

4-H Family News

Montcalm County

Is it already February???

We're only 5 short months away from the Montcalm County Fair! The theme this year will be My Fair 80's, and it's the 90th year of our fair!

We have a lot of workshops, events, and meetings coming up, as well as state ran events, so make sure you're getting the information you need. I include in these newsletters, links to our 4-H page and the Fair Association page, so that it is easier to locate the items you need from each!

Thank you all for your continued support, and for being awesome 4-H families!

Sunni Haglund

4-H Program Coordinator

Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

- Fairboard Association | 1st Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via Zoom
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99873313958> (passcode: MCFA)
- 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: 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

- Fairboard Date: 2/2/26
- Dog Committee Date: 2/5/26
- Horse Leaders Date: 2/10/26
- Advisory Council NO FEB MEET
- Community Connections Date: 2/16/26
- County-Wide Dog Practice Date: 2/17/26
- Pee Wee Program Roundtable Date: 2/17/26
- Small Animal / Youth Livestock / MCFAAC Date: 2/23/26

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/>.

MCFAirboard@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

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:

Throughout February, we are challenging 4-H clubs to do a food drive! The top three clubs (lbs of food) will win a prize (see page 12 for more info).



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 18). 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 26).

***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 has also started a Shooting Sports Committee. 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. See page 19-20 for more details!

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 17).



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**

Zoom Info:

**<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99873313958>
(passcode: MCFA)**

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 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

Swine tags will be available at the February
MCFAAC meeting

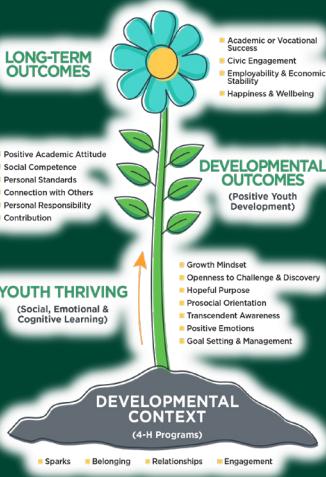
Montcalm County Fair information will be
disseminated via email, Facebook, the fair website,
and in the 4-H newsletter, as it is known.

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



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Building a sense of belonging in our 4-H program has been a long-standing tradition. What does this look like?

It may be a project leader, club leader, or event organizer welcoming you to each meeting or event. It may look like a “roll call” or “ice breaker” at the beginning of a meeting.

The initial welcome allows people to know that they have been seen in the room. So, the next time someone asks you a roll call question of “What’s your favorite cheese?”, know that there is a reason.

We want to get to know you. We want to hear your voice. We want the ability to start building relationships by finding likenesses among us.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.
#BeyondReady

February 10: 4-H Wild Spartans

Online

In this month's session, take a walk through the woods on the wild side with “Walking a Path of Conservation.” 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-february

February 11: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences

Online

Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences

February 11: Avoiding Money Mishaps

Online

This webinar will focus on how youth can protect themselves from fraud, scams, identity theft and predatory lending.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11

February 11: 4-H Chef Tasty Dog Treats

Lenawee MSU Extension Demo Kitchen, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will prepare delicious treats to bake at home for your dog. Ages 5-7 need adult helper. Registration deadline is February 7.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats

February 19 –March 26: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026

February 19: Ace the Interview: Skill Building and Practice for Teens

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This free workshop will help youth (ages 12-19) confidently handle interview experiences with tips and hands-on practice. Any teen is welcome to attend! Registration deadline is February 17.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens February 1 and closes March 15.

Tickets now available for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Join MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H on March 1 for the 20th celebration of Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin! This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Ohio State Buckeyes!

Those interested in attending can purchase tickets at a price of \$7.50 plus fees. This is a discounted rate available to the Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension communities; complimentary tickets are no longer available due to the rising popularity of college sports. MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families are all encouraged to attend.



