

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

October 4, 2021

Welcome our new 4-H PC, Rachel!

Let's all welcome Rachel Sheff as our new 4-H Program Coordinator. Rachel was previously serving as an Americorps member in the Eaton County MSUE office. She was successful in organizing several 4-H Spin Clubs. We look forward to Rachel putting that knowledge and her resources to use here in Montcalm County. Rachel will be at the 4-H Advisory Council meeting on October 5th at the Montcalm Fairgrounds if you would like to stop in and introduce yourself.

Sincerely,
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Reminders..

- Advisory Council meeting tonight @ 6:30 p.m. at the Ash Building
- Don't forget to go and enjoy the Fall/Halloween Crash Bash this Saturday (October 9th). Good luck to those participating in the youth bake-off, the adult cook-off, and the Doggie Dash. There will also be a demolition derby and lots of goodies. (see attached flyers for more information)

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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 \$10,000 (over the course of four years). All applications are due by November 1.

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

4-H Events and Workshops

October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101

Online

Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-6>

October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections

Online

Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-7>

October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice

Online

Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-13>

October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting

Online

Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-14>

October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering

Online

Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-20>

October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking

Online

This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-27>

October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management

Online

Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-28>

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

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Michigan 4-H Volunteer Reminders

Welcome to the 2021-22 4-H program year! As a reminder, all Michigan 4-H volunteers are required to complete annual tasks in Volunteer Central to remain active as an MSU Extension volunteer. These steps include authorizing MSU Extension to conduct the background checks and completing the Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Agreement. The date required for this action is based on the date in which you completed this step last year and varies by person. However, a large portion of Michigan 4-H volunteers have their dates cycle at the start of the program year (September 1).

If you are curious when you completed this step last, you may login to Volunteer Central at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login and view the date on your dashboard under Acknowledgements and Background Checks. The Volunteer Central system will also alert you via email when you need to complete this important step; the email will come from system@ecemail.samaritan.com and the subject line will read "Annual Background Check and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due." The email will provide you a direct link to the login page and let you quickly complete this authorization. You will receive the emails requesting you to complete this important process at 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before they are due. For more information, refer to the [MSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Guide to Re-Enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment>.

When in Volunteer Central, you may also notice a tab called My Trainings. There are currently four trainings available that you may wish to view to learn more about MSU Extension, 4-H, Working with Youth and Communicating with Conflict. These modules provide new volunteers with a solid foundation and offer returning volunteers the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about these topics and serve as a baseline for future trainings. Please make sure that you have also enrolled in 4-H Online as a 4-H volunteer if you are a Gold Volunteer. Thank you for being a part of the Michigan 4-H program.



National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9

For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 3-9. During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and find their spark – the theme of this year's celebration.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge

In honor of National 4-H Week, the MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is hosting a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters! Starting October 3, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge, where participants will create teams of five or less and track their total miles walked to compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, the top team will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the team who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a grand prize! Each week, there will also be an individual participation prize drawing, selected at random. Challenge runs through Oct. 30!

Register today at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge.

Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 6-17.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.



HALLOWEEN CRASH BASH

**\$5
Parking**



OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH
AT THE MONTCALM CO. FAIRGROUNDS
8784 PECK RD. GREENVILLE, MI

Friday-

Carnival Starting @ 4pm

Cornhole Tournament 6pm-Midnight

Saturday-

Doggie Dash @ 9 am (registration @8am)

4-H CCC Cook-Off and Bake-Off @11am



Craft Show 11am-3pm

Craft Beer and Wine Tasting Noon-3pm

Petting Zoo Noon-3pm

Carnival Starting @ Noon

Demo Derby @3pm



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2021 Montcalm County 4-H Dog Program



5K Halloween Doggie Dash

- When:** Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 9am (registration at 8:00am)
- What:** 5k fun run - bring your doggie and enjoy the fun games to follow!
- Where:** Montcalm County Fair Grounds in Greenville, Michigan



Prizes for fun games following the run including:

-  Best Costume
-  Best Trick
-  Best Kisser
-  Peanut Butter Eating Contest
-  Guess How Many Treats.

