



February 2024

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

We have a lot of information going out in these newsletters, to the club administrative leaders, our Facebook pages, and website, so we encourage everyone to not only read these newsletters, but also follow us and the varying committees on social media, if you use it. We also have a lot of upcoming opportunities and events happening at County and State level, so keep an eye out for those postings and emails.

Let me know if you have any questions, and we'll do our best to guide you to the right source.

Follow us on FB for more updates throughout the month (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H>)

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 Thursday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92086229811> 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/96502762151> passcode: Horse)

4-H Council | 3rd Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | MSUE office & 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

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

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Committee News

Fair Association (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>) <https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>

Some of us were able to attend the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) Convention and received a lot of good information. We're also looking for more Association members and 4-H Volunteers, to join our various committees and give input, assist in creating new/updating old policies, implementing positive changes, and much more. If you're interested in being more involved, feel free to come to a meeting and let us know. Our next meeting will be February 5th at 7pm at the Ash Building. All are welcome to attend.

Marketing / Events Committee

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)

On January 20th, our committee put together a MEGA raffle event at the Ash Building. We are VERY happy to say that it was a HUGE success. We'd like to say thank you to all of those that made this happen, and to our community members that continue to support our Fair. We're still working on the list of requests to present to the Fairboard, by order of importance and what we can afford, based on funds raised. Thanks again, for those that contributed to our success!

Advisory Council

https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-scholarships

We are not meeting in February, so our next meeting is March 18th at 6:30pm on Zoom. The zoom link is on the 1st page of this newsletter. Check out our new 4-Her of the Year application! The new due date is March 1st. Feel free to send comments/suggestions to Sunni or Kim.



Committee News

Dog Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492>)

The next Dog Committee meeting is February 1st at 6:30pm at the Ash Building. County-wide dog practices will be the 6th and 22nd of February at 6:30pm, in the Ash Building at the Fairgrounds.

Horse Leaders (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/623810004403480>)

We are looking for youth who are interested in being Junior Leaders. If you are interested, let your club leader know, so they can bring your name to our next meeting. Our next meeting will be February 14th at 7pm at the Ash Building.

MSU is hosting a Horse Judging Workshop February 2nd and 3rd.

For more information, go to

https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

Community Connections (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492>)

Are you interested in hearing more about what the 4-H Community Connections Committee does? Check out our flyer on page 15! If you'd like to join our Zoom meetings, our meetings follow the Advisory Council meetings, on the 3rd Monday of the month. The Zoom link is on the first page of this newsletter. The January/February challenge is collecting new/handmade toys to the Helen DeVos Childrens Hospital. Please message 4HCCC for drop off locations or bring them to the MSU Extension office here in Stanton.

Shooting Sports Update

See page 25 for an informative letter from the new 4-H Shooting Sports Club (4-H Precision Seekers). If you or your youth is interested, please reach out to Scott at 616-826-6310. If you or your youth is interested in Archery (Shootin and Showin), please reach out to Amanda Moran at 989-287-0979.



Committee News

Small Animal Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021686638080972>)

Our next meeting will be February 26th at 6pm, at the Ash Building. Our committee, Youth Livestock and the MCFAAC will be working together to put on an Exhibitor Workshop. There will be one in March, that we're still working out details on. The second one will be April 21st from 2-4pm at the Ash Building. This workshop will include information about how the auction runs, how to market yourself and your project, writing a good buyers' letter, and in-person YQCA training (to name a few). If you're a Montcalm County Fair **MARKET** exhibitor and would like to participate, you will need to pre-register on the YQCA website <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>. If you're not a market exhibitor but would still like to participate in the workshop (it will be very beneficial), you can check in at the door.

Youth Livestock Committee

This committee has been doing fundraisers the past few years, to ensure that each youth exhibitor has wood shavings for bedding for the animals. The BIG pile of shavings by the Livestock Arena, has been brought to you for free, from this committee. Our next meeting will be February 26th at 6:30pm, at the Ash Building. If you're a youth exhibitor, we'd love to have you brainstorm ideas with us. At our next meeting, we've invited Frank Cox from MSU-Extension to come talk to us about the importance of building a resume. He will also cover how to reflect your community service/service-learning experiences on a resume.

Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Club (Fair Livestock Committee) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634532730117422>)

We will be installing man gates within the Livestock Arena, to make entering and exiting a bit safer for the spectators. If you're interested in attending a meeting for input or ideas, our next meeting will be February 26th at 7pm, at the Ash Building.



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Fair Camping

Montcalm County Fairgrounds

For questions, please email
countyfair59@yahoo.com

Make Payments online:

[Camping Information – Montcalm County
Fairgrounds](#)

Sponsored site holders will be receiving a reminder email with this information.

- Sponsored site yearly payment **Due by February 23** (\$200 unless first year)
- Sponsored site installment payments **Due by February 23**.
(\$500 X4 or \$2000 in full)
- If Sponsored site payments are not received your site opens for public.
- Sponsored sites \$2000 in full or 4 installments of \$500. (Form on Website)

Fair Reservations open **March 1st at 8am**.

- Electric Sites \$200
- Rustic Sites \$100

Make Payments online:

[Camping Information — Montcalm County Fairgrounds](#)

Watch for more Fair Camping information on our Website, Facebook page and Text reminder.

For questions, please email countyfair59@yahoo.com.

SIGN UP FAIR FAMILY

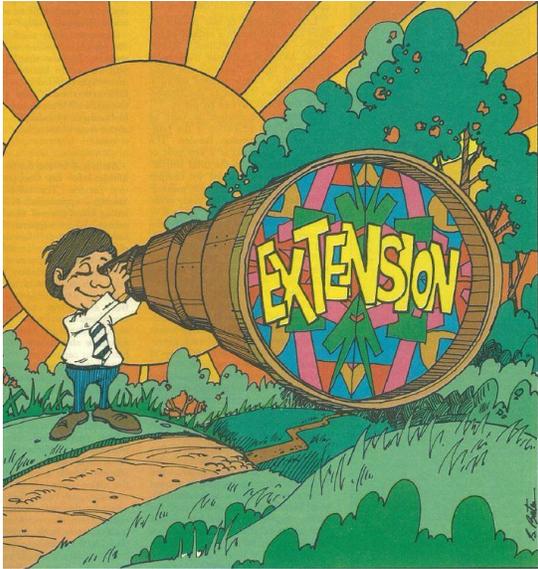
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TEXT @**MONTCALMCO**

TO: **81010**



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Montcalm County Extension Office 4-H / District 8

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H/>) /
(<https://www.facebook.com/District8MSUE>)

Here's another reminder that we need the December 31st account balances from all 4-H Club leaders by the 1st of February. If you did not receive the email, that means we already have your information, and your club is good to go.

Record books are back up on the website and are ready for the kids to start working on them. Go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm-county-4-h/4-h-record-books> and find your project area. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

We're updating multiple resources throughout the website and trying to include all that we can. If you notice something is amiss, missing information or you can't seem to find something on our page, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can fix it. If you're still reading this far, send me an email for a cool prize!

If you ever have any comments, suggestions or constructive complaints, I welcome any and all of the above, in order to improve this program and those we serve. Thank you for your continued support!

-Sunni

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

2024 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show

MSU hosted the 2024 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show on Saturday, January 27th, and boy did Montcalm County kids show up! They were all on FIRE and did amazing! Congrats to all the kiddos that worked their butts off to show the other counties that Montcalm is a force to be reckoned with!



GREAT JOB, KIDDOS!!!





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2024 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show



Morgan Venema came in 3rd for both Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship



Allyson Badge took first with Lilac in BOVS and 1st in JR Harlequin with Steele
Bryan Badge took 2nd place with Onyx for the black New Zealand





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

2024 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show



Claire and Jada Lashuay placed in the top 10 of their class!



Ivy Sissell won the OVERALL BEST PHOTOGRAPH with her photo 'Winter Wonderland' and then went on to win the Educational poster contest with 'How to care for the Domestic Rabbit!'





