

4-H Family News

Montcalm County

Happy December!

Don't forget to enroll in 4-H Online before December 1st (new members deadline is April 1st). If you are not seeing your club listed in the system, that means that your club has not submitted their required annual reports, or the club management team is still making its way through the ocean of annual paperwork reviews – sign up under Montcalm County 4-H General Experience for the time being. If your youth member is in their 18 or older 4-H age, the parent/guardian will not be able to input their name/signature within the acknowledgement section of the application; the youth will need to enter either "N/A" or their name, within the parent/guardian blocks. Here is the most up to date Family Enrollment Guide, for your reference: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/uploads/files/4-H+Online+Family+Guide+-+rev.+9-1-23.pdf>

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

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

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/93418977992> passcode: 4Hdog)
- 4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Tuesday 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. | 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 & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> passcode: 4Hyouth)
- 4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> passcode: 4Hyouth)



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fairboard Date: 12/1/25
- Greenville Christmas Parade Date: 12/5/25
- Cedar Springs Christmas Parade Date: 12/6/25
- Belding "Home for the Holidays" Date: 12/13/25

No other December meetings – January meetings:

- Fairboard Date: 1/5/26
- Dog Committee Date: 1/6/26
- Horse Leaders Date: 1/13/26
- Advisory Council Date: 1/19/26
- Community Connections Date: 1/19/26
- County-Wide Dog Practice Date: 1/22/26
- Small Animal / Youth Livestock / MCFAAC Date: 1/26/26
- MCFA Mega Raffle Date: 1/31/26

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 **UPDATED** webpage
<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>.

SIGN UP FAIR FAMILY

For Text Updates and Reminders



4-H'ers are...

2x

more likely to have the goal of being a leader

3x

more likely to participate in community service

2x

more likely to report living life with intentionality and purpose



4-H Committee Information

Advisory Council – 3rd Monday 6:30 pm – Zoom

Dairy Committee – typically held just before/during/right after fair

Dog Committee – 1st Thursday 6:30 pm – Ash Building

Community Connections – 3rd Monday following Advisory – Zoom

Horse Committee – 2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

Small Animal Committee – 4th Monday 6:00 pm – Ash Building

Youth Livestock – 4th Monday 6:30 pm – Ash Building

All 4-H committees are open to any club member or parent (volunteer or not), and they would love to have your input at these meetings. If you are interested in being more involved with one of the committees, or becoming a superintendent or a junior superintendent, please come to their meetings. You can also send an email to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu, if you're unable to make it to the meeting but would like more information; most meetings have zoom options.

Executive Board Positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Superintendent Positions:

Dairy – Kim / Sally Thomsen

Dog – Dog

Horse – Horse

Goat – Small Animal

Camelid – Small Animal

Rabbit/Cavy – Small animal

Poultry – Small Animal

Record Books – Advisory

Still Exhibit – Advisory

Performing Arts/Style Review – Advisory

Showmanship Sweepstakes – Advisory



4-H Committee Information

[**Advisory Council – Bylaws**](#)

[**Community Connections – Bylaws**](#)

[**Dog Committee – Bylaws**](#)

[**Horse Committee – Bylaws**](#)

[**Small Animal Committee – Bylaws**](#)

[**Youth Livestock – Bylaws**](#)

If you are curious about what each committee is responsible for, feel free to look at their bylaws for more information.

Blessings Pantry Update:

We have had an outpour of support from our 4-H community, and I couldn't be prouder!

As of today, we've had donations from the following clubs/groups/families:

4-H Future Leaders

Burgess Lake 4-H Club

Montcalm 4-H Friends-N-Critters

Montcalm 4-H Horse Leaders

The Rebel Clovers 4-H Club

Traiblazers 4-H Club

The Altizer family

The McCambridge family





4-H Committee Information

Dog Committee:

We are offering county-wide dog practices throughout the year on a rotating schedule for each practice (see page 16). If your youth is planning to show dog this year, please check out and follow the [4-H Dog Committee Facebook page](#), or stay tuned for future updates via email. Each youth exhibitor will have to participate in at least 2 of the County-Wide dog practices.

