



October 2023

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Thank you to all of the clubs that worked diligently in getting the annual reports turned in. We're still missing a few clubs' reports, and some have not completed the mandatory training yet. If your club is not showing up in 4-H Online, please reach out to your club leaders.

There are 2 more Leader Series classes coming up – more info on page 4. If you are needing resources or training for your club or committee, let me know ASAP so that I can get it around and get you on my calendar.

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>)

Our next meeting will be October 2nd at 7pm at the Ash Building. All are welcome to attend. Our annual member meeting will be held at the Ash Building, on October 29th at 3pm. If you're interested in becoming a member or running for the board, please reach out to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu for more information.

Marketing / Events Committee

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

Check out our Facebook page for an up-to-date listing of events. We will be starting the Haunted Barn on the 14th of October! The flyer is on page 18.

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

The next Dog Committee October 5th at 6:30pm at the Ash Building. County-wide dog practice will be the 10th of October at 6:30pm, in the livestock arena. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Our next meeting will be October 11th at 7pm, at the Ash Building.

Advisory Council

We've adjusted our meeting times to the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Extension Office and via Zoom. Please take note of the adjustment, and feel free to join along with us! The zoom link is on the 1st page of this newsletter. Tentative Awards Banquet at MCC on the 8th of October at 4pm. Open swim from 12-4. Bring a dish to pass. We will send out more information as we get confirmations.

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

Our meetings follow the Advisory Council meetings, on the 3rd Monday of the month via Zoom.



Committee News

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

Our next meeting will be October 23rd at 6pm at the Ash Building. If you're interested in assisting the Small Animal Committee on planning and ideas for this coming years' fair, please join us on the 4th Monday of each month, at 6pm. If you cannot make it in person but would still like an input, a zoom link can be provided/available!

Youth Livestock Committee

The next meeting will be on October 23rd 6:30pm. This committee has been able to raise enough funds to provide the bedding for the animals during fair, for the last two years. This committee is always looking for new ideas and members. If you're between the ages of 5 and 19, show livestock at the fair, and would like to be more involved, we'd love to see you on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

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

The MCFAAC is meeting on October 23rd at 7pm. **SAVE THE DATE!!!** October 14th, the MCFAAC will be putting on a Brian Plank Memorial Beef Show to raise money for the building fund for the fairgrounds. Check out the flyer on page 17 for more details.

Shooting Sports Update

See page 11 for an informative letter from the new 4-H Shooting Sports Club (4-H Precision Seekers). They're open for registrations for youth ages 12-19 who are interested in learning more about .22LR, gun safety and proper handling, responsibilities of gun ownership, gun maintenance, proper shooting techniques, improving your accuracy and having fun! Reach out to myself or Scott Wallace, if you or a youth you know is interested.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Montcalm County Extension Office 4-H / District 8

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

I am hosting two more Leader Series trainings. October 4th at 6pm, I'll be covering financials. October 11th at 6pm, will be more of an open forum to discuss possible conflict points within 4-H clubs, conflict resolution and building a more cohesive 4-H club. If you've missed any of the trainings and would like the resources, please email me at haglun10@msu.edu to coordinate a day/time that works. If there are any subject areas that you or your club would be interested in, please send me an email with the topic and what day works best for you/your club. Follow our FB pages for more info!

We have a lot of resources available at the Extension office, for those that are looking for ideas or assistance. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're looking for something specific.





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fairboard meets Date: 10/2/2023
- Dog Committee meets Date: 10/5/2023
- **Red Flannel Parade** Date: **10/7/2023**
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: 10/10/2023
- Horse Leaders meet Date: 10/11/2023
- **Haunted Barn** Date: **10/14/2023**
- 4-H Advisory Council meets (**ZOOM ONLY**) Date: 10/16/2023
- Community Connections meets Date: 10/16/2023
- **Haunted Barn** Date: **10/20-21/2023**
- Small Animal Committee meets Date: 10/23/2023
- Youth Livestock Committee meets Date: 10/23/2023
- MCFAAC meets Date: 10/23/2023
- **Haunted Barn** Date: **10/27-28/2023**

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>



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Promote 4-H with the 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, “**Why You Should Join 4-H!**” Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others!

