

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

September 4, 2019

The new program year has begun!

With the new program year starting over the weekend, along comes the start of many activities within Montcalm County 4-H. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting fall with leader updates, workshops, the banquet, and much more!

Over the fall, winter, and spring is when many statewide opportunities are available to youth. If you are interested in attending any statewide workshops or events, please keep a close eye on your email. I will send those announcements out as I receive them.

Just a reminder to leaders that the year-end paperwork and information was emailed out to everyone. If you did not receive that, please let me know. After that is completed, clubs can begin re-enrolling for the new year. Just a reminder that re-enrollments are due by December 1st.

Have a great September!

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Calendar of events:

- September 5- 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 6:30 p.m.
- September 10- Montcalm County 4-H Horse Leaders, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- September 12- Montcalm County 4-H Dog Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
- September 15- Decorating workshop, Ash Building, 2-4 p.m.
- September 16- Award nominations and applications due by 5 p.m. to MSUE
- September 16- 4-H Small Animal Committee, MSUE, 6:00 p.m.
- September 16- 4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.
- September 19- Fall Leader Update, Ash Building, 6:00 p.m.
- September 23- Montcalm County 4-H Livestock Committee, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.
- September 24- Fall Leader Update, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.
- October 1- 4-H Club and Committee Year-end Paperwork Due
- October 1- 4-H Council Meeting, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.
- October 3- 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, Ash Building, 6:30 p.m.
- 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 13- 4-H Year-end Awards Banquet and Celebration, MCC, 2 p.m.
- October 13- Fall Leader Update, MCC, 2:30 p.m.

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National 4-H Week



Each year, national 4-H week takes place in October. This year it is October 6-12th. During National 4-H week, each TSC store has a Paper Clover Campaign. This campaign raises money that stays in the local county of each store. The Paper Clover Campaign will take place October 9-20th this year. During this time, I would like to have 4-H clubs sign up to staff a booth at the Greenville TSC to promote 4-H and help sell paper clovers. Youth present can even have a bake sale or other fundraiser to help their club while trying to sell paper clovers to benefit our county program. This spring, Montcalm County was the third highest county for sales of paper clovers in the state! We

Fair checks have been mailed to exhibitors. The committee would like to remind everyone to cash checks quickly. Please don't hang on to checks for months.

The fair association is hosting their annual meeting on October 24th. Association membership is open all year around but in order to vote at the annual meeting, you must be a member 30 days in advance of the meeting. Voting members at the annual meeting select the association members that will comprise the fairboard. You also must be an association member to run for the fairboard. If you are interested in becoming a member or running for a position on the board, please contact Lisa Johnson at 231-598-8083. If you are already an association member, please watch for your invite to the meeting and plan to attend.

We are in need of clubs to represent 4-H in the Howard City Harvest Festival on September 21st and the Edmore Potato Festival on September 14th. This would mean picking up the float from the fairgrounds along with goodies to hand out from the MSU Extension Office and being in the parade. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Tarin at minkeltj@msu.edu.

The deadline for award applications and nominations has been extended to 5 p.m. on September 16th. Those categories that are still open were emailed out today along with an FAQ about awards, applications, and the nomination form. Please check your email for more information and encourage youth to apply.

Montcalm County 4-H will be celebration our Year End Awards Celebration on Sunday, October 13th starting at 2 p.m. Join us for open swim and gym from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a potluck followed by awards at 4 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. The 4-H Council will be providing pulled pork.

Fall Leader Updates are happening over the next month. If you haven't put one on your calendar, please do so. The dates, times, and locations are posted in the calendar of events on the first page of the newsletter. These are required for admin leaders and are strongly recommended for all other volunteers.

