

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



As we wrap up the **2025–2026 4-H year** and look ahead to a brand-new year, I hope everyone has had a chance to reflect on the past year; celebrating our successes, learning from our experiences, and thinking about how we can continue working together to make Montcalm County 4-H even stronger!

Our 4-H Online system is currently taking a short break as it prepares for the new program year. Enrollment is expected to reopen **October 1**, so be ready to log back in and re-enroll for another great year of 4-H!

In the meantime, please take a few minutes to look through this month's newsletter. It is **jam-packed with important dates, upcoming opportunities, reminders, resources, and information** to help your family get ready for the months ahead.

 **Save the Date — Annual 4-H Awards Celebration – October 18!**

Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

- Fairboard Association | 1st Monday of the month | 7:00 pm | Ash Building – Fairgrounds
- 4-H Dog Committee | 1st Thursday of the month | 6:30 pm | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93418977992> passcode: 4Hdog)
- 4-H Horse Leaders | 2nd Tuesday of the month | 7:00 pm | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151> passcode: Horse)
- 4-H Council | 3rd Monday of the month | 6:30 pm | via zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95340301576> passcode: Council)
- 4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3rd Monday of the month | 7:00 pm | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298> passcode: 4HCCC)
- 4-H Shooting Sports Committee | 3rd Thursday of the month | 6:30 pm | Flat River Conservation Club & via Zoom
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92438446044> (passcode: shoot)
- 4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 pm | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> (passcode: small)
- 4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95230983610> (passcode: youth)
- MCFA Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the Month | 7:00 PM | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94798506516> (passcode: MCFAAC)

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---|---------------|
| • Dog Committee | Date: 9/3/26 |
| • Horse Leaders | Date: 9/8/26 |
| • Fairboard | Date: 9/14/26 |
| • Shooting Sports Committee | Date: 9/17/26 |
| • Advisory Council | Date: 9/21/26 |
| • Community Connections | Date: 9/21/26 |
| • Small Animal / Youth Livestock / MCFAAC | Date: 9/28/26 |

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

MCFAFairboard@gmail.com



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

Shooting Sports Committee – TBD

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

Advisory Council – [Bylaws](#)

Community Connections – [Bylaws](#)

Shooting Sports – TBP

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 just want to say how thankful we are for everyone's support in keeping the pantry stocked. We are running low, if any club is interested in using this as a community service project. We have been helping roughly 1-3 families per week since opening!





4-H Committee Information

Advisory Council:

Award submissions will be due in September, with the Annual Awards Banquet date on October 18th (after the MCFA Annual Meeting). If you can't find the right award to nominate someone for within our [Awards Guide](#), send me an email with who you're recommending and a blurb, and I'll find the right award for them 😊 The next meeting is September 21st at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Community Connections Committee: Facebook Page

Check out page 15 for upcoming activities throughout Labor Day Weekend! The next meeting is September 21st at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The next meeting we'll be fine-tuning our plans for the Annual Bake Off held at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds on October 17th.

Shooting Sports: 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

On August 15th, we had 7 youth shooting sports members individually place, and one team place at the Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition! HUGE rounds of applause for Ellis Bean (placed in TWO categories), Finley Kilbourn, Lennon Janssen, Kaitlyn Shick, Brenden Blomstrom, Jenavive Johnson, Seana Johnson, and our 4 member .22 Cal Field Rifle team (Ryne Bahm, Brenden Blomstrom, Kaitlyn Shick, and Jenavive Johnson), who placed 1st!!! Stay tuned for pictures!



4-H Committee Information

Dog Committee:

Please check out and follow the [4-H Dog Committee Facebook page](#). The next meeting is September 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Ash Building. The State 4-H Dog Show is September 19th. Stay tuned for an updated county-wide dog practice schedule.

Horse Leaders Committee: [Facebook Page](#)

The next meeting will be held on September 8th at 7 pm, at the Ash Building. The committee will be electing officer and superintendent positions.

Small Animal Committee: [Facebook Page](#)

The next meeting is September 28th at 6 pm at the Ash Building. The committee will be accepting nominations for officers and superintendents. If you're interested in being considered for either role, or would just like to join, everyone is welcome!