Shooting Sports:

4-H Precision Archers is a new archery club that will be having their first meeting in February (see page 19).

***Kim Fouts-Stebbins is our County's Shooting Sports Coordinator. All questions and requests pertaining to the shooting sports program, should go through her first. Her contact is 4hfoutsstebbins@gmail.com

Kim is starting a Shooting Sports Committee, and their meetings will start in January. She asks that all clubs who have shooting sports as a project area, attend the meetings and join the committee. Stay tuned for more information!

Small Animal Committee:

Save the Date!!! The 2026 Small Animal Showmanship Workshop will be held at the Small Animal Barn on May 16th.

Community Connections Committee:

December Challenge: Project Night Lights at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital on December 10th. Dress in costume if you want and bring glow sticks. If members want to participate, please contact Kim Pennock at smyrnam@ yahoo.com or Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu (see page 15)

Horse Leaders Committee:

Their spring tack sale will be held at the Fairgrounds on March 14th. The Junior Horse Leaders are offering a discount for 4-H Groups who would like to have a fundraiser table at the tack sale. Contact montcalmcountyjuniors@gmail.com for more information (see page 23).



The Youth Livestock Committee has voted to introduce incentives for youth members who participate in our meetings. We will be issuing reward cards to each youth who attends a meeting. For every meeting attended, they will receive a stamp on an animal on their card. Once all the animals are stamped, we will host a pizza party at the following meeting!

Their meetings are held at 6:30 PM, on the 4th Monday of each month, in between the Small Animal Committee meeting and the Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Committee (Livestock/MCFAAC).

They voted on the following awesome educational topics to focus on for their cold weather month meetings: Jan – Meat Cuts / Feb – Swine feeding/nutrition / March – Get your animals ready for fair



Helpful Links

Resources

https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-resources

County Awards and Scholarships

https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-scholarships

4-H Youth Thriving Model

<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/home/>

4-H.org – Activity Guides

<https://4-h.org/clover/activity-guides/download-4h-activity-guides/>

MSU 4-H Resources

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/resources>

MSU-Extension Montcalm County 4-H Page:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h

Club and Volunteer Information: https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-club-volunteer-information

Montcalm County 4-H Welcome Packet:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/uploads/files/Welcome%20Packet.pdf>



MCFA Committee Information

Fairboard – 1st Monday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

MCFA Livestock – 4th Monday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

Marketing Committee – Jackie Nadeau

Buildings and Grounds – Todd Hetherington

Bylaws/Policy & Procedure – Sunni Haglund

Budget and Audit – Lisa Johnson

Rental – Katie Johnson / Brad Heft

Judges – Sunni Haglund / Amanda Ives

Concessions/Exhibits/Grandstand Events

– Lisa Johnson

Fairbook / Showworks – Michelle Nitengale

Awards – Tammy Hancock

Kids Day / Special Needs Day – Brad Heft

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm-county-4-h/fair-information>

Committees that could really benefit with more members:

***Bylaws/Policy and Procedures**

***Budget and Audit**

***Judges**

***Awards**

***Kids Day/Special Needs Day**

***Pee Wee Program**

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please reach out to the individuals next to the committee. If you need contact information, please email Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu or the MCFA Fairboard at MCFAFairboard@gmail.com

Fairboard:

Meets 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM

Superintendent Positions:

Swine – MCFA Livestock

Beef – MCFA Livestock

Sheep – MCFA Livestock



MCFA Committee Updates:

Your 2026 MCFA Board of Directors:

Todd Hetherington	Brad Heft
Lisa Johnson	Jason Nadeau
Tammi Jahnke	Joe Minkel
Jamie Goodrich	Amanda Ives
Tammy Hancock	Shawn Hyde
Tommy Aldridge	Melissa Williams
Dan Humphrey	Jamison German
Eric Christensen	

MCFA Agricultural Committee (MCFAAC / Livestock Committee):

2026 MCFA Fair Information:

Montcalm County 4-H

| Fair Association

Questions can be e-mailed to MCFlivestock@gmail.com

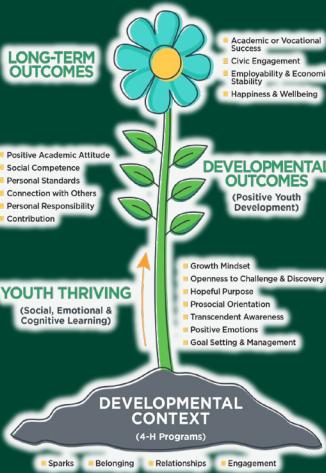
Montcalm County Fair information will be disseminated via email, Facebook, the fair website, and in the 4-H newsletter, as it is known.

