



APRIL 2023

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

I hope that everyone was able to get some relax time in during the kids spring break. If not, I hope it was at least productive.

We recently purchased a poultry learning lab kit, if anyone is interested. There are still a lot of resources at the Extension office, if you're looking for a little extra to do with your clubs.

We have some friendly reminders from the Committee's on Page 2, followed by county events.

We have a lot of opportunities and events coming up this spring through fall. We're also hoping that we get some more ideas from all of you, on what you'd like to see more of within the County. A complete list of upcoming events and opportunities are on pages 9-17.

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H Committee Meeting times & locations

4-H Council | 1st Tuesday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | MSUE office & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99623164038> passcode: Council)

4-H Dog Committee | 1st Thursday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95563025227> passcode: 4Hdog)

4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Wednesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98655398504> passcode: Horse)

4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3rd Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/97024569676> passcode: 4HCCC)

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Friendly Reminders and Notes from Committee Leads:

- **Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Club (Fair Livestock Committee):**
 - Swine tags can only be picked up at the conclusion of the MCFAAC meetings on the 4th Monday of the month (meeting starts at 7pm).
 - Tags will be available the following Mondays – February 27th, March 27th, April 24th
 - Please review the requirements for swine registration and photos in the fairbook. All registrations need to be hard copies this year. No e-mails or photos will be accepted. Please review the fairbook for the dates and times. <https://www.montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/exhibitor-forms-and-information/fair-book/>
 - Tagging dates for market goats, market sheep and market feeders-April 14th – 6 to 8 pm and May 3rd – 6 to 8 pm. All of these animals must be tagged at the fairgrounds. Registration forms can be turned in at tagging.
 - Showworks Fair registration will most likely be open during the month of May. Keep watching the newsletters and e-mails for more information.
- **Horse Committee:**
 - Have your Coggins drawn the first week of April, to allow for results to be back by the 1st of May. If you have a current Coggins, it needs to be good through August 31st, 2023.
- **Community Connections:**
 - Line Dance Practice at the Ash Building: May 11th. 6:30-8:30pm. WESCO will help with refreshments and/or a concession. Fee \$5 per person or \$20 for family.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Pre-College Programs 4-H SPIN Club



MSU-Extension has been working on finding ways to prepare young people for 4-H Pre-College programs. Our goal is to help young people get the most out of their 4-H experience and fill their toolbox for the future. Two of our Extension Educators have created a resource called “Introduction to Pre-College Programs 4-H SPIN Club Guide.” They are looking for youth to pilot it starting this spring. The pilot will run through the fall to allow you to choose the time frame that works best for individual participants.

This guide provides information on all the 4-H pre-college programs we offer, and each week is structured to introduce a step that helps in preparation for the program of their choice.

We understand that some of these programs will come and go, and we will keep adjusting it as time goes on. The guide is easy to follow and does not require in-depth knowledge of each program to be able to use it in a meaningful way. It encourages youth to work in small groups or independently to learn and mentally/ emotionally prepare for a great opportunity.

Please contact Sunni Haglund @haglun10@msu.edu for more information.



4-H Youth After-School Agriculture Club

We are hosting an informative meeting to go over our tentative schedule of events. For those that are interested, we will be meeting at the Extension office on the 5th of April at 6:30. For those that cannot attend in person, the Zoom link is

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93742021604> ; Meeting ID: 937 4202 1604 Passcode:

AGClub.

For more information or input, please email me at haglun10@msu.edu.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER

MSU Veterinary Medicine Candidate Presentation

We were fortunate to receive a presentation from a current MSU DVM candidate this past month. I was able to record it, for those that were interested but were not able to make it to the fairgrounds that day. I have the recording posted on our extension facebook page and linked below. Let me know if you'd like this emailed as well.



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fairboard meets.....Date: 04/03/2023
- 4-H Advisory Council meetsDate: 04/04/2023
- Youth Afterschool Agriculture Club meets.....Date: 04/05/2023
- Dog Committee meets.....Date: 04/06/2023
- Horse Leaders meet.....Date: 04/12/2023
- County Wide Dog Practice.....Date: 04/13/2023
- Tagging day for market goats, sheep and feeders.....Date: 04/14/2023
- 4-H CCC meetsDate: 04/17/2023
- Poultry Showmanship Workshop (see flyer)Date: 04/22/2023
- Rabbit Showmanship Workshop (see flyer).....Date: 04/22/2023
- Small Animal Committee meets.....Date: 04/24/2023
- 4-H Youth Livestock meets.....Date: 04/24/2023
- MCFAAC (Fair Livestock) meets.....Date: 04/24/2023
- Swine tags available at MCFAAC meeting.....Date: 04/24/2023
- Goat Show (see flyer).....Date: 04/29/2023
- Fair registration forms are due.....Date: 05/01/2023
- Tagging day for market goats, sheep and feeders.....Date: 05/03/2023

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

Other Services Offered:

MSUE Master Gardener Hotline:

1-888-678-3464

The hotline is open weekdays between 9-noon and 1 – 4 p.m.

Select option “1” to speak directly with a gardening expert.

Ask an Expert:

Ask Extension offers one-to-one answers from MSU Extension experts and Extension Master Gardener volunteers on topics such as lawns, gardening, agriculture, nutrition and physical activity, food safety, food preservation, natural resources, community development, youth programming and more!

