



JUNE 2024

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Fair is fast approaching, and I know all of you are just as excited (and overwhelmed) as I am!

The committees and I have been pushing out a lot of information and are trying to ensure everyone has everything they need.

If you're missing anything or have noticed that you're not getting all the emails or information, please reach out as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing all our County's youth showcasing their projects in less than a month!!!
Western Whirlwind, here we come!!!

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

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

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

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

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

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

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Montcalm County Extension Office 4-H / District 8

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H/>)

(<https://www.facebook.com/District8MSUE>)



There will be a “Thank You” card station set up inside of the Ash Building throughout fair. This is for any 4-H member to use to write a special thank you to anyone they would like, including using them as their buyer thank you card.

All Cloverbuds will be receiving a special gift this year. I will be in the Ash Building on Sunday from 1-4, for them to come and check in with me.

A financial reminder going into fair: ALL 4-H Clubs and Committees need to account for all financial transactions. PLEASE remember to complete a fundraiser request form at least 10 days prior to doing the fundraiser (see page 3) and submit the fundraiser report form within 10 days of the fundraiser being complete. ALL receipts for funds used need to be submitted with the annual financial report that is due in September. Clubs that violate these are at risk of losing their ability to have a bank account or do fundraisers.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please reach out.

-Sunni

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MICHIGAN 4-H Fundraiser Flyer Checklist

Your 4-H group has decided to raise money. Follow this checklist to ensure your flyer, promotion and marketing meet Michigan 4-H guidelines.



Be certain to submit to your 4-H program coordinator:

- Fundraiser application (at least 10 business days prior)
- Fundraiser report (within 10 business days of completion)



Your fundraiser flyer must include:

- Your 4-H club or group name
- What type of fundraiser you are holding (car wash, bake sale, etc.)
- Where it will take place (include complete address)
- When it will happen (dates and times)
- How will the funds be used; why are you raising money (be as specific as possible, including funds raised beyond the proposed budget)?
- Will the club be using the PROFITS or PROCEEDS of the fundraiser for advertised purpose?
- 4-H Clover logo
- MSU Extension logo
- MSU Extension indicia (see wording below)
- Does your fundraiser require payment of sales tax? If yes, is sales tax included in the price (e.g., food booth) or is there a fundraising vendor (e.g., candle company) responsible for paying it?
- Contact information (be cautious of listing contact information publically, especially for youth)

Find more information about 4-H financial procedures:

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_treasurers

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MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CLUB/GROUP USE OF DEBIT CARDS

The oversight and management of public funds generated in the name of 4-H is of utmost importance. Michigan 4-H Youth Development recommends 4-H club and committees use the best practice of banking with checks. This allows for clear and transparent documentation, as well as the accounting procedure of requiring two signatories for all purchases and expenditures. Because it is recognized that the sole reliance on checks can present unintended barriers and create hardships for making purchases, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will allow the utilization of debit cards for a 4-H club or committee that chooses to assume the risk of doing so and adheres to the following guidelines:

1. Each club or committee may have no more than two (2) debit cards.
2. Each debit card must be issued in the name of the club or committee and an active gold-level volunteer who is listed as a signatory on the club or committee's bank account.
3. The card(s) are to be retained and used solely by the active gold-level volunteers to which they were issued and only for purchases made in accordance with the approved club/committee budget.
4. All purchases/expenses should be approved by the club/committee and documented in minutes. There can be NO personal purchases made with the club/committee debit card.
5. Original receipts must be kept for all purchases.
6. There are to be NO cash advances, including automated teller machine (ATM) withdrawals or cash back withdrawals with purchases.
7. If cash is needed for an event, it must be discussed at a meeting and documented in the meeting minutes. All cash withdrawals MUST be made at the bank with a teller ONLY. This can only be done by the club/committee administrative leader or adult treasurer.
8. The club/committee administrative leader or adult treasurer will need to regularly review bank accounts to monitor transactions. If it appears that a debit card has been compromised, the administrative leader or treasurer must contact the bank immediately to report the incident and immediately notify the county 4-H staff. Debit cards are not covered by the same type of insurance as credit cards. Therefore, it may take up to 90 days to recoup funds. It is possible that funds may be permanently lost if recovery is not possible.
9. It is a privilege for 4-H clubs and committees to have access to a debit card. If it is found to be misused, the ability to retain a debit card may be removed.

It is the responsibility of the administrative leader(s) and adult treasurer to develop a plan for keeping track of purchases, receipts, and bank statements related to club finances from the use of a debit card, just as there is for purchases made with checks. This plan should be documented in writing and included with the Annual Financial Summary Report that is submitted once per year.



