



March 2025

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

With fair approaching faster than we realize, there will soon be a lot of information coming out. I know that informative emails can be a lot to process at times, but we ask that you pay attention to the information and dates presented. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time. If I can't answer your question, I will find the contact that can.

YQCA/Exhibitor workshop information is on page 24

We also ask that you attend the committee meetings, or send a rep from your club, to ensure that all of the information is getting to all families. Thank you all for your continued support and trust in me!

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/93418977992> passcode: 4Hdog)

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

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

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

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4th Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> passcode: 4Hyouth)

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

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fairboard Date: 3/3/25
- Dog Committee Date: 3/6/25
- Horse Leaders Date: 3/11/25
- **YQCA/Exhibitor Workshop** Date: **3/16/25**
- Advisory Council Date: 3/17/25
- Community Connections Date: 3/17/25
- **County-wide Dog Practice** Date: **3/18/25**
- **YQCA/Exhibitor Workshop** Date: **3/22/25**
- Small Animal Date: 4/28/25
- Youth Livestock Date: 4/28/25
- MCFAAC (Livestock) Date: 4/28/25

Times and locations for each 4-H committee meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

Don't forget to visit the Montcalm County Fairgrounds **UPDATED webpage**
<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>.

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>





4-H Committee News

Join us in our 4-H committee meetings, while we plan/prepare for the upcoming year. You have a voice too we just need to hear it! Youth and adults are welcome.

4-H Committees:

Dog Committee – 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ash Building

Horse Leaders – 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Ash Building

Advisory Council – 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30pm via Zoom

Community Connections – 3rd Monday of every month following Advisory Council via Zoom

Small Animal Committee – 4th Monday of every month at 6pm at the Ash Building

Youth Livestock Committee – 4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ash Building

The committee meetings are a great opportunity to have your voice be heard. Any 4-H member/family can attend and take part in the planning of the species-specific events throughout the year and at fair. It is encouraged and very important to attend so that everyone has a voice. Typically, August through October is when most of the changes are voted on, but planning occurs throughout the year.

4-H Dog Committee is planning for upcoming dog related events: Easter egg hunt, County-wide dog practices, dog shows, Dog Days of Summer, fun runs, etc. See page 32 for statewide dog program opportunities. If you would like to assist in the planning, organizing, coordinating, or just with the event itself, join us for our monthly meetings!

4-H Horse Leaders are hosting a Spring tack sale, Coggins clinic, Proud Equestrian Program open house, Spring shows, and much more! See pages 20 through 22 for more information.





4-H Committee News

4-H Advisory Council is ready to receive the 4-H'er of the Year (due by March 31st) and College Scholarship applications (due by March 28th). Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions along the way ☺ https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-scholarships

4-H Community Connections Committee has started their Helen DeVos Children's Hospital toy drive challenge. As a reminder, there is a bin at our Stanton office, just outside of our door. Any new/homemade gifts, puzzles, activity books, art supplies, etc., can be used as a donation. All clubs that participate in this challenge, qualify for something special hosted by the 4-H CCC at fair! Challenge runs through the end of March. They are also working with the IM Kids with their wish list. See pages 14 through 17 for more information.

The Small Animal Committee is finishing up the plans for our spring showmanship workshop. Let them know if you have any ideas, or if you would like to contribute to the planning/organizing/running of the workshop. They are also looking for donations for door prizes. This workshop is a fundraiser for new rabbit/poultry/goat pens. See page 31 for more information)

The Youth Livestock Committee is working with the Horse Committee to have a bake-sale table set up during their tack/craft sale on March 18th from 10-4. The committee is looking for youth/families to either donate baked goods or help at the booth (page 23). If you are willing to assist in any way, please email Sunni or go directly to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5A629A1FAC16-55354366-youth#/>. The youth are also planning to have a special guest come and talk about carcass evaluation during their April meeting. If you would like more information or are willing to help plan future programming, email Sunni and she will let them know. We hope to see more faces come to our 4th Monday meetings.