Tickets can be purchased through a two-step process. First, guests should register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBreslin2026/>. Within one week, registrants will receive a custom purchase link to the email provided in registration. Attendees must then use this custom link to purchase tickets for the event. Additional ticketing information is available on the registration website. Registration will close on February 17.

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 12 p.m. Gates to the Breslin will open at 10:30 a.m., with a variety of pre-game activities hosted by MSU Extension professionals around the concourse. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Families for whom cost is a barrier should contact their local 4-H program coordinator.



Show your 4-H pride wherever you go!

Did you know you can make a difference for 4-H every time you hit the road? By purchasing the Michigan 4-H specialty license plate, you're not only showing your 4-H spirit—you're helping fund programs that empower young people across the state. A portion of each plate sale and renewal benefits Michigan 4-H, supporting hands-on learning experiences that help Michigan youth become beyond ready for the future.

Whether you're a current member, alumni, volunteer, or simply a proud supporter, this is an easy way to give back and keep 4-H growing strong. Ordering is simple through the Michigan Secretary of State.

Drive your support forward—get your 4-H plate today and help create opportunities for the next generation of Michigan 4-H youth! Learn more at extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

4-H Animal Science Staff

Autumn Converse

4-H Livestock and Veterinary
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Kat VanDouser

4-H Dog Point of Contact
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Glenda Weiss

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Point of Contact
weissgle@msu.edu

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



Prizes for the top three clubs:

- Shop 4-H Gift Card
- Pizza Party
- Ice Cream Party



ITEMS NEEDED

- ✓ Canned Food
- ✓ Canned Meat
- ✓ Pasta & sauces
- ✓ Dry Cereals
- ✓ PB & J

- ✓ Baby items
- ✓ Rices and oats
- ✓ Hygiene Products
- ✓ Nuts & beans
- ✓ Condiments

HOW ABOUT A
FRIENDLY 4-H
COMPETITION?

IN THE FORM OF A FOOD DRIVE

All food must be collected and turned in by February 27th to be considered for a club prize!

Spread The Love!

Let's come together to share the blessings and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.

Drop-off Location:

MSU Extension office

211 W Main St, Stanton, MI
48888



Open your Home and Heart to a Japanese Youth this Summer 2026!

Contact: Jan Brinn
brinn@msu.edu



Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2026 through the States' 4-H International!

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their country, too!

2026 Online Applications to host can be found

at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janis Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or visit the States 4-H International Exchange Programs website: <http://www.states4hexchange.org> or Email: exchange@states4h.org

As the Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator, I will do my best to answer any questions or concerns you may have. With 30 years of international experience and a passion for global education, please feel free to contact me, Jan Brinn, brinn@msu.edu, with any questions or concerns. This program is supported by the MSU Extension Children & Youth Institute Leadership, Civic and Cultural Engagement (LCCE) Team 4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu.

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Tickets now available!



March 1, 2026

**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY** | Extension



**Beyond
Ready**

You're invited to attend the 20th annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the 2026 Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. Join us as the Spartan Women's Basketball Team takes on Ohio State's Women's Basketball Team, Sunday, March 1.

Ticket price: Tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$7.50 + fees for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families! **Tickets can be reserved [here](#).** Families should reach out to their local 4-H staff if cost is a barrier to attendance.

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026

Time: Game time is 12:00 p.m.. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game.



Classic Equine

*Veterinary Service with a Special Interest
in Lameness Diagnostics*

Montcalm County Vaccine and Coggins Clinic

****Show Horse Packages ****

*Vetera Gold **OR** * Zoetis Core

*Potomac/ Rabies * Potomac

*Strangles *Flu/Rhino

*Coggins * Strangles

Total = \$191 * Coggins

Total=\$215

Being held at the Montcalm County Fair Grounds.

