



Montcalm County

4-H Family News

July 15, 2019

We survived the fair!

The fair is over and summer continues. I would like to express a huge thank you to all of the clubs, committees, fair board, volunteers, youth and anyone else that helped out to make it so successful. The partnerships that come together to make the fair possible amaze me each year. It is amazing how many organizations make an impact that week. Shout out to everyone who shared pictures on our Montcalm County 4-H Facebook page thread. If you didn't, please feel free to add more. Here are a few of my favorites and how I felt toward the end of the week...



Watch for more fun yet to come this summer and don't forget to send your cloverbud to 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp!

Sincerely,

Tarin Minkel

4-H Program Coordinator

Calendar of events:

- July 15– 4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.
- July 20– Open dog show, fairgrounds, 10 a.m.
- August 6– 4-H Council Meeting, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.
- August 8– 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 6:30 p.m.
- August 13– 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp,
- August 13– Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- August 19– 4-H Small Animal Committee, MSUE, 6:00 p.m.
- August 19– 4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.

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Dairy Industry Promotion

Did anyone notice all those delicious, FREE dairy products at the fair? A huge thank you to Double B Dairy for the United Dairy Industry of Michigan grant to provide those to fair visitors and participants. I hope you were able to enjoy some string cheese, gogurt, milk, or an ice cream sandwich in promotion of dairy products. Don't forget to support your local dairy farmers by purchasing dairy products such as these. [Here](#) is a link to find out where your milk comes from. Thanks again to Double B Dairy!

The 4-H Community Connection Committee is seeking teens and adults interested in still projects, promoting them, helping with workshops, interested in the bake-off, or interested in bringing new ideas to the group. Please join us tonight, July 15, at 7:15 p.m. at the MSU Extension office for our meeting.

The Montcalm County Dog Show is taking place on Saturday, July 20th starting at 10 a.m. This show is a fundraiser for the dog committee and the flier can be found online along with at the end of this newsletter.

We are excited to announce there will be a 4-H Cloverbud Camp on Tuesday, August 13th. In order to make this successful, we are in need of a few volunteers to help. If you are interested in one of the positions below, please let Tarin know as soon as possible.

- Lunch coordinator– help set up and prepare lunch, help with lunchtime, and cleanup
- Teen Counselors– 5-6 teen counselors interested in guiding cloverbuds through the day and helping with projects
- Craft coordinator– 1-2 volunteers to plan crafts and facilitate crafting session during camp
- Small animal demonstrator– demonstrate showing a small animal (dog, rabbit, cavy, chicken), talk to campers about the animal, and give them a hands-on experience to try showing it

July 15-19: Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days and Michigan Dairy Expo

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

This yearly event is open for youth, parents, volunteers, and industry partners to come together in one location to participate in educational contests and networking opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days-and-michigan-dairy-expo>

July 17: Great Dairy Adventure

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

A fun free event where youth can milk a cow, pet calves, enjoy free dairy events and create fun projects to take home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/great-dairy-adventure>

July 22-25: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This interactive four-day camp will provide opportunities for participants to learn about forestry and increase their understanding of forest ecosystems and how to manage them.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-day-camp>

July 22-25: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fishing Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

This special four-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect the Great Lakes. All campers will receive fishing rod with reel, tackle box, and camp t-shirt!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2019>

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

4-H Cloverbuds and Service

The youngest 4-H'ers, youth ages 5-7, aren't quite ready to participate in all the 4-H project areas and activities that older children can, but there's still plenty for them to do in 4-H! One of those activities that are perfect for any age is community service.

A newly released series of Cloverbud activities is now available online to help clubs adjust community service projects into developmentally appropriate opportunities for the littlest 4-H'ers. Access them online at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/4-h-cloverbuds-and-service.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Author: Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension

Animals exhibited at the county fair that will return to their home herds pose a significant biosecurity risk to the animals left at home. Follow these steps after the fair has ended to protect everyone.

Animals that have been exhibited during the county fair are likely near and dear to their exhibitors' hearts. After all, they spent countless hours training and preparing their animal for the show at the fair. We protect them from everything before the show season, but do we give enough thought about what happens when they go home? Each time an animal is taken out of its home environment and exhibited, there is a certain amount of risk for exposure to illness.

Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort.
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake.
 - Fever.
 - Lethargy.
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure.
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes.
 - Overall weakness.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Care of animals after the fair is critical. Exhibited animals were exposed to animals from other farms, fair goers who may not have washed their hands in between various species of animals, and potentially a lot of stress. By following these steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

For more information about fair biosecurity, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity>.