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/exhibitor-info>



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



The 4-H Thriving Model and 4-H Beyond Ready work hand-in-hand to prepare youth for success. The Thriving Model focuses on how quality 4-H experiences help young people grow by building sparks, relationships, and a sense of belonging that leads to thriving. Beyond Ready builds on this foundation by helping youth take what they've learned and apply it school, careers and real life.

Together, they ensure that 4-H youth don't just gain skills, but also the confidence, adaptability, and resilience to use those skills in the future. Through this connection, young people are not only supported in their personal growth today but are equipped to be "beyond ready" for whatever comes next.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 10 – December 15: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Caregivers of toddlers to teens will explore eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence and developing character. Participants will meet for six week on Mondays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-november-december-2025

November 11: Wild Spartans – Wildfire & Warriors: Science Where You Least Expect It

Online

Meet Michele Richards, natural resources and wildland fire program manager with the Michigan Army National Guard. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026

November 12: 4-H Chef Turkey Cheese Ball

Lenawee County MSU Extension Office, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will create a cheese ball that is perfect as a Thanksgiving appetizer.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-turkey-cheese-ball

November 13: Adulting 101 – Conflict Resolution and Civil Discourse

Online

Participants will learn how to manage disagreements with respect and open-mindedness, paving the way for stronger, healthier relationships. Leave with strategies to approach conflict confidently, express oneself respectfully, and find common ground with others.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-toughtalks

November 15: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Diwali

Flat Rock Public Library, Flat Rock

Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop invites participants to learn about the traditions and cultural significance of Diwali, one of India's most celebrated holidays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-diwali

November 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: So You Want to Be a Club Leader?

Online

Thinking about leading a club or want to refresh your leadership skills? Join to learn what it takes to be an effective and inspired club leader—from logistics and communication to culture and connection.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 28 – Dec. 14, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.

Join the 4-H For Good Challenge!

A simple act of kindness can spark a ripple of good — and you can be the spark! National 4-H Council is teaming up with Universal Pictures leading up to the release of *Wicked: For Good* on November 21 by celebrating the power of young people and communities and creating a wave of kindness.

Just like Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked: For Good*, your choices can change the world. This challenge is open to everyone — youth, families, schools, workplaces, and community groups — and it's your chance to show how one good deed can inspire another.

Join the #4HForGoodChallenge in four easy steps:

- Do something good.** Big or small, every act counts. Help out, give back or simply show someone you care.
- Share your heart hands.** Snap a pic of your heart hand and write a short post about your good deed.
- Post it online.** Use the hashtag #4HForGood and tag 4-H.
- Challenge your crew.** Tag for friends and invite them to keep the good growing!



MSU Extension hosts successful third Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol



On October 8, MSU Extension hosted the third Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We're immensely proud of the Michigan 4-H program, which has been shaping futures and transforming communities for more than 115 years," said Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension director. "We're grateful for the opportunity to showcase this remarkable program to our state leaders for the third consecutive year and to bring additional awareness to the life-changing impact of 4-H."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was held, featuring Tyler, as well as: Representative Jerry Neyer; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Jackie Venton, Michigan Department of State Chief Operating Officer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Logan Dole, Michigan 4-H youth from Clare County; and Danykah Muck, Michigan 4-H youth from Livingston County.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H.



Help 4-H empower
tomorrow's leaders with our
Paper Clover Fundraiser

In-store or online

Our Partnership

Tractor Supply proudly began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 and we have since helped raise over \$20 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 80,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100% of funds raised through our two Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.

It's Paper Clover Time!



Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp
and leadership activities.