This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024.

A total of six prizes will be awarded to the top videos judged by professionals. There will be two age brackets for this competition:

- 4-H ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2024)
- 4-H ages 14-19 (as of January 1, 2024)

Each age bracket will have three winners, who will receive the following prizes:

- First place prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
- Second place prize: \$75 Amazon gift card
- Third place prize: \$50 Amazon gift card

The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. More information and contest rules can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at jamies13@msu.edu.



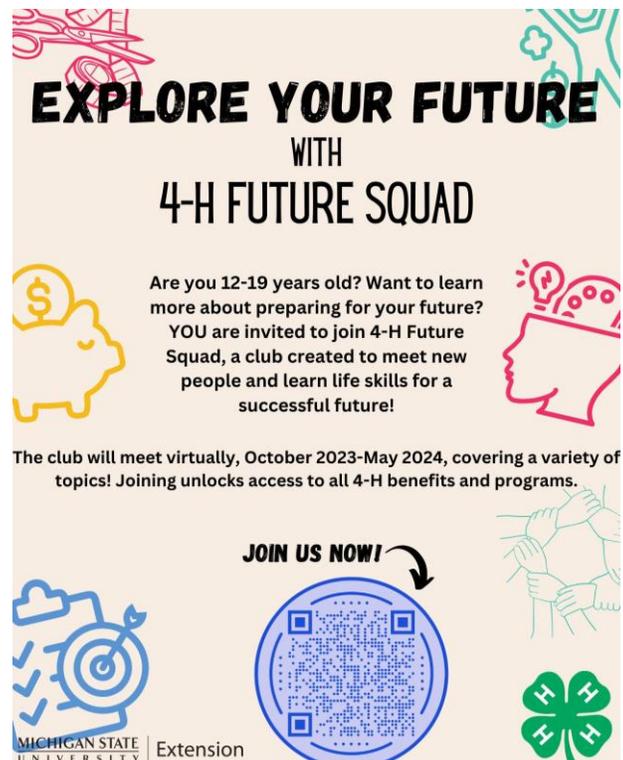
Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year old youth throughout Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This program is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The FREE club will meet October 2023 through May 2024. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal-setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks. Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom. Club meetings for the 2023-2024 year will take place twice monthly with Monday or Thursday meeting dates on alternating months.

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 1-7: National 4-H Week

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 4-15: Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store or online!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

October 7: 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin

4-H families and friends will receive a discount of \$2 off admission, a fun fall prize, a free donut and cup of cider! Sign up required.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-wild-pumpkin

October 10: Wild Spartans - Snakes and Frogs: Fieldwork in the Tropics

Online

Participants will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, adjunct professor at Florida State University and biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

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

October 18: Adulting 101 - Wealth Building

Online

This workshop will provide tips, tools and goal-setting strategies. Learn about different types of savings and investment products, evaluate your risk tolerance and explore investment timelines.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23

October 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Helping Youth Find Their Spark

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark

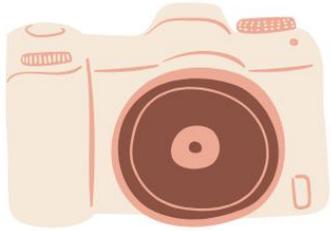
7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm

SAVE THE DATE!

November 10-12: Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to this leadership program that will focus on service, community leadership, global leadership and more. Youth will stay at a Lansing area hotel, attend classes on MSU's campus and take part in service projects around the Lansing area. Registration coming soon.





All of this and more!

