



*Montcalm County*

# 4-H Family News

11/3/2021

## Dear 4-H families,

Thank you for welcoming me to your county! I'm looking forward to working together to grow our program, offer unique opportunities for youth, and make the best better! Wishing you all a fantastic November! - Rachel

### Committee Meeting Reminders

Can't make it in person? Contact Rachel for a zoom link to join remotely!

**4-H Advisory Council meeting** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 p.m. –MSUE conference room

**4-H Dog Committee meeting** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month @ 6:30 p.m. – Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds

**4-H Horse Leaders meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7:00 p.m. – Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds

**4-H Small Animal Committee** – TBD, contact Rachel for more info

**4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month @ 7:15 p.m. –MSUE conference room

**4-H Youth Livestock meeting** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6:00 p.m. – Ash Building

^^^ All 4-H youth are invited to join the livestock meeting on 11/22 ^^^

This will be a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn about officer roles, and more!

## Fall Awards Banquet: Sunday, November 7th at 2pm Ash Building, Fairgrounds

Join us in recognizing our outstanding 4-H members & volunteers! Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

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**Fair Theme 2022 & Project Animal Weigh In/Tag In Info**

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## Enrollment Reminder

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### Reminder: Enroll now for the 2021-2022 4-H Year!

Are you interested in joining 4-H this year, as a youth or volunteer? Make sure you complete your enrollment or re-enrollment! If you have any questions or experience any issues with enrolling, please contact the Extension office at (989) 831-7500 or email [ochylski@msu.edu](mailto:ochylski@msu.edu)

- **Youth Enrollment:** Each year, youth who wish to join 4-H must enroll or re-enroll in our 4-H Online database.

Enrolling in 4-H is now FREE (no participation fees)! Clubs and some experiences may still charge a club due, or fees for supplies or registration.

The link to 4-H Online2.0 and help documents on the enrollment and re-enrollment process can be found at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment)

- **Volunteer Enrollment:** All returning volunteers must complete both of these steps (deadline dates are different for everyone! Check step 1 for your date). If you are new and wish to apply as a volunteer, please apply at [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home).

**Step 1:** All volunteers, both Gold and Silver level, must complete their annual compliance in Volunteer Central. You will receive an email from the system when your annual compliance is due at 30 days before, 15, 8, and 1 day before due date; this date is different for everybody based on when you completed the check last year. This email will have instructions to complete the check. Please complete the check when you receive the emails (if you do not complete the check within your due date window, you will have to reapply to be a volunteer). If you are unsure if you are receiving system emails, you can check your due date at any time by logging into Volunteer Central and viewing the exp. date by the "Acknowledgements and Background checks" line on your annual dashboard.

**Step 2:** Gold level volunteers must also submit their re-enrollment in 4-H Online. You may log in and complete this any time (this should be submitted as soon as you wish to begin volunteering for the year). Silver volunteers do not enroll in 4-H Online. You will receive an email when your profile has been approved. The link to 4-H Online and help tutorials can be found at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment)

If you wish to resign from volunteering, please also reach out so that we can record that in the system. Thank you for your dedication to volunteering with the 4-H program.

### Extension Office Hours Reminder

The Montcalm County MSU Extension office is open on Mondays - Fridays from 8:15am - 4pm, closed from noon - 1pm. Please note that the office may be occasionally closed due to availability of staff. It is recommended to call ahead to set up an appointment by calling 989-831-7500. If you need to meet with Rachel, please email [ochylski@msu.edu](mailto:ochylski@msu.edu) or call the office to set up an appointment. As a reminder, there is a dropbox on the East side of the building that can be used for forms or other paperwork when the office is closed.

### Save the date for the Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt!



Share what you are up to this fall and learn about our program with the 4-H Fall Goosechase Game! During this fall-themed photo scavenger hunt, Montcalm youth and families can earn prizes for completing missions. New missions will be released every weekday morning and prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. Prizes include 4-H sunglasses, decal stickers, and fidget spinners!

Who: Montcalm County Youth and Families

What: Fall themed photo scavenger hunt via the Goosechase App

When: November 8 – November 22. New missions will be released at 9 am on weekday mornings. The game will end on November 22.

Cost: FREE

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4-HFallFun> or email Rachel at [Ochylski@msu.edu](mailto:Ochylski@msu.edu)

### **Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday**

On Nov. 30, Michigan 4-H is once again participating in the global day of giving, Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Giving Tuesday by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth. All funds raised will support county 4-H endowments.

County 4-H endowments are funds created by gifts from one or more donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. These endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs, where the principal amount remains intact and the investment income supports annual needs for a county 4-H program.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GivingTuesday on your social media channels. Learn more about Giving Tuesday at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday>.