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Montcalm County 4-H Community Connections Committee

HELP US FILL THE BLESSINGS PANTRY!



Your generosity helps
families in need.

We're collecting nonperishable items to support our new assistance pantry. Every can, box, and bag makes a difference. We're also collecting baby/youth items, hats, gloves, blankets, socks, can openers, toiletries, etc.

ALL DONATIONS AND PROCEEDS WILL GO
DIRECTLY TO THE BLESSINGS PANTRY

Drop Off Location:
MSU-Extension Office
211 W. Main St.
Stanton, MI
(989) 831-7500

Hours: 8 am - 4 pm



Welcome to our

BLESSINGS PANTRY

See something you need?

If the
Administrative
Building is
open, we are
open!

Located outside of the
MSU-Extension office
211 W. Main St.,
Stanton, MI



Grab a bag

take what you need

No questions asked!

Have an extra need?

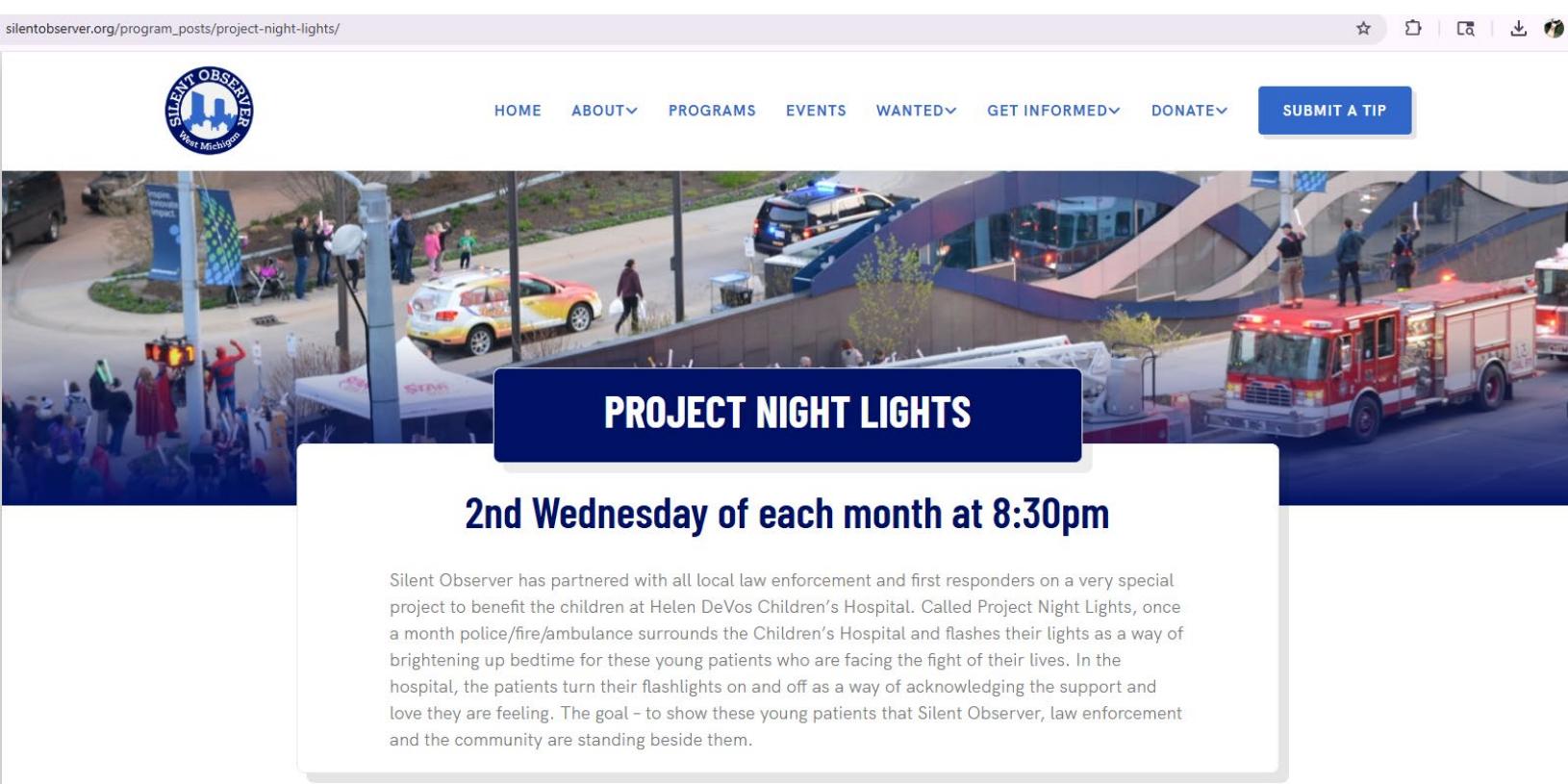
Let us know how we can help!