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**





Montcalm County Fair Association

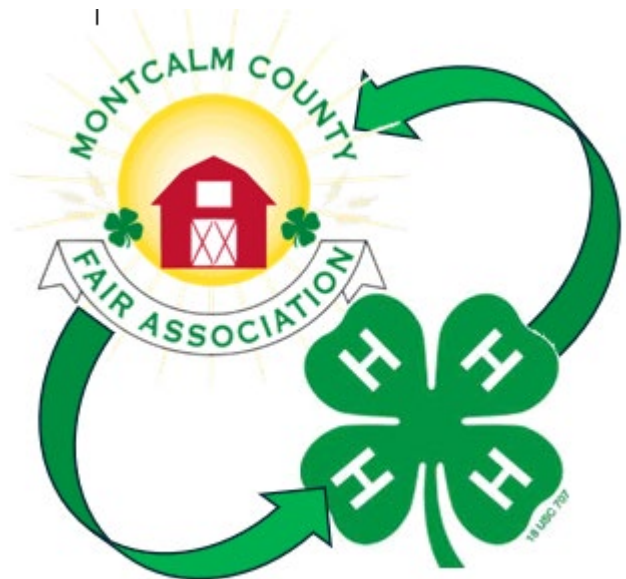
MCFA Info/Updates:

Our website just got some updates! We have included a fair pictures tab, under the fair information tab:

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/fairpics>. We also have various committees that are always looking for new faces and input. If you're interested in serving on one of the following committees, please reach out to Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu.

MCFA Committees:

- Accessibility
- Association Membership
- Awards
- Biosecurity
- Budget and Audit
- Buildings and Grounds
- By-laws/Policies and Procedures
- Camping
- Fairbook
- Grandstand Events
- Judges
- Kids Day/Special Needs Day
- Livestock and Agriculture (MCFAAC)
- Marketing
- Parking/Security
- Plat Book
- ShoWorks
- Vendors/concessions/exhibits





Montcalm County Fair Association

MCFA Info/Updates:

From the Livestock Committee:

Swine Tags will be available the following times:

March 3 - at Fairboard Meeting

March 16 - 3 to 5 pm. during YQCA/PreFair Meeting

March 22 - 9 to 11 a.m. during YQCA/PreFair Meeting

April 7 - at Fairboard Meeting

April 14 - during Market Goat, Sheep, Feeder Tag In

Showworks Tentative Date - April 27th to May 11th - more information to come

Tag In Dates for Market Goat, Sheep, and Feeders:

April 14 – 6-8pm

April 26 – 8-10pm

There will be no MCFAAC meeting on March 24th.





Sponsored site holders should have already received a reminder email with this information.

- Sponsored site yearly payment **Due by February 26** (\$200 unless first year)
- Sponsored site installment payments **Due by February 26.** (\$500 X4 or \$2000 in full)
- If Sponsored site payments are not received your site opens for public.
- Sponsored sites \$2000 in full or 4 installments of \$500. (Form on Website)

Fair Reservations open **March 1st at 8am.**

- Electric Sites \$200
- Rustic Sites \$100

Make Payments online:

[Camping Information — Montcalm County Fairgrounds](#)

Watch for more Fair Camping information on our Website, Facebook page and Text reminder.

For questions, please email countyfair59@yahoo.com.

*****SIGN UP FAIR FAMILY*****

For Text Updates and Reminders

Text @MONTCALMCO TO: 81010



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Michigan 4-H will have 10 Japanese youth and one chaperone arriving in 2025; we are looking for families interested in opening their homes and hearts by hosting these individuals. Consider sharing the clover this summer and giving a lucky Japanese youth and your family the experience of a lifetime by hosting!

The Japanese delegation is scheduled to arrive in Grand Rapids in mid-July and depart in mid-August, meeting host families for a 3.5-week stay. Online applications to host can be found at:

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

For more information, contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu.



