

4-H Family News

Montcalm County

Happy New Year!

Thank you for continuously supporting this county's program, and for your participation in making our program even better each year. It's crazy to think that in just a few short months, we'll be in full gear, prepping for the 2026 Montcalm County Fair.

We have a lot of programming and events coming up, with a lot of educational opportunities. Please take the time to read through the newsletter and emails, and we will do our best to share the information as it is known.

Looking forward to 2026 and the many successes each of you brings!

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: 1/5/26
- Dog Committee Date: 1/6/26
- **MAFE Convention** Dates: 1/8-10
- 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

Text @MONTCALMCO TO: 81010



INSPIRE KIDS TO DO



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

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 have helped, on average, at least one family per day since opening (some days we've had upwards of 3 families in a day), and have fulfilled all special requests that have come in!

We couldn't have done that without the amazing support from all of you!



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 15). 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: Facebook Page

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

Community Connections Committee: Facebook Page

January Challenge: Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Toy Drive! Bring all new/hand-made toys, puzzles, games, etc., to the Ash Building during a meeting, dog practice or event, or stop by the MSU-Extension office in the Administrative Building in Stanton, or if you're south near Belding, you can stop in to Tammi's Tax Service and drop them there! All participating clubs will receive a special treat during the 2026 Fair.

Horse Leaders Committee: Facebook Page

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).



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 –

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>

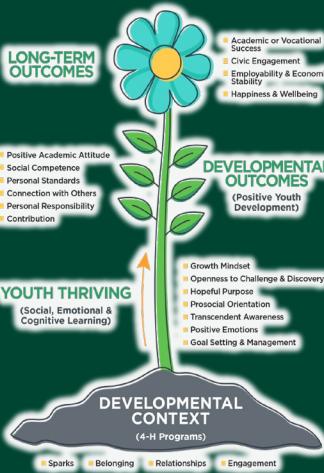


Come help the Youth Livestock Committee label and stamp our Thank You Sponsor postcards during the January Youth Livestock Committee meeting. We will also have a fun meat cut activity! The next meeting is January 26th at 6:30 PM at the Ash Building.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Relationships are the foundation of a successful 4-H program! These relationships include building friendships with other members and leaders, building great working relationships and trust between program leaders and members, and adult leaders working together to organize great opportunities for youth.

We hope you can find others in the 4-H program in which you can build positive friendships and/or mentorships. Join us for any events and meetings to get to know everyone in the program.

Youth thriving is the first step in building youth who are #BeyondReady! Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

January 13: Wild Spartans

Online

This month's session is "Nature's Detectives: How Insects Help Solve Crimes Against People, Animals and the Environment through Forensic Entomology." Tiny creatures can tell BIG stories about the world around us: explore creepy-crawly clues and learn how science and nature work together to solve puzzles. Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is for youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-january

January 13: Avoiding Money Mishaps

Online

In today's digital world, young people are increasingly targeted by fraudsters, scammers and predatory lenders. This interactive webinar will empower youth with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves and their personal information.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-jan13

January 21: Adulting 101 – Fraud Fighters: How to Stay Scam-Free

Online

From fake jobs offers to phishing texts, scammers are everywhere. This workshop breaks down the latest tricks and shows you how to guard your info, your credit, and your peace of mind.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026>

January 24: 2026 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo

Farm Bureau Pavilion, Lansing

4-H'ers exhibit rabbit and cavy projects and participate in educational knowledge contests: showmanship, skillathon, breed identification and rabbit hopping. **Register by January 14.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show-and-expo

January 26: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Beyond Ready Basics

Every great 4-H experience has a few powerful ingredients—and volunteers play the biggest role in making them happen. Explore the four vital elements that help youth thrive: discovering sparks, feeling a sense of belonging, building developmental relationships, and staying meaningfully engaged.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-basics-bringing-the-vital-elements-to-life-in-your-4-h-club

February 7: 4-H Winterfest

Eagle Village Retreat Center, Hersey

4-H Winterfest is a hand-on learning camp for youth ages 8-12. Youth pick workshops and participate in team building activities. Come and have fun this winter! **Register by January 23.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-winterfest





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Capitol Experience

COMING
SOONMARCH 15-17TH, 2026Cost \$365
Scholarships may be available
through your local 4-H office!