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **4-H CCC January/February Challenge** **Date: 1/1 – 2/29**
- Dog Committee meets Date: 2/01/2024
- Fairboard meets Date: 2/05/2024
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: 2/06/2024
- Horse Leaders meet Date: 2/14/2024
- Community Connections meets Date: 2/19/2024
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: 2/22/2024
- Small Animal Committee meets Date: 2/26/2024
- Youth Livestock Committee meets Date: 2/26/2024
- MCFAAC meets Date: 2/26/2024
- **Exhibitor Workshop** **Date: March TBD**
- **Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, Prospect Weigh-in/Tagging** **Date: 4/14/2024**
- **Exhibitor Workshop** **Date: 4/21/2024**
- **Final Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, Prospect Weigh-in/Tagging** **Date: 4/26/2024**

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 webpage

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>

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>





Livestock Market Weigh In Information:



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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

Feeder Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Prospect Feeder Weigh-in/Tagging Event

Montcalm County Fairgrounds and Events



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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

Final Feeder Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Prospect Feeders Weigh-in/Tagging Event

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 17-19, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts, and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights and youth advocacy, crime and law enforcement, education and teacher retention, environment and natural resources, health, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Make a difference for food security with World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/.



Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

For more information and to get tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm

February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

Online

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1

February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb

March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024

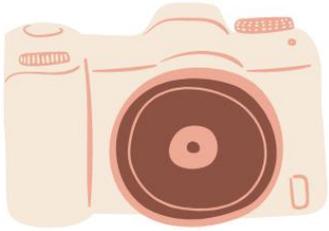
March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.

www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon





All of this and more!

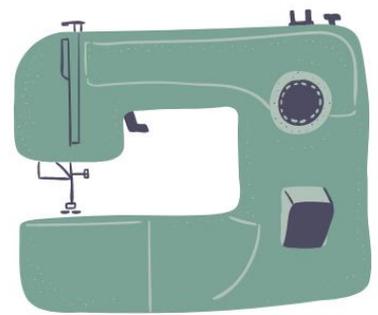
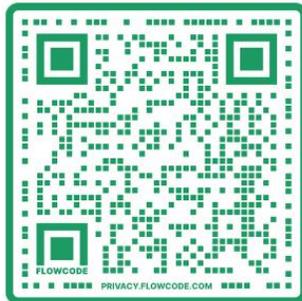


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



To find your local 4-H Program Coordinator, or to learn more about what 4-H can offer you and your family, go to:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/join_4_h



4-H is about more than the ribbons & awards
IT'S ABOUT the PEOPLE, the Experiences, the life-long skills, the memories, the COUNTY FAIRS
IT'S ABOUT being a ROLE MODEL giving back, and MAKING THE BEST BET



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

What we do:

- Community Service Projects / Challenges
- Build / Expand Community Partnerships
- Bridge Gaps for Community Members
- Locate and Provide Needed Resources
- Join Together Surrounding Counties
- Host Events and Activities

Find us on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656549581412123>



Youth Livestock Information

Sponsorship

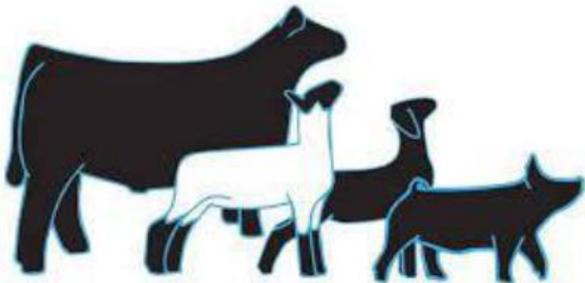


Dear Business Owner,

As a committee we are hoping to raise a goal of \$2,500 to purchase sawdust and new barn fans for the livestock exhibitors for the 2024 Montcalm County Fair held June 23-29. All donation amounts are acceptable and greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Junior Livestock Committee

**Payable to: Montcalm
County Junior
Livestock Committee**



If you have any
questions text:
Celina Eldridge
Vice President
(989)-304-5460

**Send to: MSUE
Montcalm County
Office
PO Box 368
211 W. Main Street
Stanton, Mi 48888**

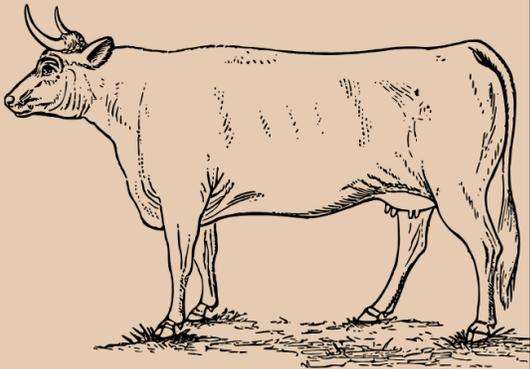
The Youth Livestock Committee wanted to share the sponsorship flyer they've created, to raise funds for various items needed for the fair. Each year, they have successfully fundraised to be able to provide FREE sawdust for all the exhibitor's animals. Their hard work and dedication to this program, has been able to provide a way for each youth exhibitor to save money on bedding during fair, as well as ease their minds on one less thing they must remember to get for fair. This year, they're also raising money for new barn fans in the sheep/dairy barn and the swine/beef barn.