MSU Extension launches 2025 Global Voices Essay Contest with MSU Global Youth Advancement Network

The Global Voices Essay Contest offers a platform for young people around the world to advocate for their communities and share their opinions and stories about local and national challenges. Michigan students in grades 9-12, and young adults ages 18-24, are invited to share their own stories, reflections and visions by writing and submitting a 600-900-word essay focused on community (defined as the rich tapestry of cultures, experiences and ideas that shape our state). Sub-themes for the essay contest include shared natural resources, heritage and home, bridges of unity, innovation for the future and other.

A panel of MSU, MSU Extension, and Michigan 4-H judges will review and select the winning essays, which will be published on the MSU Global Youth Advancement Network website and receive cash prizes!

The deadline for youth to submit their essay online is May 2. For more info please visit: <https://globalyouth.isp.msu.edu/programs-projects/global-voices/essay-contest/call-submissions-2/>

Michigan 4-H needs your input!

Michigan 4-H is conducting a survey to better understand the topics and educational approaches that best meet community needs. Your feedback will help us improve and enhance how Michigan 4-H serves families across the state.

Visit https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqmeT5Dxtthvja or scan the QR code to share your input and help shape the future of the Michigan 4-H program. If you have questions regarding this survey, please reach out to Kathy Fischer at fisch226@msu.edu.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Program applications open



Apply now for the 2026 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives who are making a difference in their communities.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 14-19. The deadline to apply is March 31. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

March 3: Adulting 101 – Get It Together: Tim and Organization Tips to Thrive

Online
Learn practical tips to tackle schedules, beat procrastination and organize spaces to help you be successful now and in the future.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/get-it-together

March 11: 4-H Give Green Day

Online
Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 11: Wild Spartans

Online
Join 4-H staff for the "Wild Spartans" series for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session will explore conservation efforts in zoos with Seth Magle, director of the Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-march-2024-2025

March 15: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing
Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest

March 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth

Online
Explore how to build impactful connections with youth through developmental relationships. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice:

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-7pm

April 1: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards application deadline

Online
This program provides 4-H members a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio similar to a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-awards-application-deadline





Upcoming Events



MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WINTER WEBINAR SERIES



January 15th at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler

January 29th at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay

February 5th at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly

February 18th at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus

March 12th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite

March 26th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Extension Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu





2025 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

4-H Animal Science Staff

Autumn Converse

4-H Livestock and Veterinary
Science Educator
conver20@msu.edu

David Lindsay

4-H Equine Educator
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Jacob Stieg

4-H Poultry Point of Contact
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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
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January 25

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show & Expo

February 15

4-H Animal Science Career Quest

March 1-2

4-H Dairy Conference

March 8

4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

March 15

4-H Hippology State Contest

March 29

4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest

May 8

4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest

June 11-12

Youth Livestock Judging Camp

June 25

4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

June 28

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

July 7-8 & 9-10

4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

July 15-17

4-H Youth Dairy Days

August 14-17

4-H State Horse Show

Other programs could include the State 4-H Dog Show, species workshops, and more!



Scan me for
more
information
about these
programs!

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2025 MI 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

March
1-2

MI 4-H Dairy Conference

Michigan State University

June
28

State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

July
14-17

MI 4-H Dairy Days

Michigan State University

Sept. 28-
Oct. 2

National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, WI

KENDRA VAN ORDER
MI 4-H DAIRY EDUCATOR

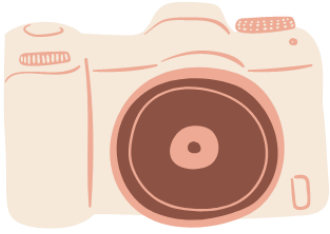
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All of this and more!

