

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

February 4, 2019

Weather Changes and Cancellations

Last week we experienced the Polar Vortex which led to our office being closed three days and this week it looks like 40 degree weather! Along with this crazy weather was many cancellations. Please watch your emails and the Facebook page to stay up-to-date with 4-H cancellations while we get through this crazy weather spell. Let's hope it is smooth sailing from here on out!

We have some really cool workshops coming up that I hope you attend. Tri-County Country 4-H Club is hosting a marketing workshop this week. Marketing your projects (still exhibits and livestock) is a very important part of the journey. Check out this workshop for tips and tricks to make your marketing strategies more effective. The 4-H Small Animal Committee is putting on a Small Animal Clinic on February 16th. This clinic will cover poultry, rabbits, cavy, goats and nutrition. It will be hands-on and be led by guest presenters. There will also be door prizes for attendees.

I hope you all are keeping warm and dry!

Sincerely,
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Calendar of events:

- February 5– Montcalm County 4-H Council, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.
- February 6– Marketing Workshop, Ash Building, 6:30 p.m.
- February 7– 4-H Dog Committee, Ash Building, 6:00 p.m.
- February 12– 4-H Horse Leader's, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- February 16– Small Animal Clinic, Crystal Community Center, 10 a.m.
- February 18– 4-H Small Animal Committee, MSUE, 6:00 p.m.
- February 18– 4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.
- February 25– 4-H Livestock Committee, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.

**Shout out to North
Central 4-H Club for
suggesting the selected
fair theme. Country
Nights and Carnival
Lights will be the
theme for 2019.**



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Montcalm County 4-H Member Spotlight

If you know someone who is an excellent example of a 4-H member and should be featured in our spotlight, please send their name, contact info, and a little about them to minkeltj@msu.edu.

LOCAL INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Pig Dissection

I have a vet that is willing to do a pig dissection for us but we are in need of a pig. If you have lost one recently or do lose one in the near future, please let me know. We will need one at least 40 pounds.

New to 4-H? We can help!

I created a video to help new families learn more about the structure of 4-H, opportunities and resources that are available. You can find the video [here](#). I sent this out via email with resources that go along with it. Please take the time to watch the video and learn something new about 4-H.

Marketing Workshop

Tri-County Country 4-H Club is hosting a marketing workshop on February 6th with a guest speaker who will talk about marketing your 4-H projects. They are also having pizza at the event. This is a great educational opportunity for all youth who plan to sell a project; still exhibit or livestock. Check out the flier at the end of the newsletter.

Valentine's Challenge

The 4-H Community Connection Committee has put out a Valentine's Challenge. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter. This is posted on Facebook so share there where you took your Valentine cards.

4-H Small Animal Clinic

The 4-H Small Animal Clinic is quickly approaching. The clinic will take place on February 16th at the Crystal Community Center. This clinic will have presenters to talk about poultry, rabbits, cavy, goats and nutrition. Each presenter will talk about parasites, showmanship skills, general knowledge and answer questions. Door prizes and pizza are provided, all you have to do is show up! Don't miss out!

Staying home for Spring Break?

Montcalm County 4-H will be hosting an Alternative Spring Break. This means, each day during spring break, 4-H will have activities around the county you can join. I hope to offer baking, crafts, bowling, roller skating and even a bus trip! If you are interested in helping plan these activities, please contact Tarin at minkeltj@msu.edu. We are in need of a connection to a bus (school, church) for the bus trip as well.

Montcalm County 4-H Rabbit Show

The 4-H Rabbit Show Flier is now out. Please check it out at the end of the newsletter for more info and the date.

Feeders, sheep, goats and pigs

It's never too early to start thinking about your spring livestock projects. By this point, you should have them lined up and have identified where you will purchase them. Waiting until the last minute usually means a higher price tag and we all want to avoid that. Registration for feeders is April 1st with goats, sheep and pigs following behind on May 1st.

Have you done your coggins test?

Horse registrations will take place on May 1st and one requirement for that is a negative coggins test. Now is a great time to start thinking about getting this done as the

New Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide



Michigan 4-H cavy showmen now have a new resource! The Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide contains objectives and guidelines for the 4-H participant in cavy fitting and showing contests.

Information covered in the resource includes feeding, care, handling and conditioning. The bulletin provides full color, step-by-step instructions with photo illustrations for completing the contest examination. Also included is a cavy showmanship scorecard.