Call: (989) 831-7500

Email: msue.montcalm@msu.edu

Montcalm County 4-H Community Connections

December Challenge



The screenshot shows a website for "SILENT OBSERVER West Michigan". The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT, PROGRAMS, EVENTS, WANTED, GET INFORMED, DONATE, and a blue "SUBMIT A TIP" button. A large banner image at the top depicts a nighttime event where a police car, a fire truck, and other vehicles have their lights on, creating a "Project Night Lights" display. In the foreground, a dark blue box contains the text "PROJECT NIGHT LIGHTS" in white. Below this, another box contains the text "2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30pm". A descriptive paragraph explains the project: "Silent Observer has partnered with all local law enforcement and first responders on a very special project to benefit the children at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Called Project Night Lights, once a month police/fire/ambulance surrounds the Children's Hospital and flashes their lights as a way of brightening up bedtime for these young patients who are facing the fight of their lives. In the hospital, the patients turn their flashlights on and off as a way of acknowledging the support and love they are feeling. The goal – to show these young patients that Silent Observer, law enforcement and the community are standing beside them."

You're invited to join the Montcalm County 4-H Community Connections Committee for Project Night Lights on Wednesday, December 10th! It's a magical and uplifting event geared to help the patients and families at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital feel supported by community members and area first responders. It starts at 8:30 p.m. and lasts around 30 minutes. Learn more at https://www.silentobserver.org/program_posts/project-night-lights/



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H DOG COMMITTEE



COUNTY-WIDE DOG PRACTICE SCHEDULE

New rule for those showing dogs at the 2026 Fair:

Everybody showing dogs at Fair must attend at least two County Wide Dog practices between now and Fair to show your dogs. You must attend at least one showmanship/ agility practice and at least one obedience/ rally practice.



**Tuesday, November 18th | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally
December | No Practice**

Thursday, January 22nd | 6:30 PM | Showmanship / Agility

Tuesday, February 17th | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally

Thursday, March 19th | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally

Tuesday, April 21st | 6:30 PM | Showmanship / Agility

Tuesday, May 12th | 6:30 PM | Showmanship / Agility

Thursday, May 28th | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally

Friday, June 12th | 6 PM | ALL 4 Disciplines



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HOMELESS BACKPACK DRIVE

Help us fill backpacks for our local homeless population before the winter months



We are only able to accept new items at this time

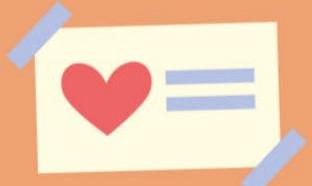
Here are some ideas!



Any items that are not unisex, will be given directly to a local Grand Rapids homeless shelter

Our goal is to have 25 filled backpacks and \$2500 to purchase items the shelter residents need, by December 20th

Contact Shayla at 616-788-3224 to coordinate pick-up/drop-off



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We're Fundraising!

Join us & sip for a cause



Please support our 4-H Shooting Sports Club and at the same time enjoy some wonderful coffees and teas

Click Here to See Products:

<https://www.givingbean.com/store/home.php?partner=3d142>

4-H Precision Seekers has more than 20 Youth ages 9-16 (and growing) along with 7 Certified Instructors. We are all about Youth Development and Education through Shooting Sports. This includes firearm safety, proper responsible use of firearms, sportsmanship, teamwork and improving marksmanship. The money will be used for shooting sports equipment, ammo and targets for club use.