Register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 15-17, in Lansing.

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on: agriculture; civil rights and youth advocacy; crime and law enforcement; education and teacher retention; environment and natural resources; health; and jobs, the economy and infrastructure.

The cost to attend is \$365, which includes lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Earn prizes with the Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest

Did you know youth are being targeted by scams too? That's this year's theme for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest! Michigan youth aged 9-19 are invited to participate through writing an essay on this year's question.

Top entries receive a \$100 gift card, thanks to contest sponsor, Extra Credit Union. MSU Extension will host two webinars to help with fraud awareness and essay writing. Essays are due by March 1. For contest details and essay submission information, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Extra Credit  UNION

2026 Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest

Write a brief 300 word essay addressing fraud and scams, and have the chance to earn a \$100 gift card!

Essays Due: March 1st, 2026
Winners Announced: April 1st, 2026

See website for contest details and requirements!

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Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 10 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). An Achievement Award was added last year for 18-19-year-olds. Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online at bit.ly/stateaward. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

4-H Animal Science Staff

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Glenda Weiss

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Point of Contact
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January 24	4-H State Rabbit Show
Feb. 27- March 1	4-H Dairy Conference
March 7	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
March 14	4-H Horse Communications Contest
March 21-22	Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show
March 21	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 22	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl
April 11	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
April 12	4-H Hippology State Contest
May 6	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 10-11	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
June 27	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
July 1	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
July 6-7 & 8-9	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
July 13-16	4-H Youth Dairy Days
August 13-16	4-H State Horse Show
September 19	4-H State Dog Show



**Scan me for more
information about these
programs!**

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2026 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo

- Breed, Market, Fur Class Entry Fee: \$4.00
- Rabbit Hopping Fee: \$2.00
- Other Contests Entry Fee: \$2.00
(Photography, Educational Display, Breed Identification, Skillathon)

**\$4
Entry Fee**



**Showmanship registration deadline
January 14, 2026**

Jan 24, 2026

Enter animals day
of Show
7:00 am-10:00am

MSU Pavilion

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Livestock Education

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State Rabbit
and Cavy Show
Web Page:
shorturl.at/bKwsV



SCAN HERE

Join Us for the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo and Show!

Youth participants can:

- ✓ Exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy
- ✓ Compete in exciting contests:
- Showmanship
- Date: Saturday, January 24, 2026
- Location: Farm Bureau Livestock Pavilion
- ↔ Register by January 14 for Showmanship!

- Breed Identification
- Photography
- Skillathon
- Educational Displays
- NEW this year: Rabbit Hopping!



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 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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Isabella County 4-H

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INNOVATING THE FUTURE OF FARMING

What You'll Learn

- How AI is being used in crop management, precision ag, and livestock monitoring
- Real-world examples of AI tools used by farmers today
- How technology is improving efficiency, sustainability, and decision-making
- What AI means for the future of agriculture and careers in ag

Free Registration

Open to 4-Hers and non 4-Hers

**January: AI & Livestock /
Robotics in Agriculture**

**February: Feeding your
Ruminante**

March: Seed to Store

**April: Pollination
Presentation**

**JANUARY
17TH**

11:30AM-1:30PM

Isabella County Commission on Aging
2200 S Lincoln Rd Mt Pleasant MI
48858



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2026 ADULTING 101



- **FRAUD FIGHTERS - JANUARY 21 AT 6:30 PM**
- **INFORMED RENTER - FEBRUARY 19 AT 5:00 PM**
- **SLEEP WELLNESS - MARCH 4 AT 5:30 PM**
- **EAT SMART: HEALTHY MEALS ON A BUDGET - APRIL 13 AT 5:00 PM**
- **COOKING WITH CONFIDENCE - MAY 18 AT 6:30 PM**
- **AI AND YOU: SMART, SAFE & SAVVY - JUNE 11 AT 6:00 PM**
- **THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK - JULY 8 AT 6:00 PM**
- **ROADMAP TO A SMART USED CAR PURCHASE - AUGUST 12 AT 5:00 PM**
- **ARE YOU READY? - SEPTEMBER 23 AT 5:00 PM**
- **MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT - OCTOBER 7 AT 6:00 PM**
- **REALITIES OF ANIMAL CARE - NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM**

***ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME**



FREE ON ZOOM



MSU Extension is excited to announce the Adulting 101 program will be back in 2026! New classes and some past favorites are included in this **FREE** monthly online program. We are thrilled to share the registration is now live for all classes here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026>



Avoiding Money Mishaps Webinar

Learn how to avoid fraud, scams, and identity theft!