8784 Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

March 7th, 2026

10am-1pm

Coggins- \$36

Vetera GOLD- \$78

(Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (EEE & WEE), West Nile virus, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Influenza)

Vetera-\$55

(Eastern and western encephalomyelitis (EEE & WEE), West Nile virus, Tetanus)

Zoetis Core- \$60

(Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (EEE & WEE), West Nile Virus, Tetanus, Rabies)

Potomac + Rabies Combo – \$37

Potomac- \$32

Influenza/Rhino- \$47

Strangles Intra Nasal- \$40

Fecal Egg Count - \$42

Classic Equine recommends all horses travelling to shows be vaccinated against Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (EEE & WEE), West Nile virus, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Influenza, Potomac Horse Fever, Rabies, and Strangles

Cash or check only to receive this special pricing Please call Classic Equine with any questions 616-642-6784

***** 2ND ANNUAL *****

MONTCALM COUNTY

Tack Sale

COME SUPPORT
OUR 4-H'ERS!

**TACK
FOOD
CRAFTS
CLOTHES**



All proceeds
will go
towards fans
and horse
department
upgrades!

To Reserve a Spot Contact



**\$20 PER SPOT
\$5 PER TABLE**

56 VENDOR SPOTS!

info4montcalmtacksale@gmail.com



**SAT. MARCH 14 2026
10AM - 2PM**

ASH BUILDING - 8784 PECK RD GREENVILLE MI

MSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND MATERIAL ARE OPEN TO ALL
WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN,
GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, RELIGION, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT,
DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY STATUS, OR VETERAN STATUS.



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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4-H CCC FEB/MAR Challenge



Corewell Health™

Helen DeVos
Children's Hospital

WISH LIST DRIVE

NOW THROUGH THE END OF MARCH

**ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE
REWARDED AT FAIR**

Drop boxes for donations are located at:

Tammi's Tax Service in Belding
MSU-Extension Office in Stanton

at the Ash Building before/after committee meetings

For more information, go to

<https://www.spectrumhealth.org/foundation/ways-to-give/wish-lists>

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Wish List

Updated: Oct. 2023

High Need

- Fisher Price Doctor Medical Play Kit
- Plastic Animals/Figurines
- Match Box Cars
- Lego brand: Legos/Duplo's
- Pop Its/Fidgets
- Books with Sound Buttons
- Foam Stress Balls (no liquid or filler)
- Chewy Tube Brand Chew Toy (children/adult)
- Stuffed Animals/Squishmallows (new with tags)
- Fisher Price Diverse Little People Figurines
- Coloring Books (children)
- Coloring Books (adult)
- Watercolor Paint Books
- Board Games (Candyland, Sorry, Connect 4, Chess/Checkers, Blokus, Chutes & Ladders)
- Journals/Composition Notebooks (non-spiraled)
- Poke Prizes (\$5 or less)



Art Supplies

- Grab and Go Play Packs
- Craft Kits: ALL items included
- Water WOW Activity Books
- Child Scissors
- Liquid Elmers Glue (4 oz. Bottle/White only)
- Sta-Flow Liquid Starch (64 oz bottles)
- Canvas for Painting (all sizes up to 11x14)
- Crayola Washable Paint (paint sticks watercolor, tempera paint)
- Crayola Markers/Mess Free Coloring Kits
- Crayola Crayons (4-8-16-24 pack)Markers
- Construction Paper Pack (30 sheets max)
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Play Doh/Tools (Play Doh brand only)



Other Items

- Puzzles (up to 1000 pcs.)
- Mini Fiddle Bubble Tumblers
- Activity Books (Word Search, Sudoku)
- Card Games: (Uno, Skipbo, Monopoly Deal, Phase 10-Not flashcards)



For more information on how you can donate wish list items to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation, contact our office at 616.391.2000 or foundation@spectrumhealth.org. To purchase items through amazon, visit give.spectrumhealth.org/HDVCH-WishList. Please note due to infectious disease control we are only able to accept new and unused items.

