

*Eaton County*

# 4-H Family News

May 2019

## Attend the Michigan 4-H Agriculture Career Fair!

Whether you grew up on a farm or not, chances are there is a career opportunity waiting for you in the agriculture industry. Jobs in the agriculture field include technology, business, natural resources, plants and animals.

The 4-H Agriculture Career Fair will include an overview of career opportunities, skill building breakout sessions, and a career fair where participants will have the opportunity to network with potential current or future employers. Breakout sessions to include: networking, resume writing, and maximizing your success using REAL Colors personality assessment.

The event is on Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center in Frankenmuth. Youth ages 13—19 can attend this event for only \$10!

Register online by May 24, 2019: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/agcareers19/>

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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\*

- Intro to a Business 4-H SPIN Club, May 7—June 25, 6—8pm, PMR
- 4-H Council, 5/6, 7pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 5/6, 7pm, Kardel Hall
- Horse Development Committee, 5/8, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Cloverbud Camp Planning Committee, 5/14, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- Pre-Fair Dog Show, 5/18, Fairgrounds
- Fairboard, 5/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- Horse Development Committee Horsemanship Clinic, 6/5, Fairgrounds
- Jr Livestock Association, 6/10, 7pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 6/17, 7pm, Kardel

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

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## Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!



Until May 15, Michigan 4-H members, parents, volunteers, alumni and friends have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20K as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Do your part to help grow experiences for Michigan 4-H youth by voting for Michigan at [4-H.org/RaiseYourHand](http://4-H.org/RaiseYourHand). Even if you have previously registered, your vote still counts this year so raise your hand again to help Michigan take the lead!

Want to help further? Encourage your friends and family to raise their hands as well! Email your networks or tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experiences on social media, asking your fellow 4-H supporters for their help.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**May 4: Alcona 4-H Hot Shots Fundraiser Shoot**

*Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln*

This fun event for all ages is open to the public. Purchase rounds and win prizes in three different events: Turkey Trap Shoot, Red Bird Skeet and 2-Man Flurry—5 Stand.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/alcona-4-h-hot-shots-fundraiser-shoot>

**May 5: Ornithology**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Do wild birds fascinate you? Learn about wild bird calls, how to identify birds and get the chance to make bird feeders and build bird houses.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ornithology>

**May 14: Michigan 4-H / FFA Meats Judging Contest**

*MSU Meat Laboratory, East Lansing*

Show your ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats, individually and as a team for the chance to win a prize.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-meats-judging-contest>

**May 15: Resumes Made Easy**

*MSU Extension Office, LaPeer*

This workshop will help teens build a resume from their classes, clubs, volunteer activities and skills, even with limited paid work experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumes-made-easy>

**May 18: OCHDC Open Youth Horse Show**

*Oceana County Fairgrounds, Hart*

Prepare your horse for show season at this youth horse show open to participants age 5 to 19. Ribbons will be awarded for first to sixth place and daily high point awards.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-ochdc-open-youth-horse-show>

**May 20: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Communicating with Your Buyer**

*Lake City Christian Reformed Church, Lake City*

Participants will learn best practices when writing buyer's letters and thank you notes in an interactive session. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-communicating-with-your-buyer>

**May 28: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Preparing for Show Day**

*Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth*

Prepare yourself and your goat for fair! This hands-on session will include info on feeding, fitting and showmanship! Participants welcomed to bring their own goat to practice their skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-preparing-for-show-day>

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



### Michigan 4-H to host new summer experience: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension 4-H is excited to offer a new STEM experience for this summer: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! This 5-day residential camp brings high-school aged youth to the campus of MSU, July 7-11.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! The fun doesn't stop there: at the end of camp you'll be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

To learn more, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp). Registration information will be available soon; to receive a direct email regarding registration, please contact Christine Miller at [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu) or 517-552-6905.

### Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2019-20 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2019-2020 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative, or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that's making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program, or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

*Save the date for 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure*



Celebrate the beginning of summer with Michigan 4-H during 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure, June 8.

Michigan 4-H youth, alumni, staff and supporters are invited to wear their 4-H gear while enjoying Michigan Adventure's park and attractions. Tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$26 per person; as an additional option, you may purchase a 4-H Day meal for \$7.