We greatly appreciate your support and Thank You!

NEW CLUB



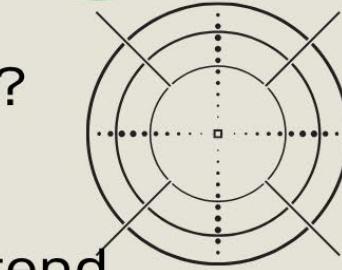
Shooting Sports

4-H PRECISION ARCHERS

🎯 New to archery - or are you an expert?

🎯 Want to shoot some arrows for fun

- or are you working on your skills to attend state/national championships?



All are welcome! Chance to win prizes!!

1st Meeting: February 1st | 4:40pm | Central Michigan Sportsman's Club | Stanton Rd, Stanton

Q's? Contact: Kimberly Fouts | 4hfoutsstebbins@gmail.com



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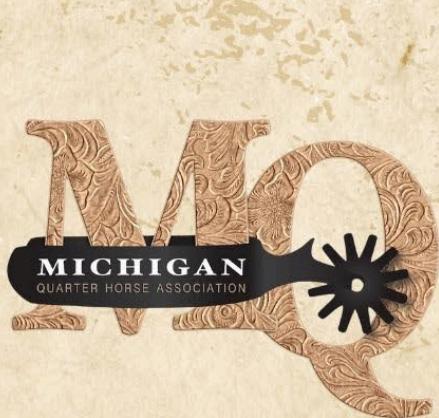
SAVE THE DATE

2026 EQUINE CONNECTION WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026 THROUGH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

AT THE FARM BUREAU PAVILION AT
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- HORSE JUDGING
- HIPPOLOGY
- SHOWMANSHIP
- HORSEMANSHIP
- TRAIL



JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN AND LEARNING!

CLINIC SESSIONS WITH AQHA PROFESSIONAL
RYAN COTTINGIM AND OTHERS!

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP BY:

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH HORSE PROGRAM

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION



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MQHA Tack Sale and Equine Connection Weekend!

New format! January 30 – February 1, 2026

Farm Bureau Pavilion at MSU - 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

Come for the Tack Sale and stay for the clinics!



24th Annual MQHA New & Used Tack Sale

- ✓ Tack Sale Hours: Saturday and **NEW!** Sunday 9 am to 4 pm
- ✓ Shopping?? Admission is free! Great selection of high quality new and used merchandise!
- ✓ Selling?? 10 x 10 spaces are \$85 with a table or \$75 without. Add Sunday for an extra \$25 per space.
- ✓ Make your reservation online at www.miquarterhorse.com or contact MQHA for more information!

Equine Connection Weekend – Every age, every skill level WELCOME!

Friday, January 30

- 6:30 pm Horse Judging Clinic (and *Horse Judging Contest Sat. a.m. is \$15 pre-registered or \$20 at the door.*)

Saturday, January 31

- 8:30 am Horse Judging Contest
- 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm Classroom Clinics - topics and exact times to be announced. Free of charge.
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Arena Clinic – Showmanship Level 1, with **AQHA Professional Horseman, Ryan Cottingim**. Participation in the clinic is limited to 12 and cost is \$50.
- Arena audit charge is \$15 per day pre-registered or \$20 at the door for both Saturday arena sessions.
- 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Arena Clinic – Horsemanship Level 1, with **AQHA Professional Horseman, Ryan Cottingim**. Participation in the clinic is limited to 12 and cost is \$50.

Sunday, February 1

- 8:00 am to 10:00 am Arena Clinic – Showmanship Level 2, with **AQHA Professional Horseman, Ryan Cottingim**. Participation in the clinic is limited to 12 and the cost is \$50.
- Audit charge is \$15 per day pre-registered or \$20 at the door for all three Sunday arena sessions.
- 9:00 am to noon – Hippology Contest \$15 pre-registered or \$20 at the door
- 11 am to 1:00 pm Arena Clinic Horsemanship Level 2, with **AQHA Professional Horseman, Ryan Cottingim**. Participation in the clinic is limited to 12 and the cost is \$50.
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Trail Clinic, with **AQHA Professional Horseman, Ryan Cottingim**. Participation in the clinic is limited to 12 and the cost is \$50.