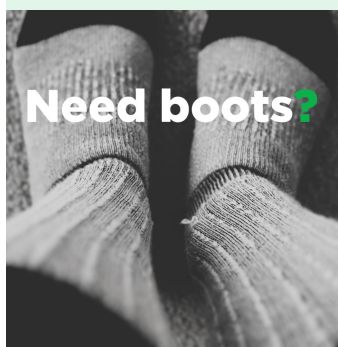
4-H member re-enrollment will be taking place soon. All clubs are inactive in 4-H Online until the year-end paperwork has been submitted. This paperwork isn't due until October 1st but can be turned in sooner. Please work with your club leaders before trying to re-enroll. Remember, the deadline to re-enroll is December 1st and scholarships are available if needed. The participation fee for 4-H is \$20 per member or \$60 per family with 3 or more children.

The 2nd Annual Bake-off is taking place on October 6th at Frugthaven Farm (former Klackles Orchard). The registration deadline is September 15th so make sure to check out the link and get signed up! <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

The 4-H Community Connection Committee is hosting a decorating workshop for anyone interested in learning cake decorating techniques, working with chocolate and caramel on September 15th. We do need a count in advance so make sure to call or email the MSU Extension office by September 10th. More information can be found on the flier near the end of the newsletter.

There are many opportunities for youth coming up in the next few months. If you are interested in helping us offer another workshop or event, please let Tarin know. We are always open to helping youth learn and grow their skills.

**Georgia Boots
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support 4-H**



Georgia Boot is offering members of the 4-H community a 50% discount on any boots on their website (except clearance items) through Sept. 30.

Georgia Boot will also give part of all 4-H boot sales back to 4-H by donating 5% to the National 4-H Council. To get your discount code, go to www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/ and register.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

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

September 9: Youth Fun with Finances

Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

The free and fun event is open for youth, ages 13-19, to participate and learn about how to save money and earn credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-fun-with-finances>

September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings

4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Kettunen Center, Tustin

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-leadership-global-citizenship-spectacular>

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

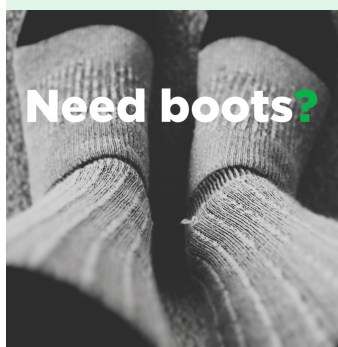
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

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Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUTH leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

Michigan 4-H represented by two youth at 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Michigan 4-H was represented by two youth in the [4-H Shooting Sports National Championships](#) held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 23 through June 28.

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship is open to youth across the country to compete and present their skills in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and hunting.

"We're really proud of our two 4-H'ers who attended this national event," said Laura Quist, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator with MSU Extension. "Competing at the national level takes a lot of commitment, time and effort."

Preparation for youth to attend the national championships begins months in advance of the competition. The youth selected to participate put in considerable practice time in their chosen events in order to compete at their best.

The Michigan 4-H youth that attended and competed are:

- Joe Balkema, a 15 year-old Kalamazoo County 4-H'er, who received a gold medal in 3-D archery and third place overall in compound archery.
- Jackson Sokel, a 16 year-old Monroe County 4-H'er, who competed in shotgun.

"Congratulations again to these two youth on a great contest," continued Quist. "We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents of these 4-H'ers who helped to make their success possible."

Applications for youth wishing to attend the event in 2020 are due to Quist by September 22. For information about the competition or [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) in general, contact Quist at quistl1@msu.edu.

Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.



Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

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SYLC



TARGET AUDIENCE:

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2020, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a state committee of MSU Extension staff. SYLC member terms are two years.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.

HOW TO APPLY:

Online application is available at <https://events.canr.msu.edu/sylc19/> due October 28. Applicants must also request two adults, one being their 4-H Program Coordinator complete an electronic reference on their behalf.

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SYLC Applications Open

Where/Where do SYLC members meet?

The council meets monthly using Zoom online video conferencing and holds at least two in-person meetings annually in conjunction with other state 4-H events: 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular and 4-H Exploration Days. Additional in-person meetings may be scheduled at the request of group members.

Why would youth be interested in SYLC?