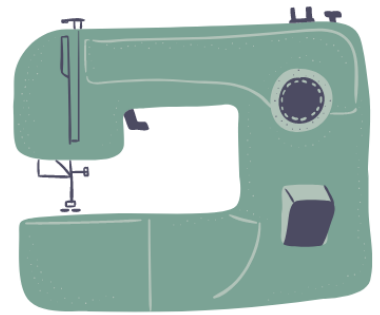
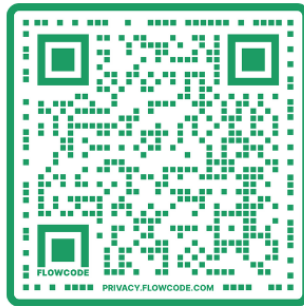


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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 GROWS HERE



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>



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)



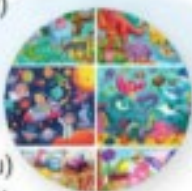
Art Supplies

- 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 Fuddle Bubble Tumblers
- Activity Books (Word Search, Sudoku)
- Card Games: (Uno, Skipbo, Monopoly Deal, Phase 10-Not flashcards)



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)
- Carhart 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



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.

 **Corewell Health**
Helen DeVos
Children's Hospital
Foundation



4-H CCC Challenge Info:

Do you want to make a financial donation to the IM Kids 3rd Meal? You can donate through our PayPal account. It will come up showing the Michigan Center for 21st. C. Teaching & Learning. IM Kids 3rd Meal operates under the 501(C)3 Michigan Center for 21st. C. Teaching & Learning. [Donate Here](#) [Support Us](#)

The **4-H Community Connections Committee** is looking for items from the wish list, or clubs to decorate some lunch sacks for the kiddos! If you're interested in donating, please reach out to Tonya at twinky362@gmail.com or Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu.



IM KIDS 3rd MEAL

WISH LIST

- Jelly/Jam
- Individual Raisins
- Applesauce
- Sandwich Bags
- Snack Bags
- Fruit Cups
- Dried Fruit
- Individual Snack Items
- Fruit Snacks
- # 8 (XL) Paper Lunch Bags
- Nutri-Grain Bars
- Sandwich Crackers
- Cereal (Full Size)
- 100% Fruit Juice Boxes
- Granola Bars



Upcoming Events

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN

MARCH 1

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H SPARK & SHARE SUMMIT



Join us for a workshop for adult volunteers and teen leaders to ignite sparks, share ideas, and explore interests through a variety of hands-on activities!



JOIN US!

REGISTER NOW!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SELeaderMeet2025/>

EVENT DETAILS

Southeast Regional 4-H Spark and Share Summit

Date: March 8, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Location: Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center
Frankenmuth, MI

**\$50 per
person**

**Lunch
included**

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Classic Equine

*Veterinary Service with a Special Interest
in Lameness Diagnostics*

******Show Horse
Package ******

*Vetera Gold
*Potomac/ Rabies

*Strangles

*Coggins

Total = \$189

Montcalm County Vaccine and
Coggins Clinic

March 8th, 2025
10am-1pm

Coggins- \$40

Vetera GOLD- \$75

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

Vetera-\$52

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

Potomac + Rabies Combo – \$36

Strangles Intra Nasal- \$38

Fecal Egg Count - \$38

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



Tack & craft Sale

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

**ASH BUILDING 8784 PECK RD GREENVILLE, MI
48838**

10AM-4PM

\$25 a spot comes
with a table and two
chairs

-HORSE TACK

-SHOW CLOTHING

DONATION TABLE WILL
BE PROVIDED FOR
ITEMS

-ARTS & CRAFTS

-AND MUCH MORE!

**CONTACT- MONTCALMCOUNTYJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM
IF YOU'D LIKE A SPOT FOR YOUR ITEMS**

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS CLASS AWARDS AT FAIR
GOAL: \$1,500

**SUPPORTING MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H
HORSE COMMITTEE**

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Montcalm County 4-H Proud Equestrian Program



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Have you ever wondered what 4-H is and what it has to offer?
Are you interested in horses?
Would you like to learn how to safely ride?
The Proud Equestrian Program allows communities to assess needs and abilities of individuals with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities in order to develop a safe and effective therapeutic instruction in horsemanship.

