

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

May 10, 2019

The busy season has arrived!

I'm amazed each year at how busy it gets as soon as the weather gets nice. It is exciting to see all the opportunities Montcalm County 4-H has received this season, though. Between three school classrooms hatching chicken eggs, an afterschool family event and 4th grade field day, we have gotten out in the community and are sharing our program with many new faces. I can't wait to see what other things come our way.

May is already here so many of you are probably thinking about the fair next month. You will find a lot of important information regarding the fair in this newsletter. From exhibitor meetings, clean-up dates, registrations and all the other fun brings many reminders.

I will be out of the office May 13-17 so please email me if you have any questions. Vicki will be in the office and available to help.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

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Calendar of events:

- May 14– Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- May 15– ShoWorks registration closes
- May 20– 4-H Small Animal Committee, MSUE, 6:00 p.m.
- May 20– 4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.
- May 28– Montcalm County 4-H Livestock Committee, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- May 29– 4-H Exploration Days meeting for participants, Ash Building, 6:00 p.m.
- May 29– 4-H Junior Superintendent meeting, Ash Building, 7 p.m.
- June 4– 4-H Council Meeting, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.
- June 6– 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 6:30 p.m.
- June 9– LAST 4-H Exhibitor meeting, Livestock Arena, 6:00 p.m.

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LOCAL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Shout Out!!



Shout out to Ilyssa Lund, Kenzie Lund, Ava Newman, Matison Newman, Josie Milan and Lily Milan for helping at the Lakeview Elementary Family Fun Night. Montcalm County 4-H hosted 5 activity stations for elementary students and families at the event where students were able to do hands-on activities involving math and science. Thank you all for being great 4-H youth volunteers even after having to reschedule.

Each exhibitor taking a project (animal or still exhibit) to the fair has to serve two hours at the fairgrounds providing clean up. Upcoming fair cleanup dates are May 18th from 10-2, June 1st from 11-1 and June 15th with a time to be announced. Please RSVP to Jason Nadeau and bring yard tools, rakes, wheelbarrows, weed whips, gloves, etc. Can work on the campground and other areas.

The final Livestock Exhibitor Meeting will be held June 9th in the livestock arena at the fairgrounds at 6 p.m. Attending an exhibitor meeting is required of anyone showing livestock at the fair. Anyone not willing to make the May or June meeting dates will need to contact Cory Wall for alternative information.

Those that are exhibiting a finished market beef or dairy beef project need to take BQA or YQCA before selling their animal. YQCA can be taken online here: <http://yqca.org/>

The Antique Tractor Club is looking for some 4-H members interested in promoting 4-H and doing a petting zoo and/or dog agility demonstration on Saturday, July 27th at the park in McBride. They are hosting a tractor show that attracts many people and are interested in partnering with 4-H on Saturday for family day. If you or your club are interested, please contact Bruce Reynolds at 616-755-2147.

A CPR class is being hosted June 2nd at the Ash Building, from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and must be paid in advance to MSU Extension office or Cindy Karafa to reserve your spot.

Chicken leg bands are here! If you did not get chicken leg bands and need them, please stop by the office. They are \$1 each and the numbers will need to be emailed to the livestock committee email address after you receive them.

ShoWorks registration is open May 1st through May 15th. You will be registering for all fair exhibits at this time. Couple of new things this year: Leaders will NOT register online for club entries. Club entry forms were emailed out. Leaders will NOT be approving entries online. Leaders will be receiving PDF copies of their complete club registration around May 17th and will have until June 1st to make changes as needed. There will be instructions coming with that e-mail in May on how to add and drop entries. Here is the Showworks link: <https://montcalm.fairwire.com> For rules and regulations for each class, please refer to the attached fairbook. Questions can be directed to the following: Michelle Nitengale michelle.nitengale@gmail.com or Holly Esterling holly.knapp1775@gmail.com

The 4-H Junior Superintendents meeting will be held on May 29th at 7 p.m. in the Ash Building. If you applied to be a Junior Superintendent, you were accepted and we hope to see you at this meeting. Please let Tarin know if you are unable to make it.

4-H'er of the Year applications are due the first Monday in June by 4 p.m. The application can be found here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/uploads/files/4-Her%20of%20the%20Year%20Application%20Form.pdf> Interviews will be held on June 12th or 13th so tentatively hold both evenings if you plan to apply.

The 4-H Exploration Days meeting for all participants and chaperones from Montcalm County will take place on May 29th at 6 p.m. at the Ash Building. We will go over housing, fill out forms, and learn more about the event. Participants received more information in an email last week.

Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!



Until May 15, Michigan 4-H members, parents, volunteers, alumni and friends have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20K as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Do your part to help grow experiences for Michigan 4-H youth by voting for Michigan at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand. Even if you have previously registered, your vote still counts this year so raise your hand again to help Michigan take the lead!

