiences that are faced by teens who live in dissimilar settings with diverse challenges. To join for free: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hsummermovieseries>
- Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp - Join us for fun filled day where you will learn how to use a variety of communication tools including social media, video, photography. Plus practice public speaking, interviewing and dining etiquette will also be featured. Program will take place on Wednesday, July 29 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spokesperson/> by July 27.

Reminders from previous email digests:

- With the recent easing of restrictions regarding public gatherings from the State of Michigan, it is an important time to remind the 4-H community that MSU Extension's guidance regarding face-to-face programming has not changed. No face-to-face MSU Extension youth events or programs may take place anywhere in the state until September 1, 2020. This applies to events and activities led by Michigan 4-H volunteers, including 4-H club meetings or in-person gatherings of any size. We welcome and encourage 4-H clubs and groups to continue meeting virtually at this time; please let us know if we can assist you in identifying options for your virtual meeting spaces.
 - A reminder of the guidance on how to operate during this time, provided in the MSU Extension FAQ and Eaton County FAQ. If you have specific questions, please let me know.

- {-Newsletter: MSU Extension and Fair FAQs 5-11-2020: 3309-}
- {-Newsletter: Eaton County 4-H and Fair FAQ 5-22-2020: 3310-}
- If you have any questions, feedback, or assistance needed in the county 4-H program, you can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/vYdEAoQzbhCLAAjr5>. As always, you are also welcome to reach out to me via email or the county Facebook page. If you have questions that are related to the Eaton County Fair (including livestock and small animal auctions), please contact fair board or the fair office. Information can be found on their website at <https://eatoncountyfair.com/>.
- Volunteers, are you planning virtual experiences for your 4-H members but would like a way to get them supplies? 4-H Council voted to use funds from the Eaton County 4-H Endowment to purchase prepaid small flat rate postage boxes so you can have supplies delivered to your 4-Hers and postage is free for you! Free postage for you to ship supplies for making slime, quilling paper, ingredients to learn cake decorating, or more to your 4-Hers to help deliver the virtual session (\$8.30 per box savings for you!). All you have to do is fill out this form <https://forms.gle/gGvrTzqCTrzejosD8> and boxes will be shipped to your house, postage paid and ready for filling with supplies! First come first serve until the allocated funds are spent.
- Reminder to volunteers: Your profiles have now been added to our new volunteer management database, Volunteer Central! You will be receiving an email from the system over the next few weeks with instructions on how to access your profile and update information. **It will be required that you complete the steps in that email prior to August 31, 2020 to remain a volunteer** so please watch for that email! Volunteers who applied in Volunteer Central (since 1/1/2020) do not need to complete anything.

Email and our county Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H/>) will continue to be the main sources of information sent out from our county office. I highly recommend making sure you have liked the Facebook page and marked "See First" and "Notifications On" under the follow settings so that you see our posts (Facebook's algorithm sometimes does not show page posts in newsfeeds, so this is the best way to ensure you will see all posts)! You can also find these update emails on our newsletter website for reference. Please follow the most recent letter posted for guidance on changes from the state and from our organization. You can find them at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_newsletter.

You may see many meetings or educational opportunities moved to video conference. The platform that MSU Extension uses is Zoom. You can join Zoom meetings from your computer or phone (via the app) using the specific links provided for the different opportunities. To download Zoom, visit <https://zoom.us/download>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me.

Thanks,

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