

*Montcalm County*

# 4-H Family News

October 4, 2019

## It's the month of 4-H celebration!

This month we celebrate National 4-H Week along with our local 4-H Awards Celebration and Banquet. To kick off National 4-H Week, we have our 2nd Annual Fall Bake-off on Sunday. Please come out and support the competitors at Frugthaven Farm in Greenville.

Don't forget this month is also the Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Stores. A portion of the money generated from clovers sold at the Greenville store remains here in Montcalm County. Did you know Montcalm County had the third highest sales in all the state this spring? That speaks volumes for the support we have in our community! Please talk with your 4-H Clubs about spending some time in the TSC store between October 9th and 20th to have a fund raiser, promote 4-H and try to sell some clovers.

The 4-H year is already in full swing and I look forward to seeing all that is celebrated this month.

Sincerely,  
Tarin Minkel

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## Calendar of events:

- October 6– Montcalm County Bake-off, Frugthaven Farm, 2 p.m.
- October 8– Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- October 10– Montcalm County 4-H Dog Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
- October 13– 4-H Year-end Awards Banquet and Celebration, MCC, 2 p.m.
- October 13– Fall Leader Update, MCC, 2:30 p.m.
- October 19– Doggie Dash Fundraiser, Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.
- October 21– 4-H Small Animal Committee, MSUE, 6:00 p.m.
- October 21– 4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.
- October 24– Montcalm County Fair Association Annual Meeting, Ash Building, 6 p.m.
- October 28– Montcalm County Fair Ag Committee, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- November 5– 4-H Council Meeting, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.
- November 7– 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 6:30 p.m.
- November 10– Montcalm County 4-H YOUTH Livestock Committee, Ash Building, 5 p.m.
- December 1– 4-H Re-enrollments and Participation Fees Due

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## TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Help Montcalm County 4-H earn money by selling paper clovers at our Greenville TSC store.

A portion of the money raised from the sale of paper clovers at our local store stays right here in Montcalm County. Set up a time your 4-H club can promote 4-H and help sell paper clovers.

Contact Tarin for ideas. This is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs to hold fundraisers, as well.

Don't forget to purchase a paper clover between October 9th and 20th when shopping in TSC!

The **2nd Annual Fall Bake-off** is this Sunday! Those that registered should have received an email with all the needed information. If you didn't register, stop by and visit to support fellow 4-H members. We hope to see you at 2 p.m. at Frugthaven Farm in Greenville.

MSU Extension is participating in a **county-wide contest to collect non-perishable food items**. We are challenging our 4-H clubs to help us! Check out the flier at the end of the newsletter for more information on how you can win your club an ice-cream party!

The **Montcalm County 4-H Awards Celebration** will be Sunday, October 13th at Montcalm Community College. Join us for swimming and open gym from 2-4 p.m. and for the banquet at 4 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. The 4-H Council will provide pulled pork and drinks. I look forward to celebrating many accomplishments of our members and volunteers!

The last opportunity to attend **Fall Leader Update** is on Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 p.m. in the Doser Building on the campus of Montcalm Community College. The Doser Building is connected to the pool and gym area. Bring the family to enjoy the gym and pool while you attend and then stay for the banquet!

The 4-H Dog Committee is having a **HALLOWEEN Doggie Dash** fundraiser on Saturday, October 19th. Bring your dog, walk or run the course, and have some fun during the games after. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter for more information.

A group of youth met last Sunday for the first meeting of the **Montcalm County 4-H Youth Livestock Committee**. They are meeting again on Sunday, November 10th at 5 p.m. in the Ash Building at the fairgrounds. I would like to extend the invite to ALL youth ages 5-19 to attend. We will be voting on some bylaws that were drafted at the last meeting. Encourage youth that attended this meeting to share with your 4-H club.

Almost all of our 4-H clubs have submitted their year-end paperwork. If yours is in and complete, THANK YOU!! If you have tried to register and don't see your club listed, the paperwork has not been submitted. Just a reminder that the 4-H participation fee is \$20 per youth with a family cap of \$60 for 3 or more youth. All current 4-H members need to be re-enrolled and have participation fees paid by December 1st. New members can enroll until April 1st but can't participate in projects with deadlines already passed. 4-H participation fee scholarships are available. Please let us know if you have any re-enrollment questions.

### 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 \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: [http://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

*Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham*

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

### October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

*MSU Detroit Center, Detroit*

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

### October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

*Frugthaven Farm, Greenville*

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

### October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide*

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

### October 19: Teen "Chopped" Competition

*Harrison City Market, Harrison*

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

### October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

*W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners*

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

### October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

*Ford Field, Detroit*

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-1>

For more 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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**MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
now accepting applications

### Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#). In 2015, the [Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#) was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

[Applications](#) are now available for the [2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#). 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

### National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.



From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

### *New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly Squat Resources*



The "[Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series](#)" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching\\_science\\_when\\_you\\_dont\\_know\\_diddly\\_squat\\_series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching_science_when_you_dont_know_diddly_squat_series).

# You're invited!



## 4-H Year-end Awards Celebration

Sunday, October 13th  
Montcalm Community College Doser Building  
2800 College Drive, Sidney

2-4 p.m. for swimming and open gym  
4 p.m. for potluck and awards presentation

Please bring a dish to pass, pulled pork is provided by the  
4-H Council

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# MONTCALM COUNTY



Halloween

## DOGGIE DASH

October 19, 2019 • 2 pm

registration 1-1:45 p.m.

Montcalm County Fairgrounds  
Greenville, MI

Fun run with no timer

Walk with or without your dog

\$20 registration fee, \$15 for 4-H Members

First 50 dogs will receive a FREE bandanna!

Prizes for: Best Costume (handler and dog encouraged),  
Best Trick, Best Kisser, Peanut Butter Eating Contest

Proceeds benefit Montcalm County 4-H Dog Group

Questions? Call Amanda Moran 989-287-0979

Vendor will be on site





**SUNDAY, OCT. 20 | 1 PM | FORD FIELD**

THE DETROIT LIONS ARE PROUD TO OFFER ALL MICHIGAN 4-H MEMBERS A  
SPECIALLY PRICED TICKET PACKAGE.

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**PACKAGE INCLUDES**

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**LIONS GAME TICKET**



**\$10 DONATION BACK TO  
YOUR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM**



**GROUP GIFT**

[www.detroitlions.com/4-h](http://www.detroitlions.com/4-h)

For any questions, please email [Kyle.Kleiman@lions.nfl.net](mailto:Kyle.Kleiman@lions.nfl.net)

# FOOD DRIVE



MSU Extension is participating in the Montcalm County Food Drive against some tough competition! Help us defeat the Sheriff's Department, Central Dispatch, and other police and fire departments.

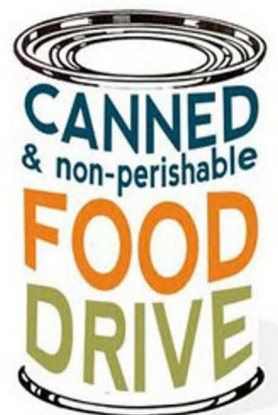
Bring in non-perishable food items to the MSU Extension Office between September 30th and November 11th. Items will be counted weekly with each item being worth 1 point. The club with the most donations will receive an ice-cream party.

4-H members and volunteers may also volunteer at a local food pantry for additional points. 4 hours of service equals 25 points.

Questions? Call 989-831-7500

WIN YOUR CLUB AN

*Ice Cream Party*



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