Download your free copy today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/cavy-fitting-showmanship-member-s-guide-4h1345>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 2 : 4-H Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Learn more about form, function, improving patterns and lead changes from experts Brian Bannerman, September Croel and Karen Waite during this day of interactive sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic>

February 15-16: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from experienced veterinarians and others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 16: Michigan 4-H at the Griffins

VanAndel Arena, Grand Rapids

Come out to VanAndel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins! A portion of each ticket will support Michigan 4-H programming.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-at-the-griffins>

February 16-17: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 23: 4-H Teen and Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Conference

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Attend this conference to explore topics such as horse judging, equine first aid, and veterinary care for horses. Information shared will assist leaders in youth development and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

February 23-24: 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens attending this workshop will learn how to teach an educational lesson to other youth in their local community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-leaders-in-action-workshop>

February 24: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

MSU Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Michigan 4-H alumni community is invited to an alumni reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Show your Michigan 4-H pride while cheering on the MSU Women's Basketball team during this annual event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

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

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

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, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



Occurring in two locations, East Lansing and Marquette/Chatham, attendees have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of twenty grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

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. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Start planning your 4-H Exploration Days adventure!



A fun summer favorite for Michigan 4-H'ers across the state, plans are well underway for the 2019 4-H Exploration Days! This signature MSU precollege program, to be held June 19-21, allows youth to stay on the campus of Michigan State University while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay. In addition to enjoying fun and learning on campus, attendees build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult.

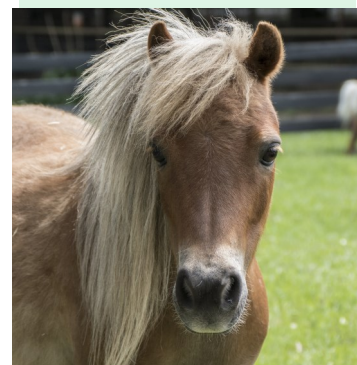
The event features more than 200 session choices. Begin planning your stay when the 4-H Exploration registration books become available mid-February! Topics include animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international

language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology.

Use the registration book to make your top session selections in advance of registration opening on March 12 (also be on the lookout for session age restrictions). Sessions will fill up quickly and all registration information is due to your county's MSU Extension office at the end of April, although specific dates vary.

For more information, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines now available



The new Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines allow Michigan 4-H mini showmen to understand the rules governing their shows. It is also a great resource for leaders and show managers, as well as 4-H members!

Included in the document is information for all classes, including: jumper, hunter, costume, driven dressage, gymkhana, pole bending and more.

Download your free copy today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf.

4-H MARKETING



WORKSHOP



**JOIN TRI-COUNTY COUNTRY 4-H CLUB ON
FEBRUARY 6, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ASH BUILDING
FOR AN EXCLUSIVE MARKETING WORKSHOP WITH
KURT MABIE!**

**Marketing is the action or business
of promoting and selling products
or services, including market
research and advertising. Come on
over to learn more about
advertising and buyer letters!**

**PIZZA AND BEVERAGES
INCLUDED!!!**

**About Kurt Mabie: Mr.
Mabie is a business
owner in Cedar Springs.
He has attended the
Montcalm County 4-H
fair as a buyer for five
years.**



4-H CCC is challenging ALL 4-H Clubs!

Make or buy Valentine cards, and have club members deliver them to a local nursing home, retirement community, or hospital and/or other shut-ins including disabled & elderly community members in the area of your Club.

Please post below what location your Club has chosen to avoid duplication.

Please Share your experience with us, and have fun!

**Montcalm Co. 4-H Community
Connection Committee**



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FREE SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

WHEN

Feb. 16, 2019
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

DOOR PRIZES

Free lunch

Activity area for
younger children

SPONSORS

BLANCHARD PIZZA
FAMILY FARM & HOME
COUNTRY KIDS 4-H
CLUB

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SMALL ANIMAL
COMMITTEE

Contact for questions:
MSU Extension Montcalm

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Montcalm County Youth 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

NEW LOCATION: Crystal Community Center

217 East Park Street, Crystal, MI 48818



Saturday, April 27, 2019

Enter between 7:00 & 8:30 a.m. — **Show starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.**

Showmanship

\$2.00 entry fee

Trophy for each class winner:

- Beginner: 4-H age 8-10
- Junior: 4-H age 11-12
- Intermediate: 4-H age 13-14
- Seniors: 4-H age 15-19
- Cloverbuds – (4-H age 5-7) participation awards only, no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 5th place ~

Educational Posters are welcomed and will be judged

Breed Class — Rabbit & Cavy

\$3.00 entry fee – Breed

\$2.00 entry fee – Fur/Wool

Awards for:

- Rabbits – BOB & BOS
- Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Pens/Fryer
- Best Reserve in Show
- Best in Show
- Cavy – BOB & BOS
- Cavy – Best in Show & Reserve in Show
- Cloverbuds – (4-H age 5-7) participation awards only, no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 3rd place ~

~ Delicious Concessions will be available ~

~ Master Corner Cage Dealer will be present ~

EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CARRYING CAGES WITH LEAK-PROOF BOTTOMS FOR ALL ANIMALS

~ Animals just in regular cages will not be permitted!

For more information contact:

Linda Peterson – (989) 814-0691

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Rabbit Hopping Contest!



Profits will go to the Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee to fund rabbit programs, equipment, and committee expenses.

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