

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

September 2021

Welcome:

If you haven't already heard, our new 4-H PC will be starting in October. She is currently finishing up a prior 4-H Americorps commitment in another county and then will take some time off for her wedding. So, she will be starting off her time with us as a newly married person. I have no doubt that our 4-H community will make her feel welcome when she starts.

We are also welcoming a new Field Crops educator into our Montcalm family. Samantha comes to us from Nebraska and started with MSUE in July. She has been working her way around the county trying to meet with people in the area. If you see her around, please welcome her.

Sincerely,

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Announcements ...

As many of you have probably heard, 4-H has partnered with the Fair to put on some 4-H events at the Fall Crash Bash in October. The 4-H CCC will be hosting their annual Youth Bake-Off. They will also be hosting an Adult Cook-Off this year. If you haven't already registered for these events and you are interested, please register so we have a count of participants. The Dog Committee will also be hosting their Doggie Dash. Flyers for these events are attached.

Admin Leaders: Please remember that Annual Financial Summaries, Club Registrations, and Civil Rights Compliance will all be due mid September. These were sent out in an email last week.

Attached to this newsletter is also a list of statewide 4-H events that are coming up along with some other useful information.

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Share your 4-H story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 8: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Morrill Hall of Agriculture for networking and free dinner! Interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 11: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fish Camp—Bay County

Bay City State Park, Bay City

Bay County 4-H, Michigan Sea Grant, Project FISH and local partners will be hosting a one-day Fish Camp. Participants will learn about knot-tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Register by September 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county

September 11: Clare & Gladwin Counties 4-H Teen Night

4X Adventureland, Harrison

Come hangout with your 4-H friends! All participants will get to do one escape room, play a round of putt putt golf and get ice cream! Register by September 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/clare-gladwin-counties-4-h-teen-night

September 11: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series 2021

Zoom Webinar

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time, or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series. This session will focus on veggie harvest and storage.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-sept-11

September 18: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fish Camp—Arenac County

River Side Park, Au Gres

Arenac County 4-H, Michigan Sea Grant, Project FISH and local partners will be hosting a one-day Fish Camp. Participants will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Register by September 10.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-arenac-county

September 18: 4-H Open House Lapeer County

Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

Come join this family-focused event and learn what 4-H has to offer! Open to the public, the event will have hands-on activities and fun events.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house-lapeer-county

September 25: 4-H League of Clovers: The Dungeon Master Knows All

West Shore Community College, Scottville

Learn how to go from playing Dungeons & Dragons to being the Dungeon Master of your very own quest!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-league-of-clovers-the-dungeon-master-knows-all

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

Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced at virtual recognition program

The [Michigan 4-H State Awards](#) Recognition Celebration took place on June 23, to celebrate the accomplishments of Michigan 4-H members. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members. While 4-H members were unable to gather at Michigan State University (MSU) this year, the Recognition Celebration was able to be held via virtually, allowing 4-H members along with their family and friends to attend the program.

Awards were presented in 13 of the 19 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills, and experience. Recipients of the 2021 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Jadyn Herzog , Mecosta Co. (junior); Andrew Strohm, Marquette Co. (senior)
- **Bird and Poultry Science:** Alison Borowski, Alpena Co. (junior)
- **Career Development:** Amanda Towne, Van Buren Co. (junior); Amy Saxton, Kalkaska Co. (senior)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** IsaBelle Stull, St. Clair Co. (junior)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Bryant Janetzke, Ionia Co. (junior); Dylan Sawdon, St. Clair Co. (senior)
- **Dairy Science:** Irene Nielsen, Ingham Co. (senior)
- **Equine Science:** Evie Clare, Berrien Co. (senior)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Rebecca Thomas, Ionia Co. (junior); Audrey Martin, Midland Co. (senior)
- **Goat Science:** Carey Towne, Van Buren Co. (junior)
- **Leadership:** Amari Potts, Oakland Co. (junior)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Thomas Tafoya, Cheboygan Co. (junior)
- **Swine Science:** James Endres, Isabella Co. (junior); Hana Harshbarger, Livingston Co. (senior)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph , Monroe Co. (junior)

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Michigan 4-H Foundation reopens 2021-22 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently reopened their grant and award opportunities for the 2021-2022 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 September 9.

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.
- **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 the outstanding achievements of 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.

Indoor masking reminder



In August, MSU issued new guidance for the MSU community. **Until further notice, attendees at any indoor MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H program or event are required to wear a face covering.** This includes 4-H meetings and other volunteer-led events. Unless they have a medical exemption, face coverings must be worn by everyone in attendance over age 2 regardless of vaccination status.

For the purpose of MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H 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.

Find the most up-to-date information about in-person event requirements at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.



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.



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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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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

MONTCALM COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS FIRST ANNUAL:

FALL CRASH BASH

OCTOBER 9TH, 2021
8784 W PECK RD
GREENVILLE, MI 48838
(\$5 PARKING)

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COOKOFF AND BAKEOFF,
KIDS ACTIVITIES, FOOD
TRUCKS. LOCAL WINE AND
BEER TASTINGS, CRAFT
AND VENDOR SHOW, AND
MUCH MORE TO BE
ANNOUNCED