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly—Squat Resources Available



Four new lesson plans are available in the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series. The purpose of this series is not to teach specific content, but to teach the process of science – asking questions and discovering answers. The activities encourage young people to try to figure things out for themselves rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

New lessons in the series include “Why do some animals use camouflage?”, “Can you build a bridge out of pasta?”, “Can you move something with static electricity?” and “4-H Cloverbud Science: Exploration and discovery with young children.” To access these resources, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series>.

MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H DOG GROUP

OPEN TO ALL AGES

DOG SHOW FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY JULY 20TH @ 10 AM

GREAT TIME TO PRACTICE AND GET READY FOR STATE!



SHOWMANSHIP * OBEDIENCE * *RALLY * AGILITY * COSTUME

\$5 PER CLASS FOR NON-4-H MEMBER OR \$4 PER CLASS FOR 4-H MEMBER

RIBBONS WILL BE PRESENTED THROUGH 5TH PLACE

ALL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND RULES WILL FOLLOW THE STATE 4-H DOG SHOW. A COPY OF THE RULES ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://MSUE.ANR.MSU.EDU/PROGRAM/RESOURCES/COMPANION_ANIMALS](http://MSUE.ANR.MSU.EDU/PROGRAM/RESOURCES/COMPANION_ANIMALS)

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9 AM

MUST HAVE PROOF OF UP TO DATE VACCINATIONS (INCLUDING RABIES AND DHLPPC)

CASH OR CHECK ONLY MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H DOG GROUP

QUESTIONS? CALL BRAD HEFT (616)719-9114 OR AMANDA MORAN (989)287-0979

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MONTCALM 4H DOG GROUP'S NEW SHED

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Saturday July 20th, 2019

Montcalm County Open Dog Show Fundraiser

Registration Opens at 9:00 am. Show Starts at 10 am

Please complete one form Per Dog and Exhibitor Pair

Participant Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Dog Breed: _____ Dog Name: _____

CIRCLE CLASS(ES) TO BE ENTERED:			
\$5 NON 4-H per class(\$20ALLCLASSES) OR \$4 4-H MEMBER per class(\$15ALLCLASSES)			
<u>SHOWMANSHIP</u>	<u>OBEDIENCE</u>	<u>RALLY</u>	<u>AGILITY</u>
Novice 8-12 yrs Novice 13-19 yrs Novice 20&Over yrs Open – 8-12 yrs Open – 13-19 yrs Open- 20& Over yrs ALL Showmanship 1ST& 2ND place winners will compete for overall Showman class Champion Cloverbuds- 7 & under	Pre-Novice A – 8-12 yrs Pre-Novice A -13-19 yrs Pre-Novice A - 20&Over Pre-Novice B – 8-12 yrs Pre-Novice B -13-19 yrs Pre-Novice B-20&Over Beginner Novice A Beginner Novice B Novice A- 8-12 yrs Novice A- 13-19 yrs Novice A- 20&Over yrs Novice B- 8-12 yrs Novice B- 13-19 yrs Novice B- 20&Over	Novice A- 8-19 yrs Novice A- 20&Over Novice B- 8-19 yrs Novice B- 20&Over Advance A- 8-19 yrs Advance A – 20&Over Advance B- 8-19 yrs Advance B- 20&Over	Beginner A – 8-19 yrs Beginner A –20&Over Beginner B – 8-19 yrs Beginner B –20&Over Intermediate A – 8-19 yrs Intermediate A 20&Over Intermediate B – 8-19 yrs Intermediate B 20&Over Advanced A – 8-19 yrs Advanced A –20&Over Advanced B – 8-19 yrs Advanced B –20&Over
<u>COSTUME CLASS:</u> AGES 7 & UNDER : AGES 8-12 : AGES 13-19 : AGES 20 & OVER			

All Classes descriptions and rules will follow the State 4-H Dog Show

Must have Current DHLPP, RABBIES VACCINATION RECORDS W/EACH ENTRY FORM

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Join us for a fun-filled day of exploring the outdoors, making crafts, learning, and much more.

Sign up: register by calling 989-831-7500 by Wednesday,, August 8th.

Who: Any youth ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2019

When: Tuesday, August 13 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Where: Montcalm County Fairgrounds, drop off at the Ash Building

Cost: \$15 for 4-H members, \$35 for non- members (membership included)



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