Fair News

Fair Association (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)
<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>

*If you have any fair related questions or are in need of resources pertaining to fair, the fair website is listed above. If you hover above “Fair Information” and click on “Exhibitor Information”, all of the pre-fair and fair information documents have been uploaded there.

*If you need record books, club still exhibit booth requests, pen cards or things pertaining to 4-H, please visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/

CAMPING-Each registered campsite will be required to fill out a camper registration card that MUST be displayed on the camper, in a location that is easy to find and easy to read. If you’re planning on bringing a dog, please email a copy of the rabies vaccination to countyfair59@yahoo.com, for all dogs that you’re planning on bringing.

FAIR SCHEDULE-Please reference <https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/exhibitor-info> and find the document labeled “Fair Schedule”. This lists off all the days and times of all of the events. These times are also listed in the Fairbook (same link, document name “2024 Fairbook”), on pages 4 and 5.

THANK YOU CARD STATION-There will be a station set up in the Ash Building, with a plethora of thank you cards and pens/markers. This is for our youth to show their gratitude to anyone they wish.

YOUTH SURVEY-There will be youth surveys printed and available at each species check-in the 23rd of June. These surveys are a way for us leaders to gage the ideas and thoughts of our youth. We want to hear your ideas!! They will be anonymous, and I will have a drop box placed on the same table as the thank you card station. I will gather your ideas and thoughts and present them to each committee your words affect.

PARADE OF CLUBS/4-H’ERS-On Saturday, June 22nd, we will begin lining up for the Parade of 4-H’ers. Each youth participant will get a free event pass to any of our Grandstand events (with the exception of the rodeo and the Micro-Wrestling event). Each youth participant is asked to wear either a club shirt or a 4-H related t-shirt.



Committee News

Fair Association (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>) <https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>

We're always looking for more Association members and 4-H Volunteers, to join our various committees and give input, assist in creating new/updating old policies, implementing positive changes, and much more. If you're interested in being more involved, feel free to come to a meeting and let us know. Our next meeting will be June 17th at 7pm at the Ash Building. All are welcome to attend.

Marketing / Events Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)

Check out the updated sponsorship opportunities on the Montcalm County Fair Association website. We are also updating our marketing products and processes, so stay tuned for more info! We were able to use some of the funds that we raised to coordinate some fun things throughout fair. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fair!

Advisory Council

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

Our next meeting is June 10th at 6:30pm, **ON ZOOM ONLY!!!** The zoom link is on the 1st page of this newsletter. Feel free to join us! Don't forget that the fair is a great time to think of various awards you can put your club members and volunteers in for. The deadline for submissions is in September – stay tuned for more information!

The youth dance is back on this year! See page 21 for more information.



Committee News

Dog Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492>)

The next Dog Committee meeting is June 13th at 6:30pm at the Ash Building. All dog record books are due at this time as well. The dog on the 22nd of June starts at 2pm.

Horse Leaders (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/623810004403480>)

Our next meeting is June 12th at 7pm, at the horse arena on the fairgrounds. The record books are due on the same night by 8pm.

Community Connections (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847422928809492>)

Line Dancing with Lia is back again this year! Come boot scoot with us on Friday, June 28th, from 4-6pm. We are tentatively going to be set up in the Small Animal Barn, and will let you all know if anything changes.

For June challenge winners (see page 21), we're hosting an ice cream social on Tuesday at 4:30. We will let the clubs know where to meet up.

Are you interested in hearing more about what the 4-H Community Connections Committee does? Check out our flyer on page 15! If you'd like to join our Zoom meetings, our meetings start at 7:15pm, on the 3rd Monday of the month. The Zoom link is on the first page of this newsletter.

Small Animal Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021686638080972>)

We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon! We have a clean up day set for this Saturday. We'll be there from 10am to 2pm (unless we finish early). See page 16 for the superintendent list, if you have any questions.



Committee News

Youth Livestock Committee

This committee has been doing fundraisers the past few years, to ensure that each youth exhibitor has wood shavings for bedding for the animals. The BIG pile of shavings by the Livestock Arena, has been brought to you for free, from this committee. One of our fundraisers is the “Old-Timers Alumni Show”. This year it will be on Friday, June 28th, from 5-7pm at the Livestock Arena. We hope that we can get as many youth exhibitors as possible to nominate all the “Old-Timers”. Nominations are \$5 each, and then the nominee would have to pay \$10 to “opt-out”. Who doesn’t want to see your leaders attempt to re-live their glory days? Nominations can be made all week at the Livestock Office or by scanning the QR code. See pages 19 and 20 for the flyer with QR code.

Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Club (Fair Livestock Committee) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634532730117422>)

As a reminder, ShoWorks closes tonight at midnight. Make sure you get your entries in before then. If you have any questions, please email the livestock committee at MCFLivestock@gmail.com. Your superintendents are listed on page 16, with their emails. If you have questions that are species specific, please email them to gain more clarification.

