



MARCH 2023

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

I hope that everyone is safe and warm after the last few storms. If anyone is in need of ideas to keep kids engaged on snow days or throughout their spring break, we have a lot of resources here at the office to check out.

Friendly reminders from the Committee's on Page 2.

I want to thank the volunteers that completed their training to stay compliant. For those that are working towards being active volunteers again, we are here to answer any questions and provide any assistance you may need to continue. Read more on page 3.

There is an MSU Veterinary medicine candidate that would like to do a presentation to our Youth. Read more on page 4.

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 6-17.

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.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Volunteer Compliance Information



By March 3, 2023, anyone that hasn't completed training that received notice, will be moved to archived in the volunteer system. If they would like to be a volunteer down the road, they will need to complete all the steps required as a new volunteer.

It is important to remember that anyone who has not completed the required training and all steps to be an active 4-H Gold volunteer, will not be able to engage as a volunteer.

If you are a club administrator and would like a list of your current active Gold volunteers, please send me an email at haglun10@msu.edu. Training can be completed here: <https://msu.samaritan.com/>



4-H Youth After-School Agriculture Club

We are looking at starting an after-school ag club for youth in the near future. We have a plethora of ideas and are looking to see what the interest level would be, and how often the youth of this County would be willing to meet. We are open to meeting here at the Extension office, at the fairgrounds, at a school or any other location that works for those that would be interested in joining. Any active Gold volunteer interested will be welcomed as well.

Our first program/series will be geared around "Farm to Table". We will be traveling to various farms and business', learning about their processes from start to finish. Our goal would be to have the youth that participate, showcase their knowledge gained throughout the series and cook for the 4-H awards banquet in the fall.

We would like to start meeting very soon, as the spring season is nearing. 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 have an amazing opportunity to hear a presentation from a current MSU DVM candidate. She has availability throughout March but would like maximum participation. She will be covering a wide variety of topics, to include what you can do with a degree in veterinary medicine.

If you are interested in being a part of this presentation, please send me an email with some available dates and times to haglun10@msu.edu.





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Swine tags available at MCFAAC meeting.....Date: 02/27/2023
- Fair campsite registration opens.....Date: 03/01/2023
- Dog Committee meets.....Date: 03/02/2023
- Horse Leaders meet.....Date: 03/08/2023
- County Wide Dog Practice.....Date: 03/09/2023
- 4-H Advisory Council meets (this month only).....Date: 03/14/2023
- 4-H CCC meetsDate: 03/20/2023
- Small Animal Committee meets.....Date: 03/27/2023
- 4-H Youth Livestock meets.....Date: 03/27/2023
- MCFAAC (Fair Livestock) meets.....Date: 03/27/2023
- Swine tags available at MCFAAC meeting.....Date: 03/27/2023
- Coggins drawn for horse families.....Date: 4/01/2023
- Tagging day for market goats, sheep and feeders.....Date: 04/14/2023
- Poultry Showmanship Workshop (see flyer)Date: 04/22/2023
- Swine tags available at MCFAAC meeting.....Date: 04/24/2023
- Goat Show (see flyer).....Date: 04/29/2023
- Tagging day for market goats, sheep and feeders.....Date: 05/03/2023
- Rabbit Show (see save the date).....Date: 05/06/2023

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

Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

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 old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online 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.



MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

February 28th
Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

March 16th
Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club

April 13th
Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings

ALL TRAININGS OFFERED 12-1PM EST AND 7-8PM EST

REGISTER HERE:

www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series

Register for Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series!

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

There will be a minimum of six topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice (once as a daytime and once as an evening option). Everyone who attends at least four of the live webinars will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

The session dates and topics for the first three months are:

- **Building the Value of Your 4-H Club:** This session will focus on the key components of creating a club environment and how that leads to positive outcomes.
 - February 28, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club:** This session will allow you to learn new strategies as well as share methods that have worked for you.
 - March 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings:** Learn quick and engaging activities to make your next meeting both fun and functional. Have fun and learn ways to help everyone participate at their own comfort level.
 - April 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Win prizes with 4-H Money Contests



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, MSU Extension is coordinating two contests with an opportunity to win... money!

Youth ages 9-12 can write a short essay of 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card in the Cash Composition Contest.

Youth ages 13-19 can participate in a 30-question online challenge for a chance to win a \$25 gift card in the Show Your Money Smarts Contest.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts. Prizes for the contests are generously sponsored by Extra Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.