Youth Livestock Committee:

The next meeting is September 28th at 6:30 pm at the Ash Building. The committee will be accepting nominations for officers. If you're interested in being considered for a role, or would just like to join, everyone is welcome!



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>

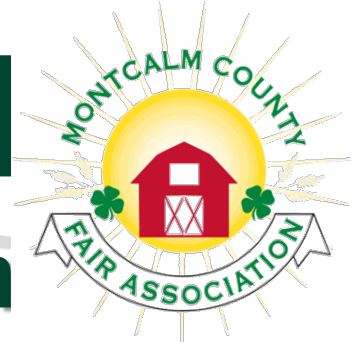
MSU-Extension Montcalm County 4-H Page:

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 – Tammy Hancock

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://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/committee-meeting-links>

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 haglund10@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

Zoom Info:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/94798506516>
(passcode: MCFAAC)



MCFA Committee Updates:

Your MCFA Board of Directors:

Todd Hetherington (28)	Brad Heft (26)
Lisa Johnson (28)	Jason Nadeau (26)
Tammi Jahnke (27)	Joe Minkel (27)
Jamie Goodrich (28)	Amanda Ives (27)
Tammy Hancock (26)	Shawn Hyde (27)
Tommy Aldridge (27)	Melissa Williams (26)
Dan Humphrey (28)	Jamison German (26)
Eric Christensen (28)	

MCFA Fair Information:

[Montcalm County 4-H](#)



[Fair Association](#)

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

MDARD finished the first of its videos from the fair. Our "ask the experts" video featuring kids at the Montcalm County fair is now available on Facebook and Instagram. Please feel free to like, comment, and share so that we can get more Michiganders interested in supporting their county fairs!

[Facebook: Ask the Experts at Montcalm County Fair](#)

[Instagram: Ask the Experts at Montcalm County Fair](#)

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



MCFA Committee Updates:

Annual Meeting:

The MCFA Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 18th, with check-in from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM. The meeting will begin at 2:30 PM. During this meeting, Fair Association members will also be voting on the five positions that are up for election (see previous page for 2026 directors). If you are interested in running for one of the five board positions, please email the fairboard at MCFAFairboard@gmail.com

The MCFA committees will also be reviewed and updated. There will be sheets of paper for each committee, with the current committee members listed on it. If you would like to remove yourself from a committee, just cross your name off. If you would like to be added to that committee, fill in your information at the end of the list of names.

MCFAAC (Livestock Committee)

SAVE THE DATE!!!! **Brian Plank Memorial Classic Beef Show** will be held on October 10th at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds.

The committee is still accepting donations for the barn expansion. If you are interested in donating or know someone who is, email the Livestock Committee at MCFLivestock@gmail.com.

Marketing Committee / Haunted Barn

The MCFA Marketing Committee is looking for volunteers to either help set up, scare during, or just be present to assist where needed, for the Haunted Barn. The profits from the Haunted Barn have contributed to the upgrades in lighting, radio communication, and other buildings/grounds upgrades.

If you are interested in seeing how you can help, please text Paige at (616) 788-4068





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H alumni & supporters invited to get connected by the clover!

As a valuable member of the Michigan 4-H community, you already know the importance of the 4-H connection. We invite those age 18 and older to take that 4-H connection one step further by joining a new statewide community of 4-H supporters: Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends.

The Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends database will connect 4-H families, alumni, volunteers, supporters and others across Michigan with one another – connecting them by the clover! We hope you will take a few moments to sign-up for this free community and grow your connection.

As a member of Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends, you will receive information about opportunities to support 4-H youth and programs; 4-H programming and participants; upcoming events for the Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends community and more!.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends is open to anyone age 18+ who cares about Michigan 4-H: 4-H parents, staff members, volunteers, grandparents, supporters, partner organization representatives, donors and more. Learn more about Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends and find the link to join by visiting extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F.

**Join
Michigan
4-H
Alumni &
Friends**

Stay informed. Support youth.
Strengthen communities.
Get connected by the clover today!