January 13th at 6pm EST
February 11th at 6pm EST

Same content will be offered on both dates - choose the one that works best for you!

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Webinar Details

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Protect Yourself from Frauds, Scams, and Identity Theft

- January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM EST**
- February 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM EST**

(Same content offered on both dates – choose the one that works best!)

Audience: Youth (middle school, high school, early college)

Register here: <https://bit.ly/avoidingmoneymishaps>

Bonus: Michigan youth ages 9–19 will gain skills helpful for the **2026 Cash Composition Contest!**



Join Us Online

WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

**“NATURE’S DETECTIVES: HOW INSECTS HELP SOLVE CRIMES
AGAINST PEOPLE, ANIMALS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
THROUGH FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGY”**

WITH DR. SAMANTHA SAWYER,
FORENSIC ENTOMOLOGIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN

January 13 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>

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Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will discover how tiny creatures can tell BIG stories about the world around us. Explore creepy-crawly clues, hear amazing stories, and learn how science and nature work together to solve puzzles. Join us on Tuesday, January 13th, 2025 at 6:30pm EST for **“Nature’s Detectives: How Insects Help Solve Crimes Against People, Animals, and the Environment Through Forensic Entomology.”** You will meet Dr. Samantha Sawyer, a forensic entomologist at the University of New Haven, Connecticut. You'll learn about her work, and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth are encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST. Pre-registration is required: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>



Mega Raffle Night

January 31st

**Montcalm County
Fairgrounds Ash Building**

Doors open at 6pm drawings starts at 7pm

**Silent Auction | Food & Drinks | Door Prizes |
DJ Entertainment | Beer & Wine**



**Scan the QR Code for
Ticket Info!**



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

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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

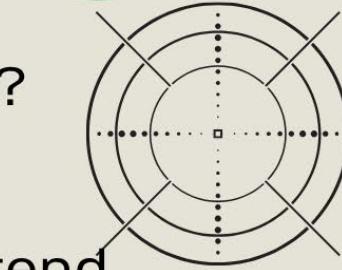


4-H PRECISION ARCHERS

🎯 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!

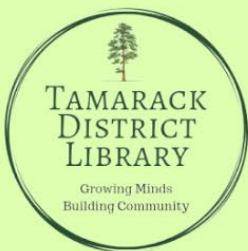
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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH HORSE PROGRAM
MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION



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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 <https://www.tamaracklibrary.org/event>

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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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Capitol Experience

COMING
SOON



MARCH 15-17TH, 2026



Cost \$365
Scholarships may be available
through your local 4-H office!



Who: Youth in 9th grade through 12th grade. 4-H and non-4-H members welcome! (Non 4-H members will be asked to sign up in 4-H Online)

What: a 3-day event where youth can meet with peers to talk about issues that are important to them, network with folks that work in a wide variety of roles related to public policy, and see state government in action.

When/Where: Sunday, March 15 through Tuesday, March 17, -person at the Okemos Conference Center and Michigan's State Capitol

Cost: \$365 includes conference registration, lodging, and meals

Register Now Until March 1 at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CapitolExperience2026/>

Additional Overnight Lodging Available: Hotel reservations at the Okemos Conference Center are available to families interested in extending their stay in Lansing before or after the event at [Okemos Conference Center](#). **Note** that parents/guardians are responsible for their children before and after the program, including lodging and transportation if needed. Staff will not provide supervision for overnight lodging for any additional nights.



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!

RSVP:

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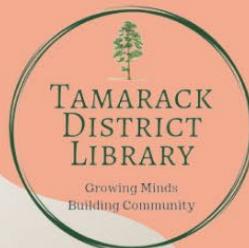
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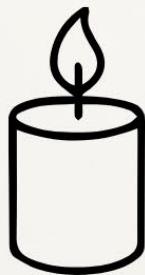


MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H



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**

For youth and families!



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!



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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE WITH



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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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