



JANUARY 2023

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

First off, I want to say that I hope that everyone is having and continues to have a great holiday season. I also want to remind everyone that the MSUE office will be closed from December 23rd through January 2nd for winter break.

A very important reminder that any 4-H volunteers who have not completed the "Child Abuse Reporting" training module by December 31st, campus will be changing those volunteer statuses to INACTIVE until the training is completed. Read more on page 2.

And a very important announcement that we will be welcoming our new 4-H PC to our office on January 23rd. We are very excited to welcome this person and can't wait for them to start. Read more information on page 2.

Sincerely,

Vicki

Office Manager

4-H Committee Meeting times & locations

4-H Council | 1st Tuesday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | MSUE office & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99623164038> passcode: Council)

4-H Dog Committee | 1st Thursday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Wednesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98655398504> passcode: Horse)

4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3rd Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/97024569676> passcode: 4HCCC)

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Child Abuse Reporting Training Module



I wanted to provide a quick update and reminder on the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Learning Module. The opportunity for staff support is coming to an end as the MSUE is closed for Winter Break starting Friday and through January 2nd.

Remember that all 4-H Gold volunteers will need to complete the Child Abuse and Reporting Protocol learning module by December 31, 2022. Below is the overview of next steps for the volunteers who don't complete the training:

January 2, 2023: anyone who hasn't completed will be marked as non-compliant through an automation within Volunteer Central. It is important to remember anyone who has not completed the training and is switched to the non-compliant activity status can't engage as a volunteer until the training is complete and their status is changed back to Active.

Training can be completed here: <https://msu.samaritan.com/>

New 4-H Program Coordinator



I am happy to announce that the 4-H Program Coordinator position has been offered to, and accepted by, Sunni Haglund. Sunni will be starting her new role on January 23rd. She comes to us with knowledge of 4-H already since she has acted as a 4-H volunteer with The Rebel Clovers 4-H club, served as the poultry superintendent, and served on the Montcalm County Fair board. We are excited to welcome Sunni to the MSUE team and can't wait to see what she does in her role as the new 4-H PC.



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MSUE office closed for Winter BreakDate: 12/23/22 – 01/02/2023
- Child Abuse Reporting training deadlineDate: 12/31/22
- Volunteers who have no completed training moved to “Non-compliant”Date: 01/02/2023
- MSUE staff returns.....Date: 01/03/2023
- 4-H Advisory Council meets.....Date: 01/03/2023
- Dog Committee meets.....Date: 01/05/2023
- Horse Leaders meet.....Date: 01/11/2023
- 4-H CCC meetsDate: 01/16/2023
- Small Animal Committee meets.....Date: 01/23/2023
- 4-H Youth Livestock meets.....Date: 01/23/2023
- MCFAAC (Fair Livestock) meets.....Date: 01/23/2023

Times and locations for each meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

Other Services offered:

MSUE Master Gardener Hotline:

1-888-678-3464

The hotline is open weekdays between 9-noon and 1 – 4 p.m.

Select option “1” to speak directly with a gardening expert.

Ask an Expert:

Ask Extension offers one-to-one answers from MSU Extension experts and Extension Master Gardener volunteers on topics such as **lawns, gardening, agriculture, nutrition and physical activity, food safety, food preservation, natural resources, community development, youth programming** and more!

Ask here:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the date for Michigan 4-H equine events



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, be sure to mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

- February 3-4: Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest
- March 18: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest
- April 15: Hairy Horse Show
- April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest
- August 18-20: State 4-H Horse Show

For more information on events, www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information.

January 10: Wild Spartans - Working Towards a Career as a Wildlife Biologist

Online

Meet Erin Johnston, wildlife biologist - wildlife and habitat section lead for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the Michigan Natural Resources Department. Learn about researching, managing and protecting species with cultural significance, as well as Johnston's field work, and the education and career path she followed.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023

January 14 – 15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

This annual event is open to all judges, horse show managers and adult volunteers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference

January 16-20: 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members test their shooting sports and natural resources knowledge with peers across the nation. Registration should open around Jan. 1.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants aged 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023

January 31: Adulting 101- International Conversations

Online

Join us for an engaging cultural conversation live and learn about another county. Gain new knowledge and ask questions that interest you with an international guest.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations

February 11: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Paw Paw Conservation Club, Paw Paw

Interested in leading Hunting & Wildlife shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a Certified Instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes Feb. 1.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2023 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Make plans to join us for the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, February 12, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 3 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 1:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff for this annual event! Tickets will soon be available at: www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h.

Registration is now open for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest!

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields.

This event will be on February 18-19 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers, and participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay! Register now at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

*Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension.
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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.