Herdsmanship

Our Herdsmanship Superintendents wanted to share the rubric for this years judging (see page 10). As a reminder, all exhibitors are automatically signed up for this category. They will be doing things a little different this year, grading each day by species, not by club.



Committee News

Shooting Sports

Registration is now open online for the 4-H State Shoot until July 10th. The state shoot is August 3rd at the Saginaw Rod and Gun Club. You must compete in the county shoot to be able to compete in the state shoot.

State Shoot

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=C56F7D768529BBDE908F944BD4359673C8FE7685B0327CEDC64AC0D01D12B3B0>

Rodeo Barrel Racing Opportunity!

The Montcalm County Fair is accepting registrations for barrel racers interested in riding in the Rodeo on June 22nd at 6 p.m. Performance slots are limited and slack will be ran after the show. Registration is \$50 per entrant and paybacks will be 2 spots per 5 registrants. Riders must be age 17 OR YOUNGER as of January 1, 2024 because this is a youth rodeo. If interested, please register online: <https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/store/p/barrel-racing-entry>

Herdsmanship 2024

Herdsmanship will be judged daily starting on Monday of Fair week. It will be judged daily thru Saturday. Each species area will be judged by a different person each day. The species area with the most points will be announced each day on a banner displayed where everyone can see it, as well as the golden shovel proudly displayed within the species area. A 35-point system will be used this year and the criteria is as follows:

2024 Montcalm County Fair Herdsmanship Score Card
Species: _____
Score Between 1-5 / 5 being the best
In the event of a tie score, go back to rejudging the tied species to determine a winner
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth present in the barn (and available/willing to speak to the public)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stalls clean / animals clean
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational exhibits displayed
<input type="checkbox"/> Pen cards are neat and clearly displayed
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn is decorated using the Fair Theme (Western Whirlwind)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stalls are easily marked (able to identify who is showing the animal)
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn is clean (area is tidy and swept; tack is picked up, no trash laying around.
_____ Total Score
Comments:



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Fair Clean-Up Day** Date: 6/8/2024
- Advisory Council Date: 6/10/2024
- County Wide Dog Practice (Amanda Moran's House) Date: 6/11/2024
- Horse Leaders meet Date: 6/12/2024
- Horse Record Books Due Date: 6/12/2024
- Dog Committee meets Date: 6/13/2024
- Dog Record Books Due Date: 6/13/2024
- **Tentative Fair Clean-Up Day** Date: 6/15/2024
- Fairboard meets Date: 6/17/2024
- Community Connections meets Date: 6/17/2024
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: 6/18/2024

Grandstand event tickets can be purchased through the Fair Store on their webpage, at a discounted rate <https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>

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/>



Other Services Offered:

MSUE Master Gardener Hotline:

1-888-678-3464

The hotline is open weekdays between 9-noon and 1 – 4 p.m.

Select option “1” to speak directly with a gardening expert.

Ask an Expert:

Ask Extension offers one-to-one answers from MSU Extension experts and Extension Master Gardener volunteers on topics such as lawns, gardening, agriculture, nutrition and physical activity, food safety, food preservation, natural resources, community development, youth programming and more!

Ask here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024. Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

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| • Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County | • Alice Long, Washtenaw County |
| • Jordan Davis, Berrien County | • Sophia Mason, Monroe County |
| • Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County | • Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County |
| • Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County | • Natalie Milford Chippewa County |
| • Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County | • Emma Rasch, Kent County |
| • Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County | • Kylie Smith, Ionia County |
| • Molly Lake, Gratiot County | • Sydney Specht, Saginaw County |

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.canr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

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

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

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

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl





All of this and more!

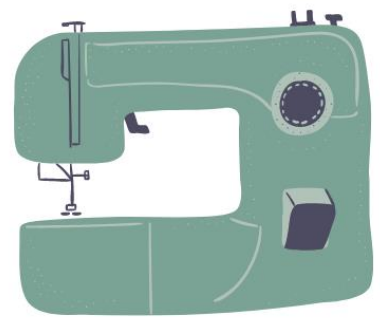
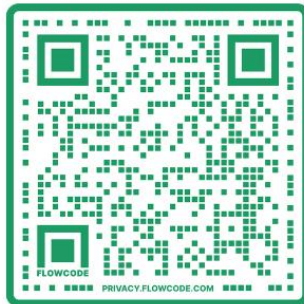


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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

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



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



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

What we do:

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

Find us on Social Media

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



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Montcalm County 4-H

Market Shack

A place where youth can learn more about business and sales, while selling their creations!