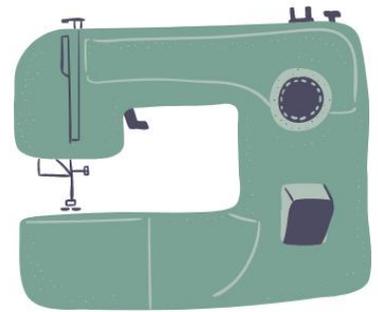
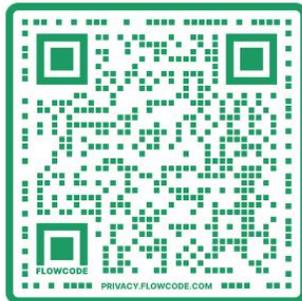


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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





Flyers

4-H APPLE FUNDRAISER



Honeycrisp

Peck \$20

Half Bushel \$30

Golden Delicious & Macintosh

Peck \$10

Half Bushel \$15

Support 4-H!

Support Winfield Hustlers 4-H Club by helping fund club activities, fair supplies, ear tags, and other club expenses.



Apples will be available after September 24th

FAMILY FUN WEEKEND!

10% of sales go to the Burgess Lake 4-H Club!

At B&B Trees

1424 E Condensery Rd
Sheridan, MI 48884



Support your local 4-H

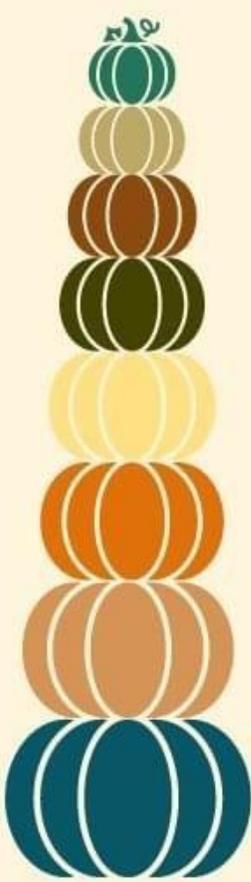


Free fun for the whole family!



Sept. 30th
12pm-6pm

Oct. 1st
11am-5pm



- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- U-Pick Gourd Patch
- Petting Zoo
- Kids Pumpkin Games
- Corn Maze
- Face Painting
- Pumpkin/Produce Stand
- Pony Rides by "The Johnson Barn" (\$5)
- B.C. Pizza sold by the slice
- Wagon Rides to U-Pick Pumpkin Patch



4-H Shooting Sports

Club Name: 4-H Precision Seekers

Club Leader: Scott Wallace
616-826-6310
scott.wallace.mich@gmail.com

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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4-H LEADER SERIES



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



*Join us
in person
or
virtually*

**Trainings
designed to make
running a 4-H
club or event, a
piece of cake!**

DATES:
★ 13SEP-6PM
20SEP-6PM
4OCT-6PM
11OCT-6PM

**Great for
new to
experienced
volunteers
and youth
leaders!!**

Throughout this series, we will explore tips and tricks for running a cohesive 4-H club, youth / adult partnerships, managing finances / report submissions, parliamentary procedures and many other topics. Email Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu for more information!

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4-H LEADER SERIES

Training Series for Volunteers and Leaders

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

September 13th - 6pm

Mandatory for at least one
club representative

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/91058381260>

Code: Volunteer



YOUTH/ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

September 20th - 6pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93057713658>

Code: Volunteer

MANAGING FINANCES / REPORT SUBMISSIONS

October 4th - 6pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96925083022>

Code: Volunteer



RUNNING A COHESIVE 4-H CLUB

October 11th - 6pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96099143639>

Code: Volunteer

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASH
BUILDING. ZOOM LINKS ARE PROVIDED.