Join for free at:
extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F

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Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Building work
readiness skills
through 4-H**



Beyond Ready

4-H programs create intentional opportunities for youth to build essential work readiness skills that prepare them for future success. Through structured, hands-on activities, young people practice communication, collaboration, problem solving and time management. Volunteers play a key role by guiding youth through meaningful tasks, helping them set goals, and encouraging personal responsibility and follow through.

As youth take on leadership roles, complete project work, and participate in real-world or simulated experiences, they begin to demonstrate growth in professionalism, work ethic and organizational skills. Every activity can help youth connect what they are learning in 4-H to what will be expected of them in the workplace.

How is your club helping youth build the skills they need to be work ready?

#BeyondReady

July 1 - August 7: Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Online

As part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase, youth ages 8-19 are invited to create a video or non-video promotional piece encouraging others to purchase the 4-H license plate.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-license-plate-promotion-contest

July 1 - August 7: Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest

Online

Participants may present a business they already own, currently operate or hope to start in the future, including product, service or community impact ideas. Youth will create a two-minute video pitch introducing themselves, explaining their business idea, identifying the problem they are solving, and sharing why their product or service stands out.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan4-hbusinesspitchcontest

August 12: Adulting 101 – Roadmap to a Smart Used Car Purchase

Online

Are you wanting to purchase a used car, but have no idea where to start? Learn tips, resources and strategies to help you make an informed decision with confidence.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-roadmap-to-a-smart-used-car-purchase

August 13-16: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, Mich.

This annual event brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate; spectators are welcome.

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

August 17-20: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp 2026

Traverse City, Mich.

Join us for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity. This camp is designed to encourage sustainability and growth from the inside out through a fun and engaging hands-on approach. Register by August 17.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026-session-2

September 9: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing, Mich.

Join MSU Extension for the ninth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

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





2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

4-H Animal Science Staff

Autumn Converse

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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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State Animal Science Events / Updates

Upcoming Events & Programs

- 4-H Dairy Conference - February 27-March 1
 - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026michigan4hdairyconference/>
 - Registration closes February 5th
- 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop - March 7
 - <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2026>
 - Registration closes February 16th
- 4-H Equine Communications Contest - March 14
 - Registration coming soon
- 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop - April 25-26
 - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HOutdoorEd2026/>

Available resources and curriculum

- [Animal Science Anywhere](#) grab-and-go lessons
- [4-H Nature Connections](#) grab-and-go-lessons
- [Outdoor Recreation Risk Mgmt. Checklists](#)

Programs with more details to come (*not* an exhaustive list!)

- Rabbit and Cavy Workshop - MSU - March 21, 2026
- Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl - MSU - March 22, 2026
- Spring 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: May 2nd and 3rd, location TBD.
- Spring 2026 4-H Dog Workshop: TBD
- [4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp](#): July 2-August 1 at [Camp Chickagami](#)
- [2026 State Shooting Sports Tournament](#): August 15, 2026 at [Centerline of Calhoun](#).
- Fall 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: Details TBD
- State 4-H Dog Show - September 19th, 2026

Here is the list of Labor Day festivities that 4H Future Leaders are signed up for in Belding this coming weekend. We would love to have any of you join us in these activities. We are hoping for a big turnout!

This Saturday September 5th at 1 pm- we are working the Pet Show registration table and would love to have lots of kids and/or parents entering animals.

**\$5 for each entry (or bring animal shelter donations) get creative! Hope to see you there!!

the pet show is under the big tent. In the field west of the library/ across from post office! 🏡 🌳



This Sunday September 6th- we are hosting a bake sale table at Your House of Pizza in Belding. Starts at Noon and is during their fun pizza eating contest...lots of great activities happening there also!!

We need help with baked goods and table workers!

Please reach out to me if you're able to help! We would love some full items as well as some items to be packaged in smaller portions also.

We can try to do pickups if needed or you can bring and drop off to our table by 11- 11:30am so we have time to get it all ready to open sales by noon. 🍪 🍰 🎂 🍩 🍪 🍪 🍰 🍪 🍪

All profits made at Yhop will go to the Ionia County Animal Shelter.