-  Show off your skills
-  Earn money for your projects
-  Participants must sign up to “work” in the shack throughout fair



Check out the Montcalm County 4-H Market Shack Facebook page for more information!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/467622533445873/>





MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR KIDS DAY



Friday June 28th
10am-2pm

8784 PECK ROAD GREENVILLE, MI
JOIN US FOR TONS OF FUN!



\$10 PARKING

- petting zoo
- sheep herding demonstration
- meat cut and anatomy animal models
- bounce house
- face painting
- numerous community organization booths
- FREE carnival rides Noon-4pm (pre-registration required)
- and SO MUCH more!



For more Information visit : Montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com
and visit our Facebook Page!
Contact Katie with any additional questions at (989) 287-2807



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

2ND ANNUAL OLD-TIMER'S ALUMNI SHOWMANSHIP FUNDRAISER

NOMINATIONS:

\$5

TO NOMINATE ANYONE 20YRS OR OLDER (AS
OF JANUARY 1ST)

\$10

GETS YOU OFF THE HOOK!!!

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH | 5PM
LIVESTOCK ARENA



BEEF, SWINE, AND SHEEP WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

PROCEEDS ARE USED TO PURCHASE THE LIVESTOCK ANIMAL BEDDING FOR FAIR

REGISTER AT THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE BY THE LIVESTOCK ARENA DURING FAIR



Youth Livestock Information

Old-Timer's Alumni Showmanship Fundraiser



\$5 to nominate
\$10 removes your nomination

The Youth Livestock Committee fundraises each year, for the bedding that is provided in the livestock area. They started doing this to ensure that all youth livestock exhibitors didn't have to stress out over providing bedding for their animals throughout fair. If you would like to support our youth, this is a FUN event, it's for a GREAT cause, and it's during the fair! It's a WIN WIN!!



How to play:

Scan QR code



Nominations: Pay \$5. In the notes, write who you're nominating and what species you want them to show

To remove yourself from nominations: Pay \$10. In the notes, write your name and "Off the Hook"



Flyers

The Montcalm County 4-H Advisory Council and the Montcalm County Fair Association Fairboard have approved bringing back the Youth Dance!

It will be in the Livestock Arena, on Saturday, June 29th, from 7-10pm.

Chloe Rush has offered to take the lead on planning and is looking for a committee of youth to help her get this going again. We have a few that have already offered, so if you're interested in joining, reach out to Chloe directly (achloe42@gmail.com).

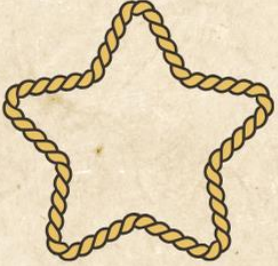
Any questions, email haglun10@msu.edu.





4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

WESTERN WHIRLWIND JUNE CHALLENGE



CREATE AN OLD
WESTERN
TOWNSCAPE AS
A CLUB



SOME IDEAS INCLUDE:

- GENERAL STORE
- COVERED WAGON
- FUN TIMES SALOON / CAFE
- FERRIER STATION
- JAIL
- DOCTORS OFFICE
- TAILOR SHOP
- HITCHING POST



FAMILY SHOEBOX FLOAT RULES:

2024 THEME: "WESTERN WHIRLWIND"

1. Families are encouraged to build at least one (no limit to how many)
2. Floats are to be built for the narrow ends to represent the front and back of the floats.
3. The 2024 Fair Theme above must be incorporated into the float.
4. Float must be made of a cardboard shoebox no larger than 13"x 9"
5. A complete decorated float should not exceed 16 1/2 inches tall.
6. Do not put wheels on float. Do not put float on toy truck body.
7. Do not put shoebox on a piece of cardboard larger than shoebox.
8. Do not use motorized toys on float.
9. Do not use anything edible on float.
10. Do not build inside of the box (i.e., No diorama floats).
11. Do not use a photo of the contestant or of political figures as a decoration.
12. Please, no political statements, slogans, ideologies or references to such.
13. Do not use inappropriate language or images on the float.

Samples of Materials: Paper mâché, cloth, foil, fringe, petal paper, etc. Most craft stores have a wide variety of things you can use. Let your imagination soar!

Categories (families with kids mostly in each age group):

Junior (5-9)

Intermediate (10-13)

Senior (14-19)

Judging Criteria:

Originality (30%) Neatness (15%) Craftsmanship (20%)

Use of Materials (20%) and Overall Appearance (15%)

Judging will take place on
Sunday, June 23rd 2024, at 5pm by the
4-H Community Connection Committee.



LET'S FILL THE ASH BUILDING WITH A SHOE BOX PARADE
OF
"WESTERN WHIRLWIND"