Join us for a **FREE** event open house, to explore what this exciting program can offer!
Open to youth ages 5-26

OPEN HOUSE

March 23, 25 | 11am - 1pm

Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding

3777 Rector Ave., NE,
Rockford, MI 49341



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Montcalm
County 4-H
Youth Livestock

Bake Sale

Fundraiser

March 15 | 10am - 4pm

Come shop the Tack and Craft Sale, and
bring home some yummy goodies

Montcalm County
Fairgrounds | Ash Building

**Proceeds go towards bedding and
fans for our fair animals**

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MCFE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE & 4-H SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE PRESENT:



YQCA TRAINING & EXHIBITORS WORKSHOP

When: March 16th, 2025 | YQCA - 3pm / Workshop - 4pm
or
March 22nd, 2025 | YQCA - 9am / Workshop - 10am

Where: Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Ash Building

How to Register: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Cost: \$3 per person for in-person (or \$12 online per person)

*****All Montcalm County market exhibitors MUST take the YQCA training prior to the 2025 fair*****

It is recommended that all Montcalm County Fair 2025 exhibitors attend the Exhibitor Workshop portion (2nd hour of workshop)



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Market Rabbits



No market Animals can be exhibited in breed or fur classes
Each exhibitor may enter no more than two market exhibits
Department 8, Division 2, Class No. 803 – Market Pen of 3
804 – Market Fryer

Important Dates:

Must have possession the Dam or Sire by
April 1st 2025
Born By April 13th 2025

Recommended Breeds:

American Chinchilla

Cinnamon

Palomino

American Sable

Crème de Argent

Rex

Argent Brun

Florida White

Satin

Californian

Havana

Silver Fox

Champagne de Argent

New Zealand



Fair rabbits are no more than 70 days old and weigh 3 1/2 to 5.8 lbs each

Market Rabbits will be weighed in on Sunday at check in, exhibitor must be present



Upcoming Events

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 16 through Tuesday, March 18, in-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/CapitolExperience2025/>

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.

MARCH 16-18, 2025

4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE



COST \$365

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH
EXPERIENCE STATE GOVERNMENT IN
ACTION AND LEARN HOW TO INFLUENCE
POLICY ISSUES.

INTERACT WITH LEGISLATORS, STATE
AGENCY STAFF, LOBBYISTS AND OTHER
RESOURCE PEOPLE!



PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 1ST AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/CAPITOLEXPERIENCE2025/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/capitolexperience2025/)





Upcoming Events

Registration is now open for the Spring 2025 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop! We hope to offer all disciplines at this workshop, and I've included some details including a social media graphic (attached) and suggested text below. Full event details and registration can be found at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025SpringWorkshop/>



**REGISTER
NOW!**

**SPRING 2025
4-H SHOOTING
SPORTS**

**INSTRUCTOR
WORKSHOP**

**OFFERING ALL DISCIPLINES
MAY 3-4, 2025
SHIAWASSEE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
OWOSSO, MI**

THIS WORKSHOP IS SPONSORED WITH A GRANT FROM THE MI 4-H FOUNDATION

Montcalm County 4-H
Presents:

RAISING POULTRY

AT HOME

Flat River Community Library

All ages
welcome!

March 19, 2025
6pm

Free
Resources!

Join us for an informative workshop,
detailing raising poultry in your
backyard, where we'll cover all of the
following and more!