Yhop- 1437 W. State St.(M-44) Belding

Monday- September 7th! HAPPY LABOR DAY!!!

--Parade- lineup starts at 9am

Parade Starts at 11.



****morning meeting spot will most likely be the high school parking lot again! If you miss the ride to the lineup....ask any of "corner worker stations" or volunteers on golf cart where the 4H Future Leader group is at and they will let you know what direction we are in the lineup!!

Parade theme- red white & blue (250th)

What is the meaning of Labor Day? - wear your favorite "laborer" costume (police-fireman-doctor-vet- farmer etc). Or just red white and blue!

-bringing your animal to walk with you in the parade?

- make sure to also bring water for you and your animal - we will put it in the truck or on the float.

Any one bringing horses, will need to have a pooper scooper with wheelbarrow/wagon and supplies with them please.

Any questions please reach out to me-

Tonya. 616-894-1736

**Montcalm County 4-H
Community Connections Committee**

Presents:

8th Annual Bake-Off

October 17th | Noon

Check-In

11 am -12 pm

Judging

12 pm - Complete

Awards announced after judging is complete

Participant divisions:

- a. Cloverbuds – ages 5 to 7
- b. Beginner – ages 8 to 11
- c. Intermediate – ages 12 to 14
- d. Advanced – ages 15 to 19
- e. Adult Bread Category – ages 18 and up

**Youth must enter a baked good that includes
apples in the ingredient list.**

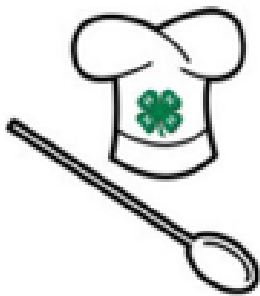
Montcalm County Fairgrounds

8784 Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

Register Here by October 10th:

 [**8th Annual Montcalm County 4-H Bake-Off Registration – Fill out form**](#)

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**Montcalm County
Community Connections Committee
8th Annual 4-H Bake-Off
ALL YOUTH Ages 5 to 19 WELCOME!**



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

When & Where:

Saturday, October 17th at Noon at the Ash Building - Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds.
Pre-Registration required. See information below.

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 to 19
 - e. Adult Bread Category – ages 18 and up
2. Youth must enter a baked good that includes apples in the ingredient list. Deadline to Register through the Montcalm County MSU-E is the 10th of October 2026 at:
3. Check-in 11am to Noon. You must arrive & check-in by Noon to participate. Judging starts immediately thereafter. Winners will be announced immediately after completion of judging.
4. A 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place will be chosen in each of the Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and adult bread Divisions. 1st prize in each of these groups will be \$25 and a rosette ribbon.
5. All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
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 (4-CCC) & left-over baked goods will be sold at the Montcalm County Fair Association Annual Meeting for donation to help fund future 4-H CCC events.
7. All entries must be "baked", in compliance with the Michigan Cottage Foods Laws and the full recipe must accompany the entry. Recipe cards must include participant's name and age; and are available through Montcalm County MSU-E. Photos of entry are encouraged on recipe cards.
8. Entries will be judged on:
 - a. General Appearance
 - b. Texture
 - c. Taste
 - d. Participant's knowledge of recipe
 - e. Presentation by the participant.
9. Participants are encouraged to dress up in fall themed attire, costumes or wear 4-H attire and bring the proper serving utensils and gloves.
10. In the event of a tie, all judges will work together to choose a winner.



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2026 Montcalm County 4-H Annual Awards Celebration – Family Survey



We would like your input as we plan our finishing touches for the upcoming Annual Awards Celebration. If you're interested in giving feedback, please click the link below, or use the QR code above!

[2026 Montcalm County 4-H Annual Awards Celebration – Family Survey – Fill out form](#)



*You're
Invited!*

MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Join us for a spectacular Annual Awards Ceremony—celebrating excellence, honoring achievements, and creating unforgettable moments!