\$20 per person registration fee the day of the run. \$10 for each additional household member, and \$10 for 4H members. Profits go to support the Montcalm County 4-H dog group. Any questions? Call Amanda at 989-287-0979.



Montcalm County 3rd Annual 4-H Bake-Off

ALL YOUTH Ages 5 to 19 WELCOME!

Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or live in Montcalm County to enter.

When & Where:

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 11:30am to 2pm at Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds – Ash Building
During the Montcalm County Fair Association's "FALL CRASH BASH WEEKEND"

Rules:

1. Participant divisions:
 - a. Cloverbuds – ages 5 to 7
 - b. Beginner – ages 8 to 11
 - c. Intermediate – ages 12 to 14
 - d. Advanced – ages 15 to 19
 - e. Michigan "Peach" Product – ages 8 to 19 – Must contain at least one type of Michigan grown peach in the recipe.
2. Youth may enter both their age division with any type of "baked good" & the Michigan "Peach" Product division, but must make a separate product for each division. Deadline to Register through the Montcalm County MSUE is the 30th of September 2021 at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Montcalm_County_Youth_Bake_Off/
3. Check-in 11:30am to 12pm. You must arrive & check-in by 12pm to participate. Judging starts thereafter. Winners will be announced no later than 2:00pm.
4. A 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place will be chosen in each of the Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Michigan "Peach" Product divisions. 1st prize in each of these groups will be \$25 and a rosette.
5. All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
6. All participants will be required to consent to their recipe being published in a Montcalm County Bake-Off Cookbook to be used as a fundraiser for the 4-H Community Connection Committee (4-CCC) & left-over baked goods be sold day of event for donation to help fund 4-H CCC events.
7. All entries must be "baked" and the full recipe must accompany the entry. Recipe cards must include participant's name and age; and are available through Montcalm County MSUE. Photos of entry are encouraged on recipe cards.
8. Entries will be judged on:
 - a. General Appearance
 - b. Texture
 - c. Taste
 - d. Participant's knowledge of recipe
 - e. Presentation by the participant.
9. Participants are encouraged to dress-up or wear 4-H club attire and bring proper serving utensils and gloves.
10. In the event of a tie, all judges will work together to choose a winner.





Montcalm County 4-H CCC ADULT COOK-OFF!

ALL Ages 18 & Up WELCOME!

Contestants do not need to be 4-H affiliated or live in Montcalm County to enter.

When & Where:

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 11:30am to 2pm at Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds – Ash Building

During the Montcalm County Fair Association's "FALL CRASH BASH WEEKEND"

Rules:

1. Contestant divisions:
 - a. Soups
 - b. Stews
 - c. Chili
2. A 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place will be chosen in each of the Soup, Stew & Chili divisions and receive a rosette ribbon. 1st prize in each of these divisions will also receive a Trophy.
3. Soup, Stew or Chili must be prepared at home, fully cooked and brought for judging in a 7-quart or 8-quart crockpot, hot and ready to serve with serving ladles and be labeled with product name and if it is "Mild, Medium or Hot", to warn if spicy.
4. Contestants may enter more than one division, but no more than one item per division.
5. Sample cups, sanitizer, spoons and napkins will be provided by 4-H CCC for Judging.
6. Contestants may also bring oyster crackers, sample corn bread, mini biscuits, etc. if they wish to hand out with samples of their item. Contestants may also decorate up their small table with fall decorations, if they wish.
7. Each contestant will be assigned a number and table space the day of the event.
8. Judging will be by public opinion beginning at 12pm by ballot. Winners will be announced at 2:00pm.
9. 4-H CCC will have a table set up nearby for water and beverage sales as a 4-H fundraiser.
10. Deadline to Register through the Montcalm County MSUE is the 30th of September 2021 at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Montcalm_County_Adult_Cook_Off/
11. In the event of a tie, selected Judges from the Youth Bake-Off Competition (going on the same day & time) will work together to make a decision as to the winner.
12. Please remember this is meant to be part of a fun 4-H family event and good sportsmanship is encouraged.

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