



August 2025

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



As we're coming to an end to our 2024-2025 4-H year, I am hoping that some of you got some good bullet points to nominate some youth for county awards. Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Ash Building in conjunction with the MCFA Annual Meeting on October 19th. More details to follow. If you would like to nominate a youth or volunteer for a county award, check out page 7 for helpful links.

We will be having some Fall Leader Trainings, and ALL are welcome to come to these – volunteer or not. See page 8 for more details.

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

Fairboard Association | 1st Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds

4-H Dog Committee | 1st Tuesday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93418977992> passcode: 4Hdog)

4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Tuesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151> passcode: Horse)

4-H Council | 3rd Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95340301576> passcode: Council)

4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3rd Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298> passcode: 4HCCC)

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> passcode: 4Hyouth)

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> passcode: 4Hyouth)

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- State Shooting Sports Tournament Date: 8/2/25
- Fairboard Date: 8/4/25
- Dog Committee Date: No Aug Meeting: 9/2/25
- Horse Leaders Date: 8/12/25
- Fall Leaders Training Date: 8/13/25
- State Horse Show Date: 8/14-17/25
- Advisory Council Date: 8/18/25
- Community Connections Date: 8/18/25
- Fall Leaders Training Date: 8/21/25
- Small Animal / Youth Livestock / MCFAAC Date: 8/25/25
- State Dog Show ** Date: 9/20/25

****Contact Lori McDonald (lorimcdonald9278@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the State Dog Show.**

Times and locations for each 4-H committee meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

Don't forget to visit the Montcalm County Fairgrounds

UPDATED webpage

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>.

*****SIGN UP FAIR FAMILY*****

For Text Updates and Reminders

Text @**MONTCALMCO** TO: 81010



4-H'ers are...

2x

more likely to
have the goal
of being a
leader

3x

more likely to
participate in
community
service

2x

more likely to
report living life
with intentionality
and purpose





4-H Committee Information

Advisory Council – 3rd Monday 6:30 pm – Zoom

Dairy Committee – typically held before/during/after fair

Dog Committee – 1st Tuesday 6:30 pm – Ash Building

Community Connections – 3rd Monday following Advisory – Zoom

Horse Committee – 2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

Small Animal Committee – 4th Monday 6:00 pm – Ash Building

Youth Livestock – 4th Monday 6:30 pm – Ash Building

All 4-H committees will be taking nominations for their superintendents and their executive positions at their **August and September meetings**. If you are interested in being more involved with one of the committees, or becoming a superintendent or a junior superintendent, please come to their meetings. You can also send an email to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu, if you're unable to make it to the meeting but would like more information.

Executive Board Positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Superintendent Positions:

Dairy – Kim / Sally Thomsen

Dog – Dog

Horse – Horse

Goat – Small Animal

Camelid – Small Animal

Rabbit/Cavy – Small animal

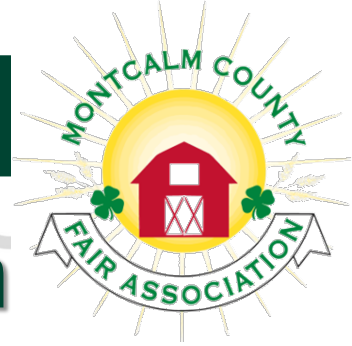
Poultry – Small Animal

Record Books – Advisory

Still Exhibit – Advisory

Performing Arts/Style Review – Advisory

Showmanship Sweepstakes – Advisory



MCFA Committee Information

Fairboard – 1st Monday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

MCFA Livestock – 4th Monday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

Marketing Committee – Jackie Nadeau

Buildings and Grounds – Todd Hetherington

Bylaws/Policy & Procedure – Sunni Haglund

Budget and Audit – Lisa Johnson

Rental – Katie Johnson / Brad Heft

Judges – Sunni Haglund / Amanda Ives

Concessions/Exhibits/Grandstand Events – Lisa Johnson

Fairbook / Showworks – Michelle Nitengale

Awards – Tammy Hancock

Kids Day / Special Needs Day – Brad Heft

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please reach out to the individuals next to the committee. If you need contact information, please email Sunni at haglund10@msu.edu.

