



AUGUST 2024

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

I hope that everyone has had a chance to rest and relax after fair, and that everyone is doing well.

Thank you to all of you who completed the youth survey at fair. Your insight will be helpful for us to know where to make changes and improvements!

As a reminder to all club leaders, the Annual Financial Report and supporting documentation will be due by the end of September.

Fall Leader Meeting information can be found on page 27. This will be a mandatory meeting for all club administrators, or a suitable representative from each club wanting to continue with the 2024-2025 4-H year.

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

Fairboard Association | 1st Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds

4-H Dog Committee | 1st Thursday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92086229811> passcode: 4Hdog)

4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Wednesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151> passcode: Horse)

4-H Council | 3rd Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | MSUE office & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95340301576> passcode: Council)

4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3rd Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298> 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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dog Committee Date: 8/1/24
- Fairboard Date: 8/5/24
- Horse Leaders Date: 8/14/24
- Advisory Council Date: 8/19/24
- Community Connections Date: 8/19/24
- Small Animal Date: 8/26/24
- Youth Livestock Date: 8/26/24
- MCFAAC (Livestock) Date: 8/26/24

Times and locations for each 4-H committee meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

Don't forget to visit the Montcalm County Fairgrounds webpage

[https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/.](https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/)

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>





Committee News

As a reminder, each committee will be accepting nominations for their leadership positions. Each committee will accept nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In our 4-H committees, these positions can be held by youth ages 13 and up as well. The nominations will be accepted at the August and September meetings (if held), with elections being in October. If you would like to be a member or in a leadership role in any of the committees, feel free to come to each of those meetings. We are also looking for input and new ideas. If you are a project leader with your club, and your club has youth exhibitors in that project area, each committee requests you or a representative be present for each meeting. This process allows each club to get the most up to date information for each project area, while also having input in the planning and prepping of programming and events throughout the year and with fair.

4-H Committees:

Dog Committee – 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ash Building

Horse Leaders – 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Ash Building

Advisory Council – 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the Extension Office

Community Connections – 3rd Monday of every month following Advisory Council via Zoom

Small Animal Committee – 4th Monday of every month at 6pm at the Ash Building

Youth Livestock Committee – 4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ash Building

4-H LEADERS





Montcalm County Fair Association

MCFA Info/Updates:

The Montcalm County Fair Association is hosting their Annual Meeting on October 27th at 4pm. There will be at least 5 Fairboard member positions up for election. If you would like to add your name to the nominations, please reach out to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu.

We also have various committees that are always looking for new faces and input. If you're interested in serving on one of the following committees, please reach out to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu, or come to the annual meeting and put your name down on the committee papers.

MCFA Committees:

- Accessibility
- Association Membership
- Awards
- Biosecurity
- Budget and Audit
- Buildings and Grounds
- By-laws/Policies and Procedures
- Camping
- Fairbook
- Grandstand Events
- Judges
- Kids Day/Special Needs Day
- Livestock and Agriculture (MCFAAC)
- Marketing
- Parking/Security
- Plat Book
- Rentals
- ShoWorks
- Vendors/concessions/exhibits



Montcalm County Fair Association

MCFA Post Fair Updates:

The Montcalm County Fair Association and the 4-H Program Coordinator, are looking for interested volunteers to fill our Fair Superintendent roles. If you are interested in adding your name to our team, please attend the next committee meeting associated with the area. Superintendent recommendations are made by the following

Committees:

Horse	4-H Horse Leaders Committee
Sheep	Livestock Committee
Beef	Livestock Committee
Swine	Livestock Committee
Dairy	4-H Dairy Committee
Rabbits/Cavies	4-H Small Animal Committee
Poultry	4-H Small Animal Committee
Goats	4-H Small Animal Committee
Dog	4-H Dog Committee
Llama/alpaca	Livestock Committee
Pocket Pets	4-H Small Animal Committee
Sweepstakes	4-H Advisory Council
Still Exhibits	4-H Advisory Council
Style Review	4-H Advisory Council
Record Book	4-H Advisory Council

We would also request that you read the guidelines and expectations for that role. The PDF file can be found here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/63bd9b379c991b0de7dbf26b/t/659c2b96367c253ac1ddfb53/1704733591025/Superintendent+Guidelines++Expectations+%281%29.pdf>

You can request to serve with any position, even the ones that aren't vacant. Many hands make light work, and we're always looking for more input and an open mind.



