

# **4-H Family News**

## **Montcalm County**

**MAY 2023** 



### Happy Spring 4-H Families and Volunteers,

We have a lot going on these next two months before fair and I want to make sure everyone gets all the information they need to be successful.

If there are any male gold level volunteers that would like to assist in chaperoning for Exploration Days at MSU, please reach out to me ASAP. It will be free for you to go!

Committee specific notes are on pages 2 and 3, followed by County 4-H news and events on pages 4 and 5. To see what's happening at MSU throughout the State, see pages 6 and 7. Follow us on FB for more updates throughout the month (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H">https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H</a>) or (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MSUExtensionMontcalm">https://www.facebook.com/MSUExtensionMontcalm</a>).

If you're using Zoom for meetings, take note of the changed meeting ID's below.

Sincerely, Sunni Haglund 4-H Program Coordinator

#### 4-H Committee Meeting times & locations

4-H Council | 1st Tuesday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | MSUE office & via zoom (https://msu.zoom.us/j/95340301576 passcode: Council)

4-H Dog Committee | 1st Thursday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (https://msu.zoom.us/j/92086229811 passcode: 4Hdog)

4-H Horse Leaders | 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151 passcode: Horse)

**4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC)** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298 passcode: 4HCCC)

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

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## **Committee News**

# Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Club (Fair Livestock Committee) (https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634532730117422)

Tag in for Market Goats, Market Sheep and Market Feeders - May 3 - 6 to 8 p.m. All market forms are due at the end of this tag in.

Breeding and Non-Market Forms - Due at May 22nd Small Animal or MCFAAC meeting.

Work Dates for Livestock Areas:

June 9th 6 to 8 p.m.

June 11th - 6 to 8 p.m.

Buyer letters will be going out on May 23rd to all bidders and buyers that attended last year's auction.

Showorks will open around May 15th and close on May 31st. Watch for an e-mail about this in early May.

## **Youth Livestock Committee**

Asking for all hands on deck for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May Youth Livestock meeting at 6:30pm at the Ash building. We will be putting together the buyers' letters to mail out the next day and are strongly requesting as much help as we can get. If you're showing anything market, we'd love to see you there.

## Horse Committee (https://www.facebook.com/groups/623810004403480)

There is a county-wide horse practice on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the horse arena, from 6-8pm, with a Horse Committee meeting in that time-frame. Record books are due the same day.

## **Shooting Sports Update**

Shootin and Showin is hosting archery practice at the Central Michigan Sportsmans Club just East of Stanton. The upcoming days are April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.



## **Committee News**

## Community Connections (https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492)

The Montcalm County 4-H Community Connections Committee is hosting Line Dance Lessons with Lia on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Ash Building. \$5/person or \$20/family, with concessions provided by Wesco of Belding.

Shoebox float projects are changing to family submissions this year. Judging will take place on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June after the still exhibit judging.

What community service projects has your club done? Send a roll-up or a little blurb to Sunni at <a href="https://magun10@msu.edu">haglun10@msu.edu</a> by the 15th of May. We'll be putting together club streamer supplies and mailing them to the clubs that participate, to put on our spirit stick before opening ceremonies! Sunni will also showcase the clubs that participate on social media and in our June newsletter!

## **Marketing / Fundraising Committee**

Committee recently sent out a letter to the community asking for donations in general for the Fair Association for Reading for Rides and Special Needs Day. If you know of any business that may be interested, please reach out to them or pass their information along to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu.

## Dog Committee (https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492)

The Rebel Clovers 4-H Club is hosting dog practices at the fairgrounds starting at 6:30pm. The practices will take place every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (on top of the County-Wide dog practice every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. The 1<sup>st</sup> week of every month, the practice day will be posted on the Montcalm County 4-H Dog Group Facebook page. Montcalm Friends -N- Critters is also hosting open dog practice every Tuesday at 6:30 in Stanton (weather permitting). For more information, please call Amanda Moran at 989-287-0979.



## **COUNTY 4-H NEWS**

### **Pre-College Programs 4-H SPIN Club**

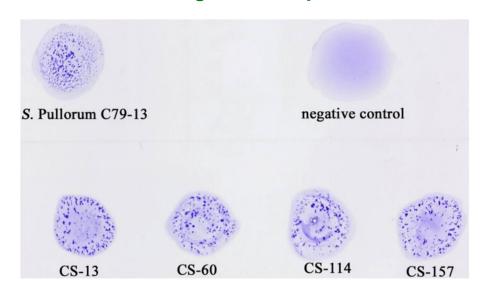


MSU-Extension has been working on finding ways to prepare young people for 4-H Pre-College programs. Our goal is to help young people get the most out of their 4-H experience and fill their toolbox for the future. Two of our Extension Educators have created a resource called "Introduction to Pre-College Programs 4-H SPIN Club Guide." They are looking for youth to pilot it starting this spring. The pilot will run through the fall to allow you to choose the time frame that works best for individual participants.

This guide provides information on all the 4-H pre-college programs we offer, and each week is structured to introduce a step that helps in preparation for the program of their choice.

