

Hi **4-H** Family,

The Eaton County MSU Extension office is now open on a limited basis! Please give a warm welcome to Sara Corr, our new office manager. Sara joined our staff on July 13th, taking on a similar role formerly held by Anne Pease. Sara graduated from MSU in 2018 with a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability with minors in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems and another minor in Geographic Information Sciences. She is currently working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and she looks forward to working with and getting to know you! While the majority of our staff, including myself, remain working from home due to MSU's guidelines, Sara will be available in the office to speak to by phone or appointments only (masks required for in-person visits), Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 8am - 4pm. Please call ahead and make an appointment if you need to stop by the office.

## **Position available!**

Would you want to coordinate youth programming? We are looking for an AmeriCorps Service Member to serve as the full time 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator from October 2020-August 2021! The 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator would plan and organize 4-H SPIN (special interest) clubs that focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math topics, engaging new youth and volunteers in 4-H programs. AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and an education award upon successful completion of service. Full position description can be found at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/uploads/files/4-H\\_STEAM\\_Corps\\_Position\\_Description\\_FT.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/uploads/files/4-H_STEAM_Corps_Position_Description_FT.pdf) Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Kristy Oosterhouse, Eaton County 4-H Program Coordinator, at [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu) by August 10, 2020 (extension of original deadline).

## **Eaton County 4-H meetings and events:**

Eaton County 4-H Events

Calendar: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_events\\_calendar](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar).

- **4-H Council meeting**

Monday, August 3, 7pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/94730978078> Passcode: council

This meeting will discuss the t-shirt fundraiser and county award selection and banquet. *Don't forget to submit your t-shirt designs before this meeting for the t-shirt design contest!* Designs can be submitted to [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu).

- **T-shirt contest reminder**

Reminder to submit your t-shirt design submissions for the contest to create the next Eaton County 4-H t-shirt! Designs should include the phrase "Eaton County 4-H" on the shirt and the clover logo (email me if you need a transparent white version of the logo). Designs must be able to be screen printed in one color. Designs can be for the front side, back side, or both! Designs can be emailed to [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu) and will be considered during the August 4-H Council meeting.

- **Eaton County 4-H Activity Kits - Coming soon!**

Are you interested in hands-on activities you can do by yourself? Volunteers - are you looking for project ideas for August meetings? Stay tuned - activity kits will be available soon! The activity kits will be available to order for \$5/kit, including shipping to your home, and come with activity directions and most supplies needed for the activities (supplies not provided are easy to obtain items like scissors). There will be three types of kits available with multiple activities per kit - STEM, Animal Science, and Crafts. Stay tuned for future emails regarding these kits and how to order! Funding for the kits is provided by the Eaton County 4-H Endowment.

- **4-H Junior Livestock Association meeting**

Monday, August 10, 7pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98243192082> Passcode: jla

JLA will be holding their regular August meeting to discuss any potential changes or ideas for this upcoming program year.

- **Results Now Available: 2020 Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County Virtual Showcase**

Congratulations to all the exhibitors who participated in the 2020 Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren Virtual Showcase! Everyone did a great job with their projects and exploring a new experience in showcasing your efforts and learning over this past year. We hope you continue to explore your projects and expand your knowledge! To view the results of the virtual showcase, go to <https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/14801>

## **Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:**

- **Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase** - MSU Extension is excited to partner with the Michigan State Fair to launch an exciting new program for Michigan youth. This statewide showcase will provide a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5 - 19 are encouraged to participate. Registration will be open soon; once open,

registration will be available until August 23. There is no cost to participate and youth can enter as many classes as they wish. Winners will be announced during the Michigan State Fair, September 3 - 7. More information about the virtual state showcase can be found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/index>

- **Extension Extra Enrichment Kits** - These kits feature 5-6 early childhood activities with a focused learning goal, a supply list, suggested children's books, and more. The first kit focused on social emotional health is now available for FREE download at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/early\\_childhood\\_development/family-engagement/Extension-Extras/Enrichment-Kits/index](https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/family-engagement/Extension-Extras/Enrichment-Kits/index)
- **Achievement Day 4-H Open Horse Show** - The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee would like to invite you to join their virtual Achievement Day 4-H Open Horse Show! Registration begins August 1 and entries must be submitted by 11:59pm August 15. Please visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/AchievementDay/> for the show bill and to register. Contact Emily Hoover [hooverem@msu.edu](mailto:hooverem@msu.edu) for more information.

## **Reminders from previous email digests:**

- Reminder to volunteers: Your profiles have now been added to our new volunteer management database, Volunteer Central and you should have received an email about how to access your profile. **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.

## **Stay Connected!**

- Make sure to follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H/> and Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/eatoncounty4h/>
- 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_newsletter).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks,

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