Reservations are required. Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-michigan-s-adventure>.



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

### **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!

### **Cloverbud Camp Planning Committee**

We are in need of teens and a few adult volunteers that would like to help plan this year’s 4-H Cloverbud Camp (camp is likely to occur in August)! The first planning committee meeting is on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30pm at the Extension office. All who want to help plan camp are welcome! This is a great leadership opportunity for teens and to gain event planning experience. This meeting will go over selecting the camp theme, date, and start planning camp details. Stay tuned for event details to come in June!

### **Healthy living SPIN Club—Coming Soon!**

Are you interested in healthy living and physical activity? How about learning how to make healthy snacks? You won’t want to miss this short-term (SPIN) club! Tentatively will be from May 22 until June 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Delta Township, for youth ages 8 to 14. If you are interested in getting more information, please email Kaitlyn Rau at [raukaitl@msu.edu](mailto:raukaitl@msu.edu) or call the office at 517-543-2310.

### **Club Resources**

This time of year is busy for clubs and projects, preparing for summer activities! If you are looking for educational and hands-on activities to use in your club, don’t forget about the resources available at the office that you can check out for free! These include:

- Learning Lab kits for beef, sheep, swine, horse, dog, goat, poultry, and rabbit species. These are in demand! Please call ahead to make sure the species you want is available.
- Animal Science Lesson Kit—includes hands-on activities and supplies for teaching general animal science using select Animal Science Anywhere activities! Some supplies (like cardboard) may not be included in the kit.
- Silhouette Cameo—Perfect to cut out shapes for barn and club displays! Must bring own paper (12x12) to use. Please visit during office hours or contact Kristy to set up an alternative time.
- Handouts, guides, and activity books—please come browse our selection in a wide variety of project areas!

### Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 9/5 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend.
- Be on the lookout for more information about the following exciting things coming soon: SAA T-shirts, photo fundraisers at fair, and a fun trivia night fundraiser in June (start getting your group ready!)
- Save the Date: Toledo Zoo Trip on June 27! Watch email for more information; space will be limited on a first come, first serve basis once the registration form is available. Limited to youth in small animal projects, 4-H age 12 and older.
- 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/91032/SAA_Luncheon_and_Silent_Auction_Club_Rotation_Schedule.pdf)

### 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](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/](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!

### 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.
- SAVE THE DATE: June clinic is on June 5 at the fairgrounds and will be on horsemanship!

### 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/dog_committee)

### Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 6/10 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. The buyer mailing will be stuffed starting at 6:30 p.m.. Please arrive early to help, many hands make this a quick job!

### Fair board

Next meeting: 5/6 and 5/20 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

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## Dairy Feeder Tagging

Reminder that dairy feeders need to be tagged and forms sent to the superintendent by May 13! Tags and forms can be picked up from the Extension office during office hours.

## 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.

## 2019 Eaton County Fair

July 8—13

**Fair Theme:** The County Fair—An All American Tradition

### 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

- Any changes to fair entries are due by June 7. If you need to change an entry, please contact the fair office at 517-543-4510.
- Non-livestock auction forms are due to the fair office by June 10.
- Open Class entries are due by June 10. If you have submitted open class entries via Fair Entry, don't forget to pay for the entry fee at the fair office!

**Website for JLA & SAA Sale buyers:** [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/jla\\_saa\\_sale\\_buyer\\_page](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/jla_saa_sale_buyer_page)

### Jr Livestock Association Sale

Thursday, July 11

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_associations\\_and\\_committees/junior\\_livestock\\_association](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/junior_livestock_association)

- Please make sure to review the updated JLA Bylaws, which include updates to sale rules, and the Frequently Asked Questions document! You can also find forms such as the buyer's brochure, premium, and proxy forms.
- Buyer's passes are available at the Extension office.
- HELP NEEDED! The back office shifts for the sale are available on the website via SignUp Genius. As a reminder, youth who work a sale shift (or a representative for the youth) and sign in on sale day will receive their check one week earlier than those who do not help.

### Small Animal Association Sale

Saturday, July 13

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_associations\\_and\\_committees/small\\_animal\\_association](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/small_animal_association)

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