Fairboard:

Annual Meeting Save the Date – October 19, 2025

Five fairboard positions (3-year term) up for election

Executive board will be voted on in November, after annual meeting / board elections

Superintendent Positions:

Swine – MCFA Livestock

Beef – MCFA Livestock

Sheep – MCFA Livestock



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 3

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension * 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the eighth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 3.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

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

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 2: Breakfast on the Farm

MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, Lansing

Live in or around Ingham County? Stop by Breakfast on the Farm at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center. The event will include tours of the farm and great food.

www.canr.msu.edu/breakfast_on_the_farm/find_a_breakfast

August 14-17: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show

August 14: Beach Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Celebrate the end of summer at the garden with a day at the beach! Make sand castles, paint shells, play beach games and more. Bring your beach towel and suit and come ready to get wet.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/beach-day

August 18: Adulting 101 - Navigating Life: Addressing and Handling Peer Pressure

Online

This interactive presentation will explore the reality of peer pressure and ways to identify, process, and overcome it, to ensure healthy decision making and positive self-confidence.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-navigating-life

September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress and Deliver with Confidence

Online

Learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism

September 20: Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna, MI

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan. Registration is due by August 31 and spectators are welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Safe food for 4-H events

Food safety is important when hosting food events or fundraisers. A new fact sheet, **Safe Food for 4-H Events**, was created to provide education and resources for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth who are coordinating and participating in 4-H food fundraisers or events. View the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events.

In addition, MSU Extension held a training on food safety best practice guidelines for those who are planning for, preparing and implementing food fundraisers or events. 4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqfes3.

As 4-H families plan fundraisers and other activities throughout the year, remember to review these important resources as a reminder of food safety best practice recommendations.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 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 left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated 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

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





Helpful Links

Resources

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm-county-4-h/4-h-resources>

County Awards and Scholarships

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm-county-4-h/4-h-scholarships>

4-H Youth Thriving Model

<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/home/>

4-H.org – Activity Guides

<https://4-h.org/clover/activity-guides/download-4h-activity-guides/>

Montcalm County Fair Association

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/about>

MSU 4-H Resources

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/resources>

MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H

FALL LEADER TRAINING



Club management/finances
Parliamentary Procedures
New Updates
End of Year Reporting
Project/Activity Resources



SESSIONS: (Pending number of leaders registered)

13 August 2025

6 PM

In-person at the Stanton MSU-Extension Office
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888
Light snacks and refreshments provided

8 PM

21 August 2025

6 PM

In-person at the Tamarack District Library - Tamarack Room
832 S Lincoln Ave, Lakeview, MI 48850
Light snacks and refreshments provided

8 PM

10 Sept 2025

6 PM

In-person at the Tamarack District Library - Pavilion
832 S Lincoln Ave, Lakeview, MI 48850
Light snacks and refreshments provided

8 PM

20 Sept 2025

9 AM

In-person at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds - Ash Building
8784 Peck Rd., Greenville, MI 48838
Light snacks and refreshments provided

11 AM

21 Sept 2025

4 PM

In-person at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds - Ash Building
8784 Peck Rd., Greenville, MI 48838
Light snacks and refreshments provided

6 PM



https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5duOBQMM78oQ5QW

4-H's Long-reaching Effects

Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

4x more likely to contribute
to their communities

2x more likely to be
civically active

4-H

2x more likely to make
healthier lifestyle choices



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A WEDNESDAY WALK IN THE WOODS



JOIN US FOR A WALK ON THE FRED
MEIJER FLAT RIVER TRAIL, AS WE
EXPLORE NATIVE PLANTS, AND CLEAN
UP THE TRAIL WHILE LEARNING
ABOUT CONSERVATION.



AUGUST 6 | 10 AM TO 2 PM

OPEN TO ALL AGES (YOUTH UNDER 5 NEED TO BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN).



START AT JACKSON'S LANDING AT 10 AM

END AT BALDWIN LAKE BEACH FOR A SWIM

WE WILL HAVE TRASH BAGS AND GLOVES TO USE



PREREGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://MSU.CO1.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_6EHF99DMGVUOWIQ](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_6EHF99DMGVUOWIQ)



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