Feel free to share this with local businesses that may be interested in supporting the youth during fair. They are also hoping to see more faces at each of their meetings - the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm, at the Ash Building.



Flyers

FFA Beef Raffle



Before people buy tickets remind them that they will pay for the processing!!!

The processing date will be March 20. We will stop selling tickets March 12. The drawing will be March 13 during lunch time.

Winners will decide their cuts and will get 10% off the total if they mention the fundraiser when they call.

The kill fee is \$33.25, The cut and wrap is 70 cents per pound so the range of what people could expect to pay is

\$188.25-\$223.75.

Contact info:

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Christina De Graaf

degraafc@bas-k12.org

There will be four winners of a 1/4 beef that will be processed at Jone's Meat Market.



Flyers

Michigan 4-H Horse Program

2024 Year-at-a- Glance

**February 2nd & 3rd,
Judging Clinic and
Practice Horse Judging
Contest**

**March 16th, State
Hippology Contest**

**April 13th, State 4-H &
FFA Horse Judging
Contest**

**August 16th-18th, 4-H
State Horse Show**

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Youth Equine Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu



Flyers

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

FEBRUARY 17, 2024
MSU ANTHONY HALL



Norma Agnew Memorial Hairy Horse Show

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 am start - MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI - \$40 stall - \$8.00 class
All proceeds to benefit MSU Youth Horse programs.

**Join us for an interactive horse show where the judges wear microphones
and give on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors!**

No ribbons or points will be awarded for class placing; the feedback is your reward!

Sunday, 8:30 am

102. Fine Horse Showmanship 8-19 yr olds

103. Open Showmanship 20 & over

104. Open Showmanship 14-19 yr old

105. Open Showmanship 13-8 yr old

106. Cloverbud Showmanship 5-7 yr old

-15 minute break-

107. Fine Horse Hunter Pleasure 20 & over

108. Fine Horse Hunter Pleasure 8-19 yr old

109. Open Hunter Pleasure 20 & over

110. Open Hunter Pleasure 14-19 yr old

111. Open Hunter Pleasure 13-8 yr old

112. Adult Hunt Seat Pleasure Walk-Trot

113. Youth Hunt Seat Pleasure Walk-Trot

114. Open Hunt Seat Equitation 20 & over

115. Open Hunt Seat Equitation 14-19 yr old

116. Open Hunt Seat Equitation 13-8 yr old

117. Cloverbud English Equitation 5-7 yr old

118. Adult Hunt Seat Equitation Walk-Trot 20 & over

119. Youth Hunt Seat Equitation Walk-Trot 19-8 yr

-15 minute break-

120. Adult Walk-Trot English Pleasure (Saddle Seat)

121. Youth Walk Trot English Pleasure (Saddle Seat)

122. Open English (Saddle Seat) Pleasure 20 & over

123. Open English (Saddle Seat) Pleasure 19-8 yr old

124. Open Saddle Seat Equitation 20 & over

125. Open Saddle Seat Equitation 19-8 yr old

126. Walk Trot Saddle Seat Equitation 8 yr & over

-15 minute break-

127. Fine Horse Western Pleasure All ages

128. Open Western Pleasure 20 & Over

129. Open Western Pleasure 14-19 yr old

130. Open Western Pleasure 13-8 yr old

131. Adult Western Pleasure Walk-Trot 20 & over

132. Youth Western Pleasure Walk-Trot 19-8 yr old

133. Adult Ranch Riding 20 & over

134 Youth Ranch Riding 19 & under

135. Open Western Horsemanship 20 & over

136. Open Western Horsemanship 14-19 yr old

137. Open Western Horsemanship 13 & under

138. Cloverbud Western Horsemanship 5-7 yr old

139. Adult Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot 20 & over

140. Youth Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot 19-8 yr

- **An Approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar**
- Event open to all, not just 4-H members!
- ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required in all youth Hunt/Saddle Seat classes.
- Negative Coggins in last 12 months required.
- No stallions allowed at this event!
- Show clothes are optional.
- Class entries will close at 11:00 a.m. on the day of show.
- Horses may arrive after 5 pm on Saturday.