We understand that some of these programs will come and go, and we will keep adjusting it as time goes on. The guide is easy to follow and does not require in-depth knowledge of each program to be able to use it in a meaningful way. It encourages youth to work in small groups or independently to learn and mentally/ emotionally prepare for a great opportunity. Please contact Sunni Haglund @haglun10@msu.edu for more information.

## **Pullorum Testing Workshop**



We are hosting a pullorum testing workshop at the Double K Farms in Cedar Springs on May 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3pm.

For more information, please email Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu.





## **COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

•	Goat Show	Date: 04/29/2023
•	Fairboard meets	Date: 05/01/2023
•	4-H Advisory Council meets	Date: 05/02/2023
•	Tagging day for market goats, sheep and feeders	Date: 05/03/2023
•	Dog Committee meets	Date: 05/04/2023
•	Horse Leaders meet	Date: 05/10/2023
•	County Wide Dog Practice	Date: 05/11/2023
•	Line Dancing with Lia	Date: 05/11/2023
•	Pullorum Testing Workshop	Date: 05/13/2023
•	4-H CCC meets	Date: 05/15/2023
•	Small Animal Committee meets	Date: 05/22/2023
•	4-H Youth Livestock meets	Date: 05/22/2023
•	MCFAAC (Fair Livestock) meets	Date: 05/22/2023
•	Non-Market and Breed forms due	Date: 05/22/2023

Times and locations for each 4-H committee meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

# Don't forget to visit the new Montcalm County Fairgrounds webpage

https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/.



#### **Other Services Offered:**

# MSUE Master Gardener Hotline:

1-888-678-3464

The hotline is open weekdays between 9-noon and 1 – 4 p.m.

Select option "1" to speak directly with a gardening expert.

#### Ask an Expert:

Ask Extension offers one-to-one answers from MSU Extension experts and **Extension Master** Gardener volunteers on topics such as lawns, gardening, agriculture, nutrition and physical activity, food safety, food preservation, natural resources. community development, youth programming and more!

#### Ask here:

https://www.canr.msu .edu/outreach/askan-expert



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# **STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS**

#### Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 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 is 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 \$500. 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 outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

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

### Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

#### **Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation**

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

#### **Considerations as You Bring Animals Home**

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading**. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingle them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.



## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup!
Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at
Coldwater 4-H Camp in
Weidman for the 4-H
Overnight Canine Camp.
Sessions will include
showmanship, obedience,
rally, agility, scent work,
grooming and therapy dog.
Additional activities will be
leash making, dog skill-a-thon,
dress up dog parade,
demonstrations, crafts and
s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/mic higan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

## May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) DPFLI. Detroit

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family! www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

#### May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program

Lake Lansing, Haslett

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

#### May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

### May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

#### June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

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Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22**.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

#### June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





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# Montcalm County 4-H Educational and Fun Goat Show



April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Montcalm County Fairgrounds
Open to all Michigan youth and the public!

Check-in begins at 9 am

Show starts at 9:30 am

Registration Fees (collected at time of check-in): \$10 per goat / \$5 for showmanship

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn 8784 Peck Road, Greenville, MI 48838

Hosted by The Whispering Pine Farm Kids 4-H Club

Registrations due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Please contact MSU-E Program Coordinator for registration at haglun10@msu.edu or (989) 831-7514



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#### Classes

#### Showmanship

- Cloverbud (5-7 years)
- Juniors (8-11 years)
- Intermediate (12-15 years)
- Senior (15-19 years)
- Adult (20 + years)

#### Dairy Breed

- Milking does
- Never freshened does
- · Dry does

#### Meat Breed

- Milking does
- Never freshened does
- · Dry does

#### Mixed Breed

- Milking does
- · Never freshened does
- Dry does

Dam and Kid (any gender kid)

Wether (split between dairy and meat)

#### Buck

 All age – goats need not be body clipped

#### Trai

 Classes may be added with sufficient number of entries.

After the show, enjoy a market and fiber hands-on education class and a goat cart demonstration.











\$5/PERSON | \$20/FAMILY

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FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN

MONTCALM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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6:30PM - 8:30PM

HOSTED BY : MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

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## **TIGERS** vs. MARINERS

Saturday, May 13th • 1:10 PM

#### **ABOUT**

Join Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13!

Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate; 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.



Tickets can be ordered at https://fevo.me/mi4h2023

**PACKAGES** 

4-H Ticket - \$18

Call Walker Cooper at 313.471.7337 or email Walker.Cooper@Tigers.com
To reserve your spot today!



## MSU-EXTENSION 4-H PRESENTS:

HOW TO TEST YOUR CHICKEN

# PULLORUM TESTING WORKSHOP

JOIN US FOR FREE TRAINING DO NOT BRING YOUR CHICKENS LEARN ABOUT PULLORUM TESTING

LEARN HOW TO DO HEALTH CHECKS

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH NOON-3PM

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CEDAR SPRINGS

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# **Agility Workshop**

Saturday, June 17, 2023

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (beginners) 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (advanced)

#### **LOCATION:**

Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club 7540 S. Mission Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

#### COST:

\$35/person (does not include lunch)

Open to youth ages 8-19 as of Jan. 1, 2023.