Gift Cards (\$5 – \$10)

- \$5 - 10 (Amazon, Starbucks, Zoup, Qdoba, McDonalds, Wendy's, Jimmy Johns, Biggby, iTunes, HDVCH Gift Shop, Balk Café)

Teen Items

- Universal Phone Chargers
- Metal Thermal Water Bottles
- Headphones (wireless/plug-in)
- Nerf Basketball Hoop
- Teen/Adult Size Blankets (new with tags)
- Branded Attire/Apparel/Accessories (Nike, Under Armor (UA), Adidas, College/Pro)
- Teen Specific Games
- Wallet/ID/Lanyards: Nike, Adidas, Puma, UA
- Diamond Art/Sketching Tools/Pads
- Bum Bags
- Small to Med. Cosmetic Bags
- Portable Blue Tooth Speakers
- Draw String Backpacks
- Adidas Slides size 7-11
- Boho Headbands
- Sports Polarized Sunglasses
- Satin Lined Sleep Caps/ Fuzzy Socks
- \$15-\$20 Gift Cards (Target, Amazon, iTunes, Door Dash, Uber Eats, Subway)
- Carhartt Oversized Sweatshirts



Toys

- Character Playsets: (Bluey, Disney Club House, Batman, Spiderman, Marvel, Star Wars, Little Pet Shop, Paw Patrol)
- Stackable Blocks (wooden, silicon, plastic)
- Action Figures/Barbies

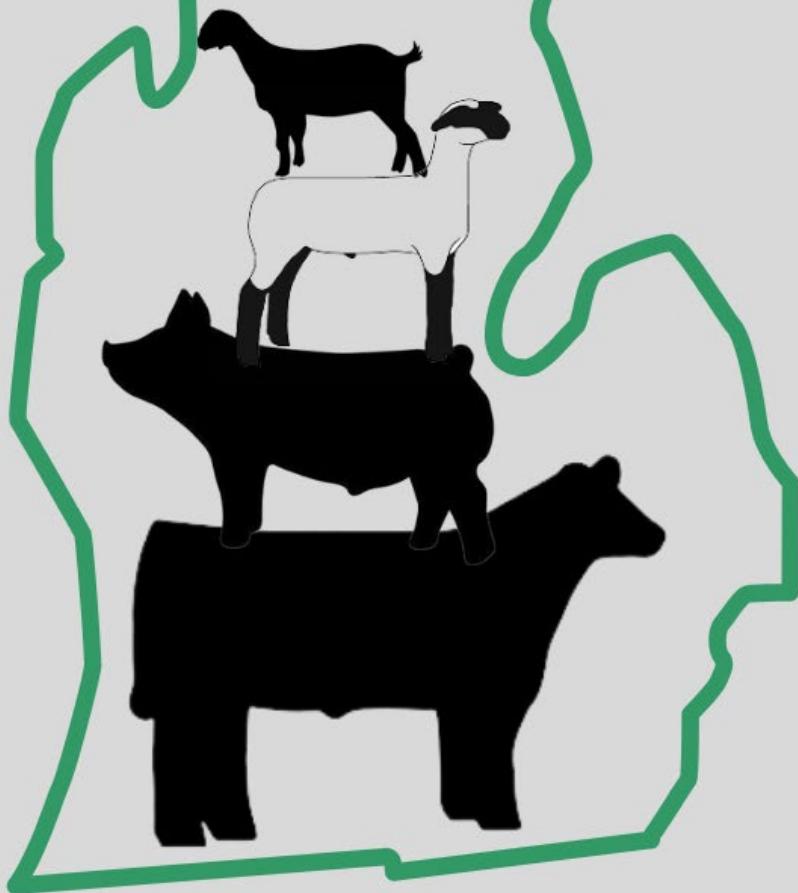


Infant Needs

- Light weight rattles/Teethers
- Ring Stack/Shape Sorter Toys
- Soft plastic stacking blocks
- Muslin Swaddle Blankets
- Infant Board Books/Light Up/Music Toys

2026

Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop



March 7, 2026

Registration is now open for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop!