Family activities during the MCFA Annual Meeting
(2:00 – 4:00 PM)



October 18th, 2026



5:00 PM



8784 W. Peck Rd, Greenville

FORMS HERE:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm-county_4_h/4-h-scholarships





MCFA PEE WEE PROGRAM

HELP US BUILD A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS!

Your input will help the Montcalm County Fair Association create meaningful, age-appropriate opportunities for young participants through a sustainable program.

TWO SURVEYS. ONE GOAL.

Stronger Together!

The Montcalm County Fair Association Pee Wee Program is supported through partnerships with interested 4-H clubs, committees, youth leaders, volunteers, and other community partners.

SURVEY #1

FAMILY & COMMUNITY INTEREST SURVEY

for Families, Caregivers
& Community Members

TELL US:

- ✓ What opportunities interest your child
- ✓ What kind of activities your family would like to see
- ✓ What support would help your child participate



SCAN ME!

Thank
You!

SURVEY #2

4-H CLUB & VOLUNTEER CAPACITY SURVEY

for 4-H Clubs, Committees,
Youth Leaders & Volunteers

TELL US:

- ✓ How your club can participate or partner
- ✓ What resources your club can share
- ✓ What support from MCFA would help increase capacity



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Surveys are open for a limited time. *Please respond by the deadline!*



Together, we can create fun, meaningful experiences that help our youngest members grow, learn and shine!

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MONTCALM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

\$15 PER PERSON

Dates:

10/17, 10/23, 10/24,
10/30, 10/31

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Montcalm County Fairgrounds for more
details

4-H HIKING CLUB



CLUB INCLUDES

- ✓ Exercise by Hiking
- ✓ Exercise Education
- ✓ Nutrition Education
- ✓ Heart Rate Monitoring

REGISTRATION OPEN



LOCATIONS VARY

Hiking locations will occur around West Branch and Lupton.

Email communications will be important for this club to give updated meeting locations.

Registration open:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

First meeting will be at:
651 S Fairview Rd, West Branch, MI 48661

For any questions please email
steph544@msu.edu or call
989-345-0692



DATES

**SATURDAYS
TO BE DETERMINED
10-11AM
AGES 8-14**

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Are you looking for something to do as a rainy-day learning activity this summer? Maybe you missed our 4-H Wild Spartans Series this winter? Did you know that every session of our 4-H Wild Spartans is recorded and available on our website? View on your own time and learn about careers working in natural resources from professionals who share their experiences in the field, the education and career path they've followed, and offer tips for youth!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/environment.../wild-spartans-series>



Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships

AWARDS UP TO
\$10,000 AVAILABLE!



Application Deadline:
SEPT. 1, 2026

Apply at: mi4hfdtn.org/scholarship



**MICHIGAN 4-H
FOUNDATION**



**APPLY
NOW!**



SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ High school senior or incoming college freshman.
- ✓ Michigan 4-H member for 3+ years.
- ✓ Outstanding 4-H achievement, variety of experiences, including leadership & community service.
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from MSU Extension 4-H staff member.

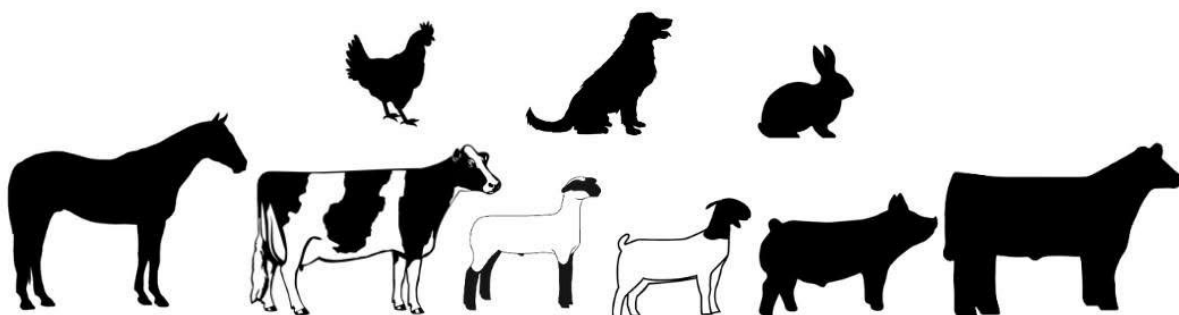
Calling all Michigan 4-H seniors and incoming college freshmen!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation scholarship application is now open, with awards up to \$10,000 available.