March 2: Build Your Future - Career Education for Youth

Online

Adults who work with youth are encouraged to join this webinar session to learn ways to implement career education and workforce development skills with youth!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2

March 10: 4-H Teen Fun Night

The Northern Center & Fox Den Restaurant, Houghton Lake

Teens from Roscommon and surrounding counties are invited for a night of video games, basketball, board games, cards, food, fun and making friends.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-fun-night-march-2023>

March 11-12: Tollgate Farm Maplefest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Identify and tap a maple tree, tour the sugar shack, explore fun maple-themed activities, take a wagon ride, taste maple sap, syrup and sugar, and explore maple tools and technology. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, cocoa and real maple syrup in the historic 19th-century barn.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest

March 14: Wild Spartans Series - Upland Bird Conservation

Online

Meet Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Education and Outreach Manager Marissa Jensen. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

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

March 16: Adulting 101 – Paycheck and Taxes

Online

Understanding why and how taxes and other items are deducted from a worker's paycheck is an important step toward gaining financial knowledge. Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23

March 18: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches and practical horse management. Register by March 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest





Event Flyers



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RAINBOW SPARTANS

**THE
INTERSECTIONALITY OF
IDENTITY, CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT, &
COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT**

MARCH 1, 2023
6:30 PM EST



Event Flyers



Register Today



HINAMATSURI
JAPANESE
GIRLS' DAY
CELEBRATION!

Friday, March 3, 2023
6:30-7:30pm EST/
5:30-6:30 CST



Attention 4-H horse members! Registration is now open for the 2023 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest and 4-H Hippology Contest. Learn more and register:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses.../registration-information>



Event Flyers

2023 SKILLATHON
The Third Annual
Michigan  State Championship

2023 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon Qualifiers

March 4 or 11, 2023

via Zoom

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management in 10 different Market Livestock Categories.

Poultry	Swine
Rabbits/Cavies	Dairy
Dogs	Beef
Sheep	Horses
Goats	General Knowledge

Contestants scoring above the minimum percentile in their respective division will be notified via email within two days of the qualifier contest that they have advanced to the State Championship on March 18, 2023.

Age divisions:

- Novice (8-11 years)
- Junior (12-14 years)
- Senior (15-19 years)
- Adult (20+)

Youth competitors must be 8, but not yet 20, before January 1, 2023. Those who are 20 years and older are eligible to compete in the Adult Division.

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION:

www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon

CONTACT:

4HSkillathon@msu.edu

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MSU Extension Presents: Online - Extension Extras Parenting Hour March 2023

3/7/23: Importance of Outdoor Play

3/14/23: Setting the Stage: Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children

3/21/23: Screen Time for Children

3/28/23: RELAX: Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

TIME: 8:00-9:30pm

Download Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/download>

Register at:

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_prC0K8q9SFe2es2ymb6_kq



For more information or accommodations* contact:

Courtney Aldrich
aldric82@msu.edu
(517) 993-8649



DESCRIPTION:

This FREE online series of parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting.

Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings as follows:

3/7/23: Importance of Outdoor Play

3/14/23: Setting the Stage: Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children

3/21/23: Screen Time for Children

3/28/23: RELAX: Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

HOW TO REGISTER:

Register in advance for any of the webinar workshops at the following link:

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_prC0K8q9SFe2es2ymb6_kq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

* Accommodations should be requested no later than 2 weeks before class

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2023 Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

OVERVIEW

This one-day workshop will be March 4, 2023, on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is designed for 4-H youth and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats, and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of breakout sessions. Session topics include intro to your species project, animal evaluation, marketing your livestock project, animal anatomy, reproduction, nutrition, and more!

Space will be limited to 100 people: approximately 80 youth and 20 volunteers.

DATES, LOCATION, FEES

WHEN: Saturday, March 4, 2023

WHERE: MSU Anthony Hall in East Lansing

WHO: Youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers

COST: \$30 per participant

NOTE: The registration fee includes lunch and a t-shirt. Lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the participant.

Event Contact

Autumn Converse

Extension Educator, 4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science Programs

conver20@msu.edu

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW (all times EST)

8:00	Registration begins
9:15	Welcome!
9:45	Session A
11:00	Session B
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Session C
2:15	Session D
3:30	Conclusion
4:00	Safe travels!



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- Michigan 4-H Livestock and



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A DAY IN THE LIFE

4-H WEBINAR SERIES

Explore animal agriculture
careers within Michigan
State University Extension

6:30pm Wednesdays

March 8th and March 22nd

Dairy Educator



Martin Mangual
March 8th, 2023

4-H Program Coordinator



Kendra VanOrder
March 22nd, 2023

For 4-H youth ages
12-19



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Michigan State University Extension

Child and Family Development March Offerings

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals. See below for our March offerings!

Please reach out to your local Extension office or [find a Child and Family Development team member near you!](#)

Follow our Facebook page for more information and resources at [MI Stronger Family - MSU Extension](#).

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

3/7/23: Importance of Outdoor Play

3/14/23: Setting the Stage: Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children

3/21/23: Screen Time for Children

3/28/23: RELAX: Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

Class Times: 8:00PM to 9:30PM

- Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_prC0K8q9SFe2es2ymb6_kq
- Attached are flyers for these workshops and graphics for social media
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Parenting Series

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

- Class dates: March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10
- Class Times: 8:00pm-9:30pm EST

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/GuidingPrinciplesMarApr2023/>



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.



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



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

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