## **4-H Events and Workshops**

### **November 6: A Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute**

*Frankenmuth, Grand Rapids, Harrison, Jackson, Marquette and, Novi*

A statewide leadership training for youth ages 12-19. Youth will participate in face-to-face experiences at six sites across the state. The agenda includes team building, leadership training, and a panel discussion with four incredible young leaders.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-grand-rapids>

### **November 6: Syrian Virtual Culture Experience**

*Zoom Webinar*

This international virtual learning opportunity will showcase the Syrian culture through language, a craft, food and dance. It is an interactive, cultural experience, which is geared for everyone age 8 and above.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/syrian-virtual-culture-experience>

### **November 9: Banking Basics**

*Zoom Webinar*

How are you keeping your money safe? It is important to research and evaluate financial institutions (banks and credit unions) and make the best choice for your financial future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-9>

### **November 14: Officer Roles & Parliamentary Procedure Training**

*Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor*

Learn about essential officer roles: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the ways they support club and advisory committee work.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-roles-and-parliamentary-procedure-training>

### **November 16: Credit Craze—Managing Credit Wisely**

*Zoom Webinar*

Increase your knowledge of credit, learn how to manage it and avoid the craze of debt.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-16>

### **November 20: 4-H In the Kitchen—Forgotten Realms Edition**

*Zoom Webinar*

Come join the 4-H in the Kitchen Crew and the 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society as we join forces to bring you a special cooking workshop to help you cook an array of dishes right out of the Forgotten Realms of Dungeons and Dragons!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-forgotten-realms-edition>

### **November 22– December 1: Pamper Yourself from the Pantry - Holiday Edition**

*Zoom Webinar*

Join us as we create spa items with this Holiday treat theme with ingredients found right in your pantry. <https://events.canr.msu.edu/ShiawasseeCounty4HPamperPantryHoliday/>

### **November 23: Keep Yourself Out of Debt**

*Zoom Webinar*

There are many strategies to keep yourself out of debt. Learn how to be proactive in managing your money and making a financial plan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-23>

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





## New indoor masking guidelines for MSU Extension events

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shift and change, Michigan State University issued new guidance for the broader MSU community on October 13. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension programs occurring on non-MSU property. To help figure out if you need to require participants to wear a face covering at your 4-H meeting, please contact Rachel at 989-831-7514 or ochylski@msu.edu to talk through options.

Effective immediately, the following guidelines apply to *indoor* MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H programs or events:

- Those who participate in MSU Extension programming indoors on MSU property or any property reserved/rented for an MSU event are required to wear a face covering. This applies to anyone over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status (unless they have a medical exemption).
- Those who participate in MSU Extension programming indoors on non-MSU property are encouraged but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue. This may include off-site Michigan 4-H programs hosted by MSU Extension volunteer groups. MSU Extension personnel in attendance are required to wear a face covering.

For the purpose of MSU Extension events and programs, indoor events are considered those in an enclosed building with limited airflow. Barns and other outbuildings that have multiple doors that can be fully opened to maximize air flow are considered an outdoor, open air facility.

### Who must wear a mask?

The following chart may be useful to clarify masking requirements for MSU Extension professionals and program participants. For the purpose of this chart, MSU Extension volunteers and 4-H members are considered participants.

		Is the event being held on an MSU property or on a property that is being rented/reserved exclusively for an MSU activity?	
		Yes	No
Is MSU a sponsor of the event or program?	Yes	✓ MSU Extension personnel ✓ Participants	✓ MSU Extension personnel o Participants are encouraged, but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue.
	No	✓ MSU Extension personnel ✓ Participants	o All MSU Extension personnel and participants are encouraged, but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue.

✓ Indicates that a mask must be worn.

Although these new guidelines provide recommendations for indoor events, MSU Extension still encourages groups to meet outdoors whenever possible. Additional information about COVID-19 best practices and mask exceptions can be found at [extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities](https://extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities). As always, this site will continue to host the most up-to-date information about in-person event requirements.

**Save the date  
for the 2022  
State 4-H Rabbit  
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 29, 2022 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish. Look for registration information soon at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show).

Spectators are welcome!

## Fair Update



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## 2022 Fair Theme: American Flare at the County Fair

**Project Animal Weigh In & Tag In Events:** The Montcalm Livestock Committee voted to have mandated dates and times when beef, sheep, swine, and goat project animals will be weighed and/or tagged with a fair tag. Beef is the only project animal that is required to be weighed and tagged, they will participate in a Rate of Gain competition. Sheep, swine, and goats must be tagged with a fair tag to show at the fair. Completed registration forms are due after weigh in or tagging. Updated registration forms can be found on the fair website: <https://www.montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/> This will take place at Montcalm County Fairgrounds, here are the dates and times:

### Beef:

November 21<sup>st</sup>: 2pm to 4pm

December 11<sup>th</sup>: 9am to 11am

### Sheep, Swine, and Goats:

May 1<sup>st</sup>: 2pm to 6pm

May 11<sup>th</sup>: 6pm to 8pm

### Feeder Beef:

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2pm to 4pm

Contact [livestockcommitee76@gmail.com](mailto:livestockcommitee76@gmail.com) for more information