Don't miss this opportunity to support your next step! Apply by Sept. 1, 2026

Start your application: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/4-h-scholarships/>

Michigan 4-H Animal Science *Showmanship Guides* now available!



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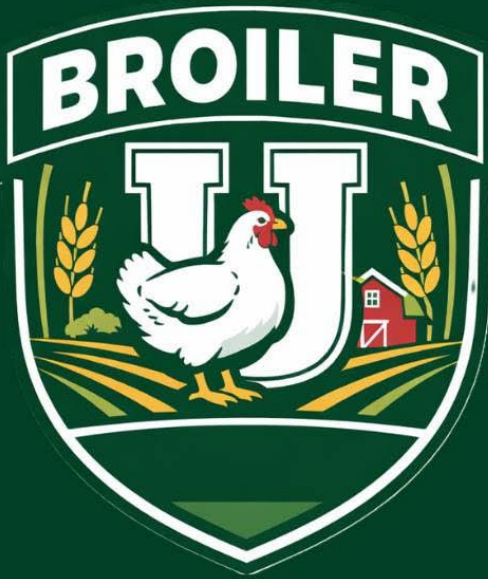


**Beyond
Ready**

Are you new to showing animals? Did you earn a spot in your county's showmanship sweepstakes contest? Perhaps you'd simply like to sharpen your showmanship skills for a project you've been taking for a few years now... Michigan 4-H now has showmanship guides available for every species that were designed with you in mind!

With county fair season approaching, there is no better time than now to start building your showmanship skills.

You can find all the guides under the "Publications" tab on this webpage: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tag/4-h-showmanship-guides>



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SESSION SCHEDULE

- 9/2: HOUSING & PRODUCTION FUNDAMENTALS
- 9/16: NUTRITION & FEEDING STRATEGIES
- 9/30: SOURCING BIRDS & INCUBATION
- 10/14: HEALTH MANAGEMENT & BIOSECURITY
- 10/28: FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & MARKETING



**REGISTER
NOW!**



For more information contact:

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2026 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show



September 19th, 2026 Shiawassee County Fairgrounds

Registration is Open NOW!

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It's almost time for the 2026 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show!

Registration is open NOW!! See the below link for registration. All 4-H Youth age 5-19 as of January 1st, 2027 are eligible for this year's show. The show catalog can be found through the registration link.

REMINDER: All Counties must provide a volunteer for every 3 youth, including counties sending only one youth. Counties who do not meet their volunteer quota will not be eligible to send youth to the state show. We rely on your help to keep things running smoothly! No experience required, must be a Gold or Silver volunteer.

To register as a volunteer, youth, or sponsor please see:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/26StateDogShow/>

If you have questions, please contact Kat VanDouser at Krollkat@msu.edu.



Registration and more info at
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026FallWorkshop/>



FALL 2026 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

Instructor Certification offered in any of the (7)
4-H Shooting Sports Disciplines:

- Archery
- Rifle
- Muzzle Loader
- Shotgun
- Pistol
- Coordinator
- Hunting & Wildlife

September 26-27
Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association

35800 28 Mile Rd • Lenox, MI 48048

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This workshop is sponsored by the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the generous support of the Glassen Foundation.

Registration is now open for the Fall 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop in Lenox! Join us for 2 days of classes at the Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association. Classes will focus on everything you need to know to teach Shooting Sports fundamentals as part of a 4-H Youth Development Program. Follow this link to learn more and register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026FallWorkshop/>

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>



Attention Michigan 4-H members! Mark your calendars for a brand-new Michigan 4-H animal science opportunity that is happening on Saturday, October 31st, 2026! Join the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Ambassador Team and Michigan 4-H animal science staff for Fall Fest! This event will encompass everything about animal science and includes sessions on the following species: dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, dogs, rabbits, poultry, and equine. There will be more information and registration details available soon!"

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