- No refunds will be issued after 3/10/24.
- **ONLY PREPAID STALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** A limited number of stalls are available. You must have a stall, no showing out of trailer! All horse stalls must use bedding.
- Stalls may also be reserved with credit card online at:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645
Or mail checks payable to MSU
Hairy Horse Show – Attn: Carla
474 S. Shaw Lane, Rm 1287
East Lansing, MI 48824

Cloverbud Policy (age 5-7 as of 1/1/2024). ALL 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets.

- Age 5 (6, or 7): May be involved with equine on a halter and lead. They **MUST** be directly accompanied one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on foot holding the animal's halter or lead to maximize safety.
- Age 6 (or 7): May ride a horse unaccompanied, but only at the walk. Adult volunteers should be in the ring with the Cloverbud at all times.
- Age 7 only: May participate in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences.

Questions? Email Carla McLachlan: CarlaM@msu.edu

Credit Card payment for stall reservation available at:

https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

Department of Animal Science



MCFA AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE & 4-H SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE PRESENT:



EXHIBITORS WORKSHOP & YQCA TRAINING

When: March to be determined
or
April 21st, 2024 2pm to 4pm

Where: Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Ash Building

How to Register: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

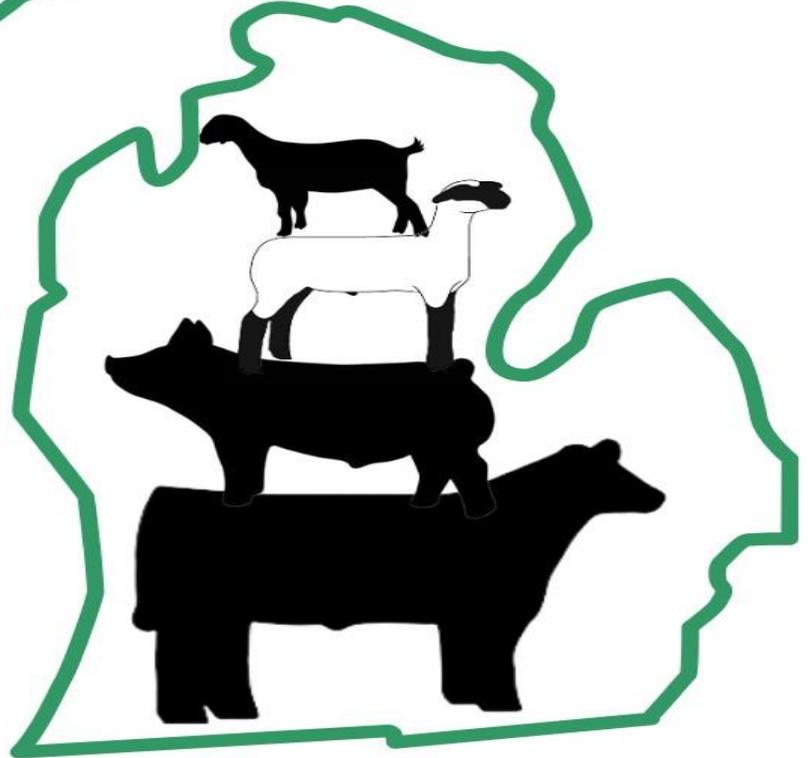
Cost: \$3 per person for in-person (or \$12 online per person)

All Montcalm County market exhibitors MUST take the YQCA training prior to the 2024 fair



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Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop



March 2nd

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024>

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD VIRTUAL CHALLENGE on GooseChase

Join Michigan 4-H and Military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child. Our GooseChase app will connect military and civilian youth through missions to learn more about the military, its branches, history and science to win prizes!

When: Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Where: Wherever you are with a smartphone or tablet

How: Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HMOMC2024/>

Registration runs from February 1, 2024 through March 29, 2024

The first 50 participants/teams will be mailed a 4-H Build a Boat activity kit to use in the challenge.

