

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

January 3, 2019

New Year's Greetings

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays over the last few weeks and are settling into the new year. I am excited to be here in Montcalm County and send you all the first newsletter of the year.

There are many committee meetings and educational opportunities over the winter. The newsletter will always have upcoming local dates listed on the front page and then contain explanations for any local, state, and national opportunities available. Please make a point to read the newsletter to see what is going on in 4-H land.

Feel free to stop by the office and say hi if you are in Stanton. I am here FULL-TIME! We haven't had a full-time 4-H staff member in almost 10 years! I am excited to hear about all that is going on, new opportunities, and ideas you all may have. Don't be afraid to stop in and introduce yourselves.

I hope you all have a safe and productive January and a big thanks to those that made it out to the Meet and Greet.

Sincerely,

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Calendar of events:

- January 3– 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 6 p.m.
- January 8– 4-H Horse Leader's Meeting, Ash Building, 7 p.m.
- January 15– 4-H Council Meeting, MSUE Office, 6:30 p.m.
- January 21– 4-H Small Animal Committee Meeting, MSUE Office, 6 p.m.
- January 21– 4-H CCC Meeting, MSUE Office, 7:15 p.m.
- January 27– New to 4-H? We can help! Meeting, TBD, 3 p.m.
- January 28– 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 7 p.m.
- February 16– Small Animal Clinic, Crystal Community Center, 10 a.m.

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Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

February 24, 2019 all 4-H families are invited to the Breslin Center to watch MSU Women's Basketball Team take on the Michigan Wolverines! Tickets are FREE to 4-H members, volunteers, and their families. For tickets, please call the MSU Extension office at 989-831-7500 before January 30th and we will place a group order.

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin Center February 24, 2019

What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

When: February 24, 2019. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 12:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H program!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above. Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: FREE for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

Get in the game!
Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>
Contact your county MSU Extension office or email Jane Love at lovejan@canr.msu.edu



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New to 4-H? We can help! Meeting

At my first committee meeting, I asked what volunteers feel they need support in and I want to thank the small animal committee for sharing their request for volunteer information, resources, and opportunities. I am going to tackle this topic but need your help! I am looking for a few new 4-H families, volunteers, or youth that want to help to plan this informational session. The goal is to share anything that members, parents, and volunteers feel they don't know enough about. If you are interested in helping, please contact me by phone or email. I would like to get a meeting set up in the next 2 weeks.

State Award Applications

If any youth are interested in applying for a state award, please let me know. I am more than happy to help through the process and work with you. This is the highest honor you can receive in Michigan 4-H and it would be fantastic to have Montcalm County represented. The deadline to apply is February 1st so contact me soon.

Small Animal Workshop

The small animal committee has worked very hard to offer an educational workshop that will cover rabbits, goats, poultry, and cavy. This workshop is being held at the Crystal Community Center on February 16th from 10-2. They will have drawings, lunch, and knowledge to share through presenters. I hope you all mark this on your calendar so you can come and support their effort as well as learn more about these projects. They will also have a nutrition presentation. See the flier on the last page of newsletter.

Pesticide Review Meetings for Farmers

Fred Springborn, Ag Educator, is offering pesticide certification review meetings on Friday, February 22, March 1, March 15, March 29 at 9 a.m. with the state test following at 1 p.m. If this is something that someone you know needs (mostly farmers, commercial applicators, lawn services) please share and have them call our office for more information.

Martin Luther King Day

The MSU Extension office will be OPEN but the courthouse is closed so if you are planning to come, please let us know and we will let you in the side entrance.

Full-time Office Hours

Our office is now open FULL-TIME!! This means you can stop by Monday through Friday and visit. Our hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We are excited to be able to serve you 5 days a week!

Horse Events

The Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference is January 18-19, 2019. Please visit website for more info: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>
The youth and adult 4-H Horse Leader's Conference will be held on February 23rd. For more info, visit here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

**Save the date
for the 4-H
Alumni Tip-Off
Reception!**



On Feb. 24, Michigan 4-H alumni will gather to celebrate 4-H with other alums from across the state at the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and drinks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before enjoying a women's basketball game at the Breslin Center.

Organized by Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Tip-Off event takes place before 4-H Day at the Breslin, for which free tickets are available.

More information about the Alumni Tip-Off event is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>. For free tickets to the 4-H Day at the Breslin, contact your local MSU Extension office.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 10 : 4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training

Online Webinar

This training is geared toward 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4>

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-washtenaw-county>

January 18-19: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference

Crowne Plaza, Lansing

This networking event builds show management skills and fulfills the yearly seminar requirement for Michigan 4-H horse judges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>

January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-ingham-county>

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and spectators are welcome!

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019-state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

February 1-2: Michigan 4-H Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will have the opportunity to judge high quality Quarter Horses and deliver a set of reasons after learning more about evaluating horses from Extension experts.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judging-workshop-practice-contest>

February 1: 4-H State Award Deadline

Online

Submit your State Award application on time for careful review by the selection committee. The application may take several weeks to finalize, so be sure to get an early start.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension. Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



**Save the date
for the Michigan
4-H Robotics
Leaders
Workshop!**



Enhance your engineering skills at the hands-on, 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop, March 16-17, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin!

The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a 4-H robotics club.

Participants will be introduced to and learn basic robotic skills, as well as explore different types of robotic projects within LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, LEGO Wedo and Junk Drawer Robotics.

Learn more at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019.

Citizenship Washington Focus registration available

Registration for the 2019 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program, taking place June 22-29, is now available. Program participants learn about the nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring historical sites in Washington, D.C. The cost of the 2019 4-H CWF program is \$1,500 and includes all meals (except seven meals in transit), lodging and transportation. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/> to register.



2018 Capitol Experience participants interacting with resource people.

Now recruiting for 4-H Capitol Experience 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is now recruiting for 2019 participants! This annual statewide program, occurring March 17-20, helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

More than 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

Attendees will leave the program having a great understanding of the responsibilities of a citizen, be able to identify different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities, and know potential careers in public policy.

Cost for this event is \$360 and includes most meals, lodging and materials. For more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



FREE SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

WHEN

Feb. 16, 2018
10:00am-3:00pm

WHERE

Crystal Community Center
217 E PARK ST.
Crystal, Michigan 48818



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ALL AGES
EVENT
COMMUNITY
WELCOME

SCHEDULE

CHICKENS

10:00AM-11:00AM

GOATS

11:00AM-12:00PM

LUNCH

12:00PM-12:30PM

NUTRITION

12:30-1:30PM

RABBITS & CAVY

1:30-3:00PM

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Activity area for
younger children

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