EMAIL [SUNNI @ HAGLUN10@MSU.EDU](mailto:SUNNI@HAGLUN10@MSU.EDU) FOR MORE INFO



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ADULTING 101

FALL 2023 SERIES



REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/ADULT101FALL23/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101fall23/)

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** HOW TO TELL PRINCIPALS & POLITICIANS THEY ARE FULL OF POOP WHILE BEING POLITE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM





Fowl Fest™

Two-Day
Double
Show!

OCTOBER 14 - 15
CHESANING, MICHIGAN

20 MILES WEST OF I-75, CLIO EXIT #131
23 MILES EAST OF US-127, ASHLEY EXIT #109
26 MILES NORTH OF I-69, PERRY EXIT #105

Judges: Terry Britt, Tom Roebuck, Nate Rynish and Mike Wasylkowski

Two-day DOUBLE Open Show, coop-out by 10am, Sunday

One-day DOUBLE Junior Show, may coop-out Saturday evening

- Early coop-in Friday from 4 - 9pm
- Single Stacked Show Cooping
- Public is welcome on Saturday
- Spacious 6' Wide Aisles
- Poultry Sale Area
- Junior Showmanship
- Hake's Twin City Poultry Supplies

Welcome!



National Meet

FowlFest.org • entries@FowlFest.org

Clay Mills, Show Superintendent
989-763-1973

Matt Boensch, Show Secretary
989-529-7030

Saginaw County Fairgrounds

11350 Peet Rd, Chesaning Michigan

Welcome!



National Meet



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Save the
Date!!!
OCTOBER 14-15 2023

MICHIGAN 4-H
CREATIVE ARTS
CELEBRATION

RALPH A. MACMULLEN
(RAM) CONFERENCE
CENTER IN ROSCOMMON, MI



Brian Plank Memorial Classic

Youth and Open Beef Show

October 14, 2023

Location: Montcalm County Fair Grounds
8784 Peck Road
Greenville, MI 48838

Judge: Randy Barnes

Show Supplies available on grounds

Food available on grounds

Camping available, reserve on-line



October 13 - Early Check in/weigh in 6 – 7 P.M.

October 14 - Check-in 7 – 9 A.M.

Judging begins 9 A.M.

Entry Fee: \$25/per head

Showmanship \$5 per person

Online entries only:

<https://showman.app/shows#/brian-plank-memorial-classic/admin/shows>

Awards for Top 5 Overall Steer/Heifer

- No stalling available
- Prime parking \$150 trailer/space limited

Show Order:

Showmanship

Bulls

Heifers

Market Animals

Contacts: Trevor Chaffin (616) 560-3481

Mary Gee (989) 506-2990

Niki Chaffin (989) 289-2131

Michelle Nitengale (616) 894-7685



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HAUNTED BARN

October 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th
8 to 11 p.m.

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville
\$12 entry for the Haunted Barn

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SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - 3PM
MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

8784 PECK RD., GREENVILLE



Flyers

National 4-H Congress

- November 24-28, 2023
- Tour Atlanta, GA
- Meet Youth from across the US
- Register with your county 4-H Office by August 15



Do you know a youth who is interested in meeting other young people from across the country and learning about leadership & service? Reserve spots for your county today!

4-H National Congress brings together youth from all across the United States in Atlanta, Georgia. Through interactions with 4-Hers from all regions of our country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska, participants learn how to improve their local 4-H program. Through understanding of the differences and similarities they can better understand themselves. Youth see nationally renowned speakers, which in the past have included a wide range of individuals, including Holocaust survivors, social entrepreneurs, Miss America, and civil rights leaders. The speakers have inspired participants to be a source for positive change in their club, community, country, and world.

Participants attend breakout sessions on a wide range of topics, including communications, leadership, and STEM. National Congress delegates attend educational tours, including the Georgia History Center, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park, Georgia Aquarium, and Coca-Cola Headquarters.

Youth carry out community service projects throughout the Atlanta area. In the past this has included programs in parks, community schools, and other community organizations.

Reserve your spot by August 15 by contacting Laura Potter-Niesen at potterla@msu.edu