SYLC is Michigan's highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members receive training on public speaking, advocacy, communication, and leadership skills. Members are invited to represent Michigan 4-H at events across the state. In addition, SYLC members form friendships and a professional network with other 4-H members from across Michigan, and have fun!

"SYLC 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."

- Torey Fischer, 2018-19 SYLC member



"SYLC has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

- Addy Battel, 2018-19 SYLC member



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OCTOBER 6, 2019

Annual Bake-off

2-5 p.m. at Frugthaven Farm
(former Klackles Orchard)

Categories for ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-15, 16-19
and a specialty category using squash/pumpkin

Register here:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/Montcalm_2019_Bakeoff/



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Montcalm Co. 2nd Annual 4-H Bake-Off

(Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or live in Montcalm County to enter)

Sunday, Oct 6, 2019 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Frugthaven Farm, Greenville (formerly Klackles Orchard)

Rules

1. Participant divisions:
 - a. Cloverbuds – ages 5 to 7
 - b. Beginner – ages 8 to 11
 - c. Intermediate – ages 12 to 14
 - d. Advanced – ages 15 – 19
 - e. Pumpkin/Squash Product – ages 8 to 19 – Must contain at least one type of pumpkin/squash in the recipe.
2. A 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place will be chosen in each of the Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Pumpkin/Squash Product divisions. 1st prize in each of these groups will be \$25 and a rosette.
3. A Grand and Reserve Champion will also be chosen from all winners and runner-ups. Grand Champion will receive an additional \$25 and a trophy. Reserve Champion will receive an additional \$15 and a trophy.
4. All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
5. All participants will receive participation certificates.
6. All participants will be required to consent to their recipe being published in a Montcalm County Bake-Off Cookbook to be used as a fundraiser for the 4-H Community Connection Committee.
7. Deadline to Register online is the 15th of September 2019
8. All entries must be “baked” and the full recipe must accompany the entry. Recipe cards are available through Montcalm County MSUE. Photos of entry are encouraged on recipe cards.
9. Entries will be judged on:
 - a. General Appearance
 - b. Texture
 - c. Taste
 - d. Participant’s knowledge of recipe
 - e. Presentation by the participant.
10. Participants are encouraged to dress-up or wear 4-H club attire and bring serving utensils.
11. In the event of a tie, all judges will work together to make a decision.
12. Winners will be announced at the completion of judging (approximately 5:00 pm).



Teen “Chopped” Competition

A cooking competition among teams using locally grown food.

WHO:

Teens ages 13-19
(teams of 3 - 4)

DATES:

Mandatory Meeting at the
Clare County Building
Courthouse, Wednesday,
October 2, 6-8pm

October 19, 2019

Competition at Harrison
City Market



**Application deadline:
September 27th**



- Learn how to prepare food from a culinary expert
- Learn what eating local really means
- Prizes will be awarded for TOP CHEF team and other categories



For an application, questions or more information, contact: Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at the MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805 or schunkal@msu.edu



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DATES:

Application deadline:
10/18/19, 5 pm

Mandatory Meeting at the
Isabella County Building,
Thursday, October 24,
2019 6-8 pm

November 9, 2019

Competition at Sacred
Heart Parish Hall



Showcase your culinary skills and learn some new techniques and tricks while preparing for this local cooking competition. Chef Jared Miller from the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, will help mentor students as they develop a recipe using mandatory ingredients grown locally. Be prepared for a challenge as you incorporate a mystery ingredient the day of the competition.

Will you be the next *Teen Chopped* Champion?

Fun

Food



Prizes

Friends

**For an application, questions or more
information, contact: MSU Extension at
989-317-4079 or lynchka4@anr.msu.edu**

**Application deadline:
October 18, 2019**

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Decorating workshop

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
2 P.M.**

**MONTCALM COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
OPEN TO AGES 5-19**

Join us to learn how to decorate
cupcakes, make and decorate caramel
apples, and use chocolate to decorate
a variety of items

Registration and questions: 989-831-7500
Registration required by September 10th



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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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