This clinic is off lead only, dog must be able to come when called.

Proof of vaccination must be sent in. Vaccinations must be obtained no later than June 1st. Email to schrei61@msu.edu or fax to (989) 773-1622.

Space is limited, register early!



#### **REGISTER:**

https://events.anr.msu.edu/AgilityJune2023/

#### **Contact:**

Kristi Schreiber at (989) 317-4079 or schrei61@msu.edu





## **Notes From LCCE:**

#### Leadership, Civic and Cultural Engagement Work Team Updates:

#### Keep Connected:

MI 4-H Leadership, Civic and Cultural Engagement Programs Facebook Page Email: 4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu

#### Upcoming Events:

- 4-H Advisory Groups:
  - Offering an introduction to 4-H Advisory groups webinar May 3 at 3 p.m. Eastern https://msu.zoom.us/i/93059456752
  - Also starting to hold office hours during the first hour of our team meetings, monthly, third Thursday at 10 a.m. Eastern <a href="https://msu.zoom.us/j/93059456752">https://msu.zoom.us/j/93059456752</a>
- National 4-H Conference: Michigan not sending a delegation this year, due to conflict with CYI Spring Conference and not enough staff capacity.
- National 4-H Washington D.C. Trips Moving Forward: Supporting delegations to attend CWF on odd years and National 4-H Conference on even years. Will not be sending a Michigan delegation to CWF in 2024.
- State Youth Leadership Council: We're adjusting our application/selection timeline to align with the 4-H
  program year instead of the calendar year. Applications will be open June 1- July 15. Interviews and selection
  will take place in July and August, with the new cohort serving a two-year term starting September 1, with
  overnight training taking place in the fall.
- 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
  - When: June 24-30, 2023
  - We have 19 youth attending from across the state. Registration is closed for the 2023 program.
  - Contact: <u>Liana Pepin</u>
- National 4-H Congress: Atlanta, Georgia, November 24-28. Reservation requests are likely to come out in May.

#### Other LCCE Projects in Process:

- Interstate Exchanges- A rewrite of the interstate exchange guidebook is underway, and will be a helpful
  resource for clubs/groups planning interstate exchanges in 2023. "Draft" guidebook for Extension Staff in final
  process. MOU fillable document is complete and ready for use.
- International Exchanges Contact: <u>Jan Brinn</u> or <u>John Wurm</u>
  - 2023 Summer Inbound 2023 Summer Inbound information sent to all CYI with 12 Japanese youth and one Chaperone arriving this summer. A host family needs to complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process. Applications to host can be found at <a href="https://www.states4hexchange.org">www.states4hexchange.org</a>.
    - Host families will receive as a gift of appreciation an eat2explore Japanese kit as well as County Local Coordinators!
  - 2023 IFYE Will be accepting applications to travel 2023 ages 18 and older <a href="https://ifyeusa.org/">https://ifyeusa.org/</a>. Apply online to host or check out the MSU Extension News article Posted 5/3/2022 "Do you want to visit another country? Consider the IFYE Exchange!"
     <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/ifye\_an\_international\_exchange\_experience.">https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/ifye\_an\_international\_exchange\_experience.</a>
- Visual Letter Art Exchange's and Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China 2023 MOU available for all pilot programs. Contact: <u>Jan Brinn</u>
  - China Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China China kits still available with a "new" potential partner in process.
  - New Kentucky 4-H and Argentina 4-H with Michigan
  - New Taiwan, Canada, Poland with Michigan
  - Very New Benin and Uganda
  - Moving forward Alaska and Japan
  - Exploring Finland, Brazil, South Korea, Spain (Antrim) and New Guinea (Kalamazoo) Contact Jan Brinn if interested in doing a "Pilot Visual Letter Art Exchange" for 2023.



# **Notes From LCCE:**

 Grab-N-Go "Crafts Around the World" 2023 "new" to add to the series in process and need pilot locations for Scandinavian, Italian Crafts and potentially 3 others (Turkey, India, China). Contact: <u>Jan Brinn</u>

#### Trainings Available to Schedule with LCCE:

- Officer training
- Parliamentary procedure
- Youth voice
- Youth-adult partnerships
- Public speaking
- Youth Mental Health First Aid (for adults who work with youth)
- Teen Mental Health First Aid (for youth to support their peers)
- Coming Together for Racial Understanding
- goLEAD: Leadership Development and Training Program, includes community service
- Communication skills
- Conflict resolution
- Real Colors Personality Instrument
- If you have a need not listed, please reach out to the LCCE team so we can work on what you need.
  - Contact: 4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu

#### Ready to use Resources:

- Grab-N-Go "Crafts Around the World" MSU Extension 4-H Resource web page: <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/global\_cultural\_education/resources">https://www.canr.msu.edu/global\_cultural\_education/resources</a>
  - o Contact: Jan Brinn
- 4-H Advisory Group Support: Resources to support existing and new 4-H Advisory Groups.
- <u>Philanthropy Service Education</u>: Partnership with Learning To Give resources to videos and lessons