Ask here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for the 2023 Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp!

This year's camp will run June 26th-29th at Michigan State University in East Lansing. All youth ages 13-17 (as of January 1st) are welcome to apply; 4-H membership is not required to apply. Applications will close on March 31st. For all the details and a link to the application, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../mi-4-h-animal-and-veterinary...>



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Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families can enjoy a discounted \$18 ticket to the game and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. To order your tickets, visit <https://fevo.me/mi4h2023>.

Looking for something to do? Click the link below to see what all is being offered. MSU-Extension has a multitude of both virtual and in person events, most of which are free!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/events>



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC 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 from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





Event Flyers

Show Your Money Smarts Contest

April 2023



Ages 13-19

Register By April 13, 2023 with QR code

Sponsored by:





Event Flyers

Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



2018 Junior Award 4-H State Award applicants

4-H State Award Recognition Areas

- Beef Science
- Birds & Poultry Science
- Career Development
- Civic Engagement & Service
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer & Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat Science
- Leadership
- Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Sheep Science
- Shooting Sports
- Swine Science
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Group Award

<https://tinyurl.com/46afjtc8>



Submit Application Online

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards23>

Application deadline: April 1





Event Flyers



Save The Dates!



Spring/Summer Beef Series!

Held at the Kent County Fairgrounds

Dates:

- April 16th
- May 14th
- June 11th
- July 23rd

Workshops Offered:

- Showmanship
- Fitting/Clipping
- Hair & Skin Care
- Fair Prep

Registration Link Coming Soon!
Offered In-Person Only!



Event Flyers

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ADULTING 101 JANUARY-APRIL 2023



- 1-31 @ 5pm-International Conversations
- 2-23 @ 6pm-Insurance 101
- 3-16 @ 4pm-Paycheck and Taxes
- 4-12 @ 6pm-Build & Protect your Credit

Register at:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/AdultingW2023/>





Event Flyers



2023 Montcalm County 4-H Poultry Showmanship Workshop



Saturday, April 22, 2023

\$10.00 / participant (proceeds go towards new poultry cages). Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council.

Check in: 1pm / Workshop: 2-3pm

Located at Small Animal Barn at the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds
8784 Peck Rd., Greenville, MI 48838

Open to all youth. Live birds will be present.
DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN BIRDS!!



Join us after from 3-5, to gain qualifying community service hours, while we clean up and reconfigure the poultry area of the Small Animal Barn

Contact the Montcalm County 4H MSU Extension Office with any questions.

Sunni Haglund; 4-H Program Coordinator: (989) 831-7514



Event Flyers

Rabbit Workshop

Saturday, April 22nd 2-4

Montcalm County Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn

**\$10 PARTICIPATION FEE
(PROCEEDS GO TO SMALL
ANIMAL BARN REPAIRS/
UPGRADES)**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- * **EAR TATOOING**
- * **CAVY TAGGING (\$1 EACH)**
- * **SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP**
- * **FAIR REGISTRATION FORM
ASSISTANCE**
- * **Q&A**





Event Flyers



Montcalm County 4-H Educational and Fun Goat Show

April 29th, 2023 – Montcalm County Fairgrounds
Open to all Michigan youth and the public!

Check-in begins at 9 am

Show starts at 9:30 am

Registration Fees (collected at time of check-in): \$10 per goat / \$5 for showmanship

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn
8784 Peck Road, Greenville, MI 48838

Hosted by The Whispering Pine Farm Kids 4-H Club

Registrations due by April 22nd, 2023

Please contact MSU-E Program Coordinator for registration at haqlun10@msu.edu or (989) 831-7514



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Classes

Showmanship

- Cloverbud (5-7 years)
- Juniors (8-11 years)
- Intermediate (12-15 years)
- Senior (15-19 years)
- Adult (20 + years)

Dairy Breed

- Milking does
- Never freshened does
- Dry does

Meat Breed

- Milking does
- Never freshened does
- Dry does

Mixed Breed

- Milking does
- Never freshened does
- Dry does

Dam and Kid (any gender kid)

Wether (split between dairy and meat)

Buck

- All age – goats need not be body clipped

Trail

* Classes may be added with sufficient number of entries.

After the show, enjoy a market and fiber hands-on education class and a goat cart demonstration.



Event Flyers

DETROIT TIGERS MICHIGAN 4-H DAY



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TIGERS vs. MARINERS

Saturday, May 13th • 1:10 PM

ABOUT

Join Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13!

Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.



Tickets can be ordered at <https://fevo.me/mi4h2023>

PACKAGES

4-H Ticket - \$18

Call Walker Cooper at 313.471.7337 or email Walker.Cooper@Tigers.com

To reserve your spot today!



Event Flyers

MICHIGAN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS



**ALL PATHS
LEAD TO 4-H**



REGISTRATION OPENING

MARCH 21

at 7 p.m. EST

Join Michigan 4-H for a pre-college summer program geared towards youth 12-19 years old. Exploration Days takes place June 21-23, 2023 on the campus of Michigan State University and allows youth to explore careers, meet new people, stay on a college campus, and learn new ideas. Registration opens March 21, 2023. More information can be found on https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/ and by contacting the Montcalm County 4-H office or Sunni Haglund at haglun10@msu.edu.