This one-day workshop will take place on Saturday, March 7 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is designed for 4-H youth ages 12-19 (as of January 1, 2026) and Active Gold MSU Extension volunteers in beef, sheep, goats, and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of breakout sessions, including intro to your species project, animal evaluation, marketing your livestock project, nutrition, and more! Registration will cost \$35, which includes lunch and a t-shirt. Full details and a link to register can be found here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2026>

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

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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/>

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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



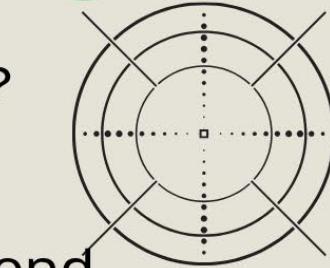
Shooting Sports

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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\$75 per person
Includes Lunch

March 7, 2026
10:00am

Session Topics:

- Ag in the Classroom
- Garden Inspired Art
- Running Livestock Shows
- Learn to Lincot
- Scratch Coding
- Self Publishing
- Animal Nutrition Basics
- Big Dreams and Future Careers
- Making Yarn on a Drop Spindle

...And More!

REGISTER NOW

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SparkShare2026/>

Registration closes February 9th.

Ask your County 4-H Program Coordinator about availability of conference scholarships.

Join us for a day full of fun, exploring, learning, and sharing.

✨ 4-H Spark & Share Summit ✨

Looking for fresh ideas and meaningful connections in 4-H?

Join us at the 4-H Spark & Share Summit on March 7th in Frankenmuth!

Open to volunteers, teen leaders, youth members, and parents, this one-day summit includes lunch and your choice of up to four breakout sessions designed to inspire and spark creativity.

💲 \$75 per person (Scholarships may be available)

📅 Register by February 9th

👉 <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SparkShare2026/>

Come ready to learn, share, and spark something new! ❤️ 🌟

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.

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Beyond Ready

**tickets
available**

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Michigan4H26>

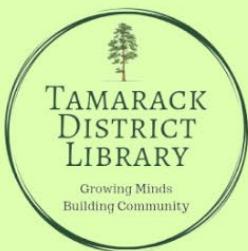
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April 12



←
*reversible bucket hat
with purchase*

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12! Receive a co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers bucket hat and make a donation to 4-H with your ticket. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Michigan4H26>.



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>

Montcalm Conservation District (989) 831 - 4212x2136 or

lauren.hirschfield@macd.org

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



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2026

4-H OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Workshop

April 25-26, 2026
at Camp Newaygo



This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation

Dates: April 25-26, 2026 (optional early arrival April 24th after 4:00pm)

Location: [Camp Newaygo](https://campnewaygo.com) (5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337).

Details: We are offering two course tracks again this year. Choose from a Project Wild Certification course (taught by 4-H staff) or an outdoor skills course covering how to engage youth through orienteering, fire-building, shelter building, campfire cooking, and more (taught by Camp Newaygo staff). See the registration link for full course details. There will also be opportunities for participants of both courses to learn from each other, share ideas, and practice skills.

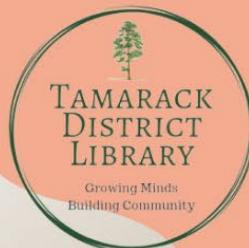
Audience: 4-H Volunteers and staff (with permission from their supervisor and Institute Director)

Cost: \$150 includes 1-2 nights lodging, meals, and all course materials.

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HOutdoorEd2026/>

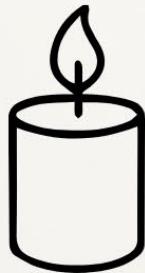


MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H



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!



Tamarack District Library
832 S. Lincoln, Lakeview



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

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BEE KEEPING Baking

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SHOOTING SPORTS

&

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SO MUCH MORE!!!

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CHOOSE YOUR GROUP

27 Project Led Clubs

7 Advisory Groups

MONTCALM COUNTY

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GROW WITH 4-H

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