Want to help further? Encourage your friends and family to raise their hands as well! Email your networks or tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experiences on social media, asking your fellow 4-H supporters for their help.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 14: Michigan 4-H / FFA Meats Judging Contest

MSU Meat Laboratory, East Lansing

Show your ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats, individually and as a team for the chance to win a prize.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-meats-judging-contest>

May 15: Resumes Made Easy

MSU Extension Office, LaPeer

This workshop will help teens build a resume from their classes, clubs, volunteer activities and skills, even with limited paid work experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumes-made-easy>

May 18: OCHDC Open Youth Horse Show

Occana County Fairgrounds, Hart

Prepare your horse for show season at this youth horse show open to participants age 5 to 19. Ribbons will be awarded for first to sixth place and daily high point awards.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-ochdc-open-youth-horse-show>

May 19: Importance of Record Keeping for your Livestock Project

Genesee County MSU Extension, Flint

Will be discussing the importance of record keeping with youth for their projects. Giving tools and tips to help them be successful with their livestock.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/importance-of-record-keeping-for-your-livestock-project>

May 20: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Communicating with Your Buyer

Lake City Christian Reformed Church, Lake City

Participants will learn best practices when writing buyer's letters and thank you notes in an interactive session. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-communicating-with-your-buyer>

May 25: Goat Yoga and Smile Rocks

Farwell Farmer's Market, Farwell

All 4-H members and their families welcome.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/goat-yoga-smile-rocks>

May 28: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Preparing for Show Day

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth

Prepare yourself and your goat for fair! This hands-on session will include info on feeding, fitting and showmanship! Participants welcomed to bring their own goat to practice their skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-preparing-for-show-day>

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



Michigan 4-H to host new summer experience: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension 4-H is excited to offer a new STEM experience for this summer: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! This 5-day residential camp brings high-school aged youth to the campus of MSU, July 7-11.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! The fun doesn't stop there: at the end of camp you'll be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp. Registration information will be available soon; to receive a direct email regarding registration, please contact Christine Miller at johns832@msu.edu or 517-552-6905.

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2019-20 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2019-2020 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative, or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that's making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program, or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers.



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

Save the date for 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure



Celebrate the beginning of summer with Michigan 4-H during 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure, June 8.

Michigan 4-H youth, alumni, staff and supporters are invited to wear their 4-H gear while enjoying Michigan Adventure's park and attractions. Tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$26 per person; as an additional option, you may purchase a 4-H Day meal for \$7.

Reservations are required. Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-michigan-s-adventure>.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

HUNGERFORD TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Invites you to the:

SPRING HORSE CLINIC



Saturday, May 18, 2019

9:00am - 1:30pm

Hungerford Main Campground

Big Rapids, Michigan

2:00pm - Group Trail Ride



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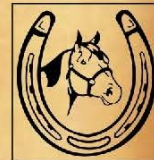
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- Camping Etiquette/Safety
- Delicious Campfire Cooks
- Spooky Trail Objects
- Approaching a mounting block
- Lost Horse
- Leave no Trace
- Equine Massage
- Essential Oils & Animals
- **Smokey the Bear**



FREE Trailer Parking for Day Use Only



This family friendly clinic is Open to the Public. Refreshments served and registration is encouraged and appreciated. RSVP or have clinic questions, contact Teri at teriouderkirk@yahoo.com or 231.349.0073.

Visit the Hungerford Trail Riders Association website and FB Page for more information about the association. www.hungerfordtrailriders.org or FaceBook-Hungerford Trail Riders Association

Kent Count Showmanship Plus Workshop- Small Animals

Open to all youth ages: 5-19

To Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/KentCountyShowmanshipSmallAnimals/>

Provided to you in partnership with Kent County 4-H and the Kent County Fair. Parents and leaders are welcome to attend and learn beside their youth.

Date: June 1 Location: Kent County Youth Fair Grounds (Lowell) Time: 9:00-12:00
Cost: 5.00 Registration time: 9:00-9:30

For Poultry and Dog -**bring your own animal along with a way to keep it secure.** We will have a few birds available for youth just trying Poultry for the first time.

POULTRY: Poultry showmanship- Beginners: 9:30- 10:30 DOGS: Showmanship- Beginner: 9:30- 10:30 Limit per class 30 youth

Poultry showmanship- Advance: 10:45-11:45

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CGC Testing: Ongoing--- there will be an extra 5.00 for this testing.

Closing: 11:45-12:00



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Dogs: Showmanship- Learn new ways to move up in the show ring. The leaders of this session will work with you and your dog giving you suggestions on how to better present your dog.

CGC Testing- You will be able to have you and your dog complete the CGC testing.

Grooming- Learn up to date techniques on how to best groom your dog. The session leader will work with you so you will be able to do your own grooming.

Poultry: Showmanship- We will be having Makala Gerwig from Newaygo County teach showmanship basics to the younger youth, and more extensive showmanship pointers to the experienced showman. This will be a great opportunity to learn what all is involved in showing poultry and brush up on your skills.

Market Bird Clinic: Our speaker for this portion of the workshop is Zac Williams M.S.U. Poultry Extension. He will be covering all you need to know to have a successful market project including feed, housing and care of your birds. We will also be discussing:

- Care and handling
- Feed and housing of exhibition birds
- Laying hens
- How to choose a good bird

If you have questions for our presenters please write them down and bring them with you to the workshop. Contact Mary Newman with any questions at newman65@msu.edu

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