

*Montcalm County*

# 4-H Family News

1/3/2022

## Dear 4-H Families,

Happy new year! I hope you all had a chance to recharge and refresh during the holiday season. I am grateful for all the amazing volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to support our 4-H program. Please find the January committee meeting details below. As a reminder, these meetings are open to all and are currently welcoming new members. Attending committee meetings is a great way to reconnect with the program and have your voice heard! Please feel free to call the office or email me with any questions, comments or concerns. Sincerely, Rachel

### January Committee Meetings

1/4/2022: 6:30 PM 4-H Advisory Council Meeting at the MSUE office (masks required) or via zoom\*. Open to all regardless of project area! Every club is encouraged to send at least 1 volunteer and 1 youth to every Council meeting.

1/6/2022: 6:30 PM 4-H Dog Leaders Committee Meeting in the Ash Building at the Fairgrounds or via zoom\*. Open to all 4-H members and volunteers with an interest in the dog project area.

1/11/2022: 7:00 PM 4-H Horse Leaders Committee Meeting in the Ash Building at the Fairgrounds or via zoom\*. Open to all 4-H members and volunteers with an interest in the horse project area.

1/17/2022: 7:15 PM 4-H Community Connections Committee (CCC) Meeting via zoom\*. Open to all 4-H members and volunteers interested in building connections between Montcalm 4-H, the community, and the fair board.

1/24/2022: 6:00 PM 4-H Small Animal Committee Meeting in the Ash Building at the Fairgrounds or via zoom\*. Open to all 4-H members and volunteers with an interest in the small animal project area.

6:30 PM 4-H Youth Livestock Committee Meeting in the Ash Building at the Fairgrounds or via zoom\*. Open to all 4-H members with an interest in the livestock project area.

\*Zoom links and passwords will be available upon request

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## Community Service Opportunity

### Valentine's Donations for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

The 4-H CCC is asking 4-H members to make a Valentine's Day card and collect new coloring books, crayons, and new children's books for patients at the Helen DeVos children's hospital. Contributions can be dropped off at the Extension office, the drop box at Tammi's Tax Service, or the drop box at the Ash Building. The deadline is February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Email or call Rachel for more info.

Addresses for the drop off locations are:

Montcalm MSU Extension, 211 W. Main St., Stanton, MI 48888

Tammi's Tax Service, 9343 W Belding Rd, Belding, MI 48809

Ash Building, Montcalm County Fairgrounds, 8784 Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

*Weather reminder:* With the winter season, just a reminder that when the Central Montcalm Public Schools are closed for weather-related reasons, countywide 4-H in-person meetings are also canceled. If this occurs, the board for the group meeting that day will determine whether to cancel the meeting altogether or move the meeting to Zoom and notification will be sent via 4-H Online to those enrolled in the project areas for the group and posted on the county Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H>

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience) for more information.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 4: Cross Country Skiing

*Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon*

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

### January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

### January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

*Zoom Webinar*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

### January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

*Class locations will be announced one week before each class. 1*

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

### January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

*Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing*

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

### January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

*Online*

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### January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

*MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing*

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

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

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### Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!**

**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H**



Feb. 27, 2022

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### Resolve to have a great 4-H year

*Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension*

*Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.*

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.



Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).