Fair Superintendents

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If you are interested in becoming a superintendent, please read the guidelines and expectations first

(<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/63bd9b379c991b0de7dbf26b/t/659c2b96367c253ac1ddfb53/1704733591025/Superintendent+Guidelines++Expectations+%281%29.pdf>)



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



Achievement: Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

Beef Science: Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

Birds & Poultry Science: Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

Civic Engagement and Service: Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

Companion Animal Science: John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

Environmental Science: Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

Goat Science: Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

Leadership: Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

Rabbit and Cavy Science: Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

Sheep Science: Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

Shooting Sports: Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

Swine Science: Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts: Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will: serve full-time, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome
Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 4

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H
Children's
Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension **4-H GROWS HERE**

Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

August 13: 2024 Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles & Petals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Registration deadline is August 9.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2

August 16-18: 2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024

August 18: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Michigan State University is hosting a Bee Palooza event on campus for everyone who is interested in bees to attend!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 22: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20\(COPY_1719621752959\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20(COPY_1719621752959))

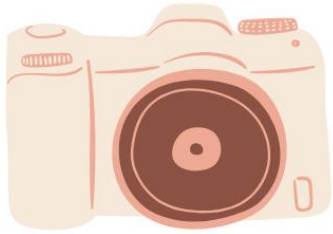
September 21: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing

Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration





All of this and more!

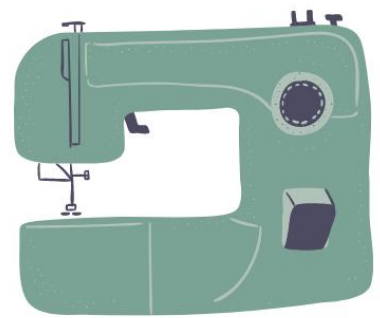
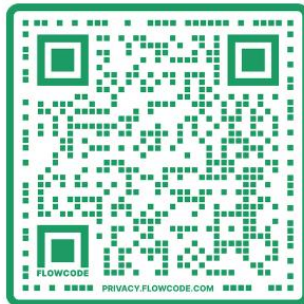


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



To find your local 4-H Program Coordinator, or to learn more about what 4-H can offer you and your family, go to:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/join_4_h



4-H is about more than the ribbons & awards
IT'S ABOUT the PEOPLE, the Experiences, the life-long skills, the memories, the COUNTY FAIRS
IT'S ABOUT being a ROLE MODEL giving back, and MAKING THE BEST BET



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

What we do:

- Community Service Projects / Challenges
- Build / Expand Community Partnerships
- Bridge Gaps for Community Members
- Locate and Provide Needed Resources
- Join Together Surrounding Counties
- Host Events and Activities

Find us on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656549581412123>

Fall Leader Meetings

Availability:

September 9th 6-8pm

September 10th 6-8pm

September 11th 5-7pm

September 14th 9-11am

September 22nd 4-6pm

Topics:

Financial Management

Parliamentary Procedures/Roberts Rule

Volunteer Role Descriptions/roles within each club

Youth Programming

4-H/Fair Association Relationship

Please number the days/times that work best for you, in order of availability, and return to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu. I am hoping to have one to two available dates, with the same information being at both sessions (if there is two). This will be a mandatory meeting for the club administrators or a suitable representative from each club wanting to continue with the 2024-2025 4-H year. |



**INTERESTED IN
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FOR THE
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OCTOBER 2024

**CONTACT PAIGE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

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