This event is open to all. You do not need to be a 4-H member or have military affiliation



VETERINARY EDUCATION DAY

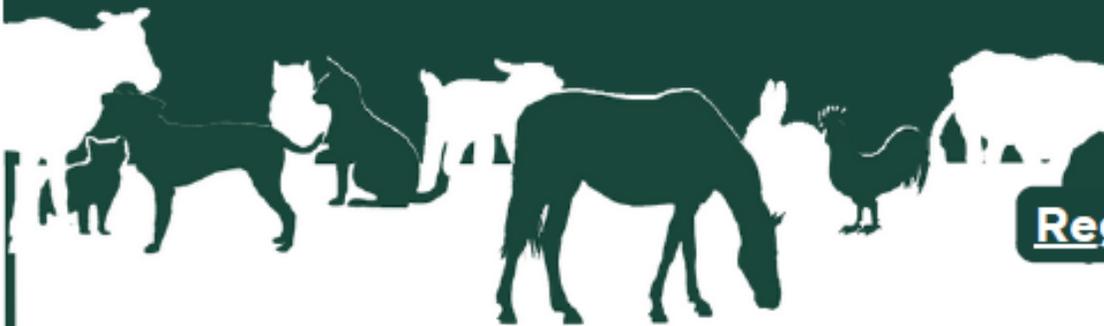
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 @ 12-3:00 P.M.
HYBRID EVENT – REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED

Join us for presentations and student panels representing our preveterinary, Veterinary Nursing, and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Programs. The event is ideal for high school students, college students or post-college individuals considering a veterinary career!

Meet current students, faculty, & staff, ask questions, & learn how to apply!



Register Here!





MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H
SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE
PRESENTS
2ND ANNUAL



SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

Come join us as we cover:

- The basics of poultry, rabbit, and cavy showmanship
- On-site Pullorum testing for healthy birds
- On-site tattooing for healthy rabbits
- On-site tagging for healthy cavies
- Building skills and species knowledge
and much more!



May 18th, 2024 10am - 2pm

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn
8784 Peck Rd., Greenville

\$10 entrance fee - Lunch provided
Giveaways & Raffle Items
All are welcome!

Pre-register online at: <https://forms.gle/biq3ibnvA1x9zJrH8>

Pay at check-in

MSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND MATERIAL ARE OPEN TO ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, RELIGION, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY STATUS, OR VETERAN STATUS.

4-H Shooting Sports

Club Name: 4-H Precision Seekers

Club Leader: Scott Wallace
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Club Discipline: .22 Rifle (2 divisions Field and Target)

Age Requirement: 12-19 4-H Age (as of Jan 1 of the program year)

Location: Flat River Conservation Club (Rifle Side)
300 S Greenville Rd
Greenville, MI

Meetings: Weekly April 2024 – August 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Required Items: Eye Protection, Hearing Protection, shooting matt, .22 Ammo (no reloads allowed).

Clothing: Appropriate attire without any questionable graphics or statements and shoes that completely cover the feet. No military/tactical clothing or accessories are allowed at 4-H events.

Parent or Guardian: All youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during 4-H activities.

Guns: The Gun Club has .22LR Target Rifles we can use. Youth can bring their own rifle to use if it is a properly functioning .22 Field or Target rifle. All guns must be unloaded and in a gun case. No tactical type firearms are permitted in 4-H. Only one bullet will be allowed to be loaded into the gun, magazine, tube, etc. at a time.

Competitions: We will hold 2 competitions for those youth club members who would like to participate (not mandatory). A county competition sometime prior to the fair, and then the state competition which is usually held in August. More info to come during regular club meetings in 2024.

4-H Club Signup: Registration will open in September 2023. You can do this online or contact our County Program Coordinator. You must be registered in the 4-H Precision Seekers club to be able to participate.

Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator
Montcalm County
989-831-7514

What to expect: Our focus will be on gun safety, proper gun handling, responsibilities of gun ownership, gun maintenance, proper shooting techniques, improving your accuracy, and having fun.

Volunteers/Instructors: If any parents would be interested in becoming a Volunteer or Instructor for the club, please contact me or Sunni. Additional instructors would allow us to offer more shooting disciplines at club meetings. 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines include Archery, Rifle (BB, Pellet, .22) Shotgun (Trap, Skeet), Muzzle Loader, and Pistol (Pellet).



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