



Eaton County

4-H Family News

October 2019

Welcome Rachel Ochylski!

There is a new face around the 4-H office! Rachel Ochylski will be serving as a 4-H STEAM Corps AmeriCorps member with our 4-H program through August 2020. Rachel holds a Master of Science in Integrated Bioscience from Northern Michigan University. In 2017, she received congressional recognition for her work developing horticultural therapy programs for veterans in her community. She has also worked as an afterschool educator and summer camp coordinator in the Lansing area for the past 2 years. She also owns a vegetable farm in Eaton Rapids.

Rachel is passionate about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education. She will be helping expand our 4-H SPIN club programs to area schools and community partners, so be on the lookout for more programs in upcoming months! Please give her a warm welcome if you see her at meetings or 4-H events. If you wish to contact Rachel, you can email her at ochylski@msu.edu.

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

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

- 4-H Council, 10/7, 7pm, PMR; Expansion & Review at 6pm
- Jr Livestock Association, 10/14, 7pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 10/21, 7pm, Kardel
- Fashion Venue Committee, 10/22, 6:30pm, Extension office
- Extension Office CLOSED—11/11
- 4-H Council, 11/11, 7pm, PMR
- Dog Committee, 10/13, 6:30pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 11/14, 7pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 9/18, 7pm, Kardel
- Extension Office CLOSED—11/28 and 11/29

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

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4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

Frugthaven Farm, Greenville

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

October 19: Teen "Chopped" Competition

Harrison City Market, Harrison

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

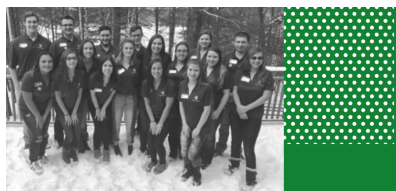
October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-1>

For more 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
now accepting applications

Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of Michigan 4-H Youth Development. In 2015, the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

Applications are now available for the 2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.**

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.



From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly Squat Resources



The "Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching_science_when_you_dont_know_diddly_squat_series.

Shooting Sports Informational Meeting

Are you interested in participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports club this year? You won't want to miss the informational meeting on 12/7 at 10 a.m. at Kardel Hall. The meeting will go over sign-up information, schedule, and more!

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign

Help support our county program at the Tractor Supply Company stores in Charlotte and Delta Township from October 9—20, 2019! Every fall and spring, 4-H joins forces with Tractor Supply Company to hold the Paper Clover Campaign, where individuals can purchase a \$1 (or more) paper clover at check out at local TSC stores to support the 4-H program. Local 4-H programs receive 70% of the funds raised at local stores and 30% goes directly to support 4-H at the state and national level. These funds supported a total of \$2,810 for opportunities in Eaton County during the 2018-2019 program year. Funds supported the 4-H participation fee scholarship for 30 individual youth and 8 families in the 2018-2019 year, double the support provided in the previous year, and youth who attended 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Creative Arts Workshop, 4-H Capitol Experience, and the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit. We need your help to continue to offer these great opportunities for youth! The 2018-2019 campaigns raised \$1,534.30, which fell short of our needs for last year. You can help by sharing information about the campaign, helping your club by hosting a booth at either TSC stores and talking to the public about 4-H, and purchasing a clover at either of these stores!

Eaton County Fair 4-H & FFA Fall Bonfire & Hayride

The fairboard is again sponsoring a bonfire and hayride for all 4-H and FFA youth and their families that show at the Eaton County Fair! The event is Saturday, October 19, starting at 6:00 p.m. Hotdogs, popcorn, donuts, candy, and refreshments will be provided. Parking and the bonfire will be in the campground at the fairgrounds. Hayride will begin at dusk. Come out and enjoy one last bonfire before winter with all of your fair friends! For more information, view the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/440801956786158/>.

County Awards Banquet

Tickets will be available starting October 9 for this year's county awards banquet! The 4-H Participation Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 2 at Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds, doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy an evening of food, entertainment and celebration as awards will be given for youth and volunteers. This year there is a 1950s theme and prizes for best dressed to the theme! Those receiving awards and recognition will receive a post card invite in the mail (mailed on 10/9/19); however all are welcome to attend including family and friends. Tickets for this event are free for award recipients and \$5/person for all others and can be purchased from the Extension office through October 25.

Delta Wild 4-H SPIN Club

Interested in learning more about wildlife? Join the Delta Wild 4-H SPIN Club Fall series on Thursdays, October 24—December 5 (no meeting on 11/28) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library! Youth will learn about the wildlife in Delta Township, experience hands-on science activities and motion cameras to study wildlife, and learn from undergraduate and graduate students at MSU! If you are already a 4-H member, this club is FREE to join, and just \$20 to join 4-H! Sign up online at <https://mi.4honline.com> and choose Eaton County and the "SPIN Club Delta Wild 4-H Fall 2019" or RSVP your spot by calling 517-543-2310 or emailing msue.eaton@county.msu.edu and we will assist you with registering online the first day of the club.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 10/14 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will include a continuation of the ideas discussed at the August meeting.
- Reminder to pick up your sale check if you haven't yet! Checks not picked up by November 1 will be donated back to the appropriate association.

Fashion Venue Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 10/22 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. This meeting will discuss ideas and plans for our 4-H fashion show event for this coming year. If you are involved in clothing/textile and related project areas, please attend and share your thoughts!

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 11/11 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will include voting on fair themes (each club can send one volunteer and one youth representative to vote). You can find the fair theme submissions at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_fair
- 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!

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 11/13 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. All those in the dog project area are encouraged to attend.

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 11/14 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend.

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 12/11 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will include a discussion of the State 4-H Horse Show delegate selection process.
- State 4-H Horse Show Delegate Selection Process has been updated! Find the new process online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/horse_development_committee

Fair board

Next meeting: 10/21 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. Eaton County Agricultural Society members conduct elections for fair board term positions.