Other Details

- *Pre-registration is offered and encouraged.*
- *Arena clinics with Ryan Cottingim are limited to 12 per session. Saturday clinics are \$50 each or both for \$90. Sunday clinics are \$50 each or \$125 for all three.*
- *4H Clubs with more than 5 attending either day receive a \$5 per person discount if pre-registered under their 4H Club.*
- *Pre-registration ends on Jan. 19. Register by Dec. 23 to ensure you receive our Equine Connection Weekend t-shirt.*
- *For more information contact Michigan Quarter Horse at info@miquarterhorse.com or call 616-225-8211.*
- *Updated information, including registration forms and host hotels, will be available soon. Watch the MQHA FB page or the MQHA website at www.miquarterhorse.com or use QR codes here:*

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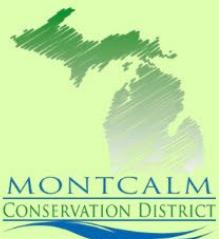
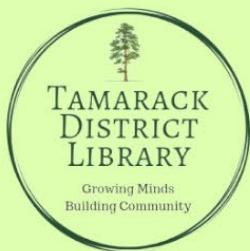
TACK SALE



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Tamarack District Library | Montcalm Conservation District | Montcalm 4-H | Freemont Area Beekeepers Club

Spring Pollinator Workshops

NATIVE PLANTS TO
BRING IN NATIVE
POLLINATORS

LED BY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MARCH 12, 2026 | 6 PM

 Native Pollinators
 Native Plants

INTRO TO
BEEKEEPING /
LOCAL RESOURCES

LED BY 4-H / Freemont Beekeepers

MARCH 24, 2026 | 6 PM

 Beekeeping 101
 Local Beekeeping Resources

Both workshops held at Tamarack District Library

832 S. Lincoln Ave., Lakeview, MI 48850

RSVP BY MARCH 5, 2026

Tamarack District Library (989) 352 - 6274 or in person

Montcalm Conservation District (989) 831 - 4212x105 or

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Montcalm County 4-H (989) 831 - 7514 or haglun10@msu.edu



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MONTCALM COUNTY 2ND ANNUAL

TACK SALE

ARTS/CRAFTS

2026

TACK/CLOTHES

SAT. MARCH 14
10AM-2PM

SAVE THE DATE

\$25
PER SPOT

FREE
ADMISSION

BECOME A VENDOR OR ASK QUESTIONS

All proceeds will be going towards Fans , Awards and
Any Upgrades the horse department may need

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CODING ART WORKSHOP

Are you interested in learning how to code?

Do you enjoy creating?



Date: April 30, 2026

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Tamarack District Library



Join Montcalm County 4-H for an exciting night of coding and creating! All ages welcome!

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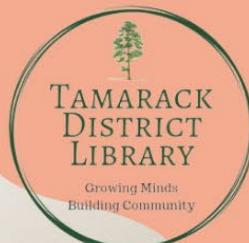
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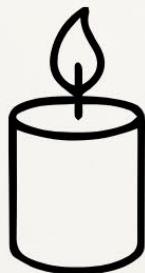


MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H



Spring Gift Workshop

Perfect for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or celebrating anyone special in your life!



**Spa
Crafts**



**Wood/
Leather
Crafts**



**Personalized
Keepsakes**



Thursday, May 14 2026 | 6-8 PM

Join us as we create a variety of handmade gifts - from relaxing spa items, to custom wood and leather crafts!



**Tamarack District Library
832 S. Lincoln, Lakeview**

RSVP 989-352-6274



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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE WITH



1

FIND YOUR INTERESTS

Coding / Tech

ROBOTICS

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

BEE KEEPING Baking

Agriculture

ANIMAL SCIENCE

SHOOTING SPORTS

&

Gardening

SO MUCH MORE!!!

2

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP

27 Project Led Clubs

7 Advisory Groups

MONTCALM COUNTY

3

GROW WITH 4-H

Positive youth development through hands-on, project-based learning, in order to build real-world skills and confidence.



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