How to get started



Various breeds/uses



Basic physiology



Coop setup



Best practices



Daily care/management



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**REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW!**

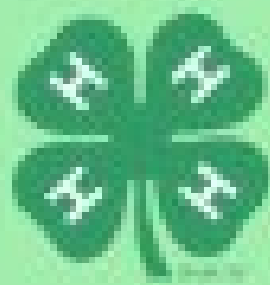


**Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging
State Contest**

**Where: MSU Pavilion for Ag and
Livestock Education**

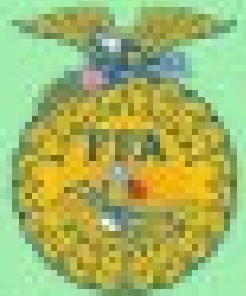
When: Saturday, March 29th at 9am

**Who should register: Any 4-H or FFA
Member interested in Horse Judging!**



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**SAND LAKE SADDLE
SLICKERS 4-H CLUB**

presents

**GLOW IN
THE DARK
SPEED SHOW**

Saturday, May 17th Starts at 6:30pm

Expos at 5pm

MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
8784 PECK RD, GREENVILLE, MI

**POLE BENDING
CLOVERLEAF
DOWN & BACK
TWO-MAN**

**\$6 PER CLASS
\$3 PER EXPO RUN
\$5 OFFICE FEE, \$1 FOR
EXTRA HORSE**

**ANY CURRENT 4-HER OR
REGISTERED VOLUNTEER OF ANY
COUNTY IN MI CAN PARTICIPATE!**

Age divisions: 8 & under, 9-13, 14-18, 19-34, 35 &
over

Trailer in only! No stalls!



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H
 SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE
 PRESENTS
 3RD ANNUAL



SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

General / Arena:

Sign In/Pledges - 10:00-10:45
 HPAI w/ Dr. Barski - 10:45-11:15
 Lunch - 11:45-12:45
 Health Discussions - 12:45-1:15
 1:15-1:45
 Raffle/Door Prizes - 1:45-2:00

Rabbit / Cavy:

Tattooing - 10:00-10:30
 Beginner Showmanship - 10:45-11:15
 Advanced Showmanship - 11:15-11:45
 Rabbit Quizbowl - 12:45-1:15
 Rabbit Enrichment - 1:15-1:45

Poultry:

Pullorum Testing - 10:00-11:15
 Showmanship - 11:15-11:45
 12:45-1:15
 Poultry Quizbowl - 1:15-1:45

Goats:

Showmanship - 10:45-11:15
 12:45-1:15
 Nutrition/Health - 11:15-11:45
 1:15-1:45

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing new pens for the Small Animal Barn

May 17th, 2025 | 10am - 2pm
 Montcalm County Fairgrounds
 Small Animal Barn
 8784 Peck Rd., Greenville

\$10 entrance fee - Lunch provided
 Giveaways & Raffle Items
 All are welcome!



**PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/SHOWMANSHIPWORKSHOP/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanshipworkshop/)
 PAY CASH OR CHECK AT CHECK-IN**

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Upcoming Events

The Michigan 4-H Dog Show Scoresheets have been updated! The most up to date versions can be found on our website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_dog_show_scoresheets
Agility score sheets can be found in the agility manual, which was updated this past fall:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_dog_agility_manual_4h1647

Looking to level up your dog training, husbandry, and show skills? New to the 4-H dog project? Join us on April 12th, 2025 for our annual Spring 4-H Dog Workshop! Pre-registration is required for this event. Registration closes on April 4th, 2025 at MIDNIGHT! To register, and for more information, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025DogWorkshop4H/>

Session topics include:

include:

- Rally
- Showmanship
- Obedience
- Clicker Training
- Canine First Aid
- How to become a 4-H Dog Judge
- And more!



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2025 State 4-H Spring Dog Workshop

April 12th, 2025
9:00am-3:30pm

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

Registration fee: \$35
Lunch provided

Registration Deadline: April 4th,
2025

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025DogWorkshop4H/>

Individual Session registration is day-of.



Check this out!!!

<https://www.bogsfootwear.com/shop/styleGridSearch.html?pageNumber=0&text=4-h>



WE'LL DONATE \$5 FOR EVERY BOGS 4-H BOOT PURCHASED.



Classic Tall 4-H
Men's Insulated Waterproof Boots

~~\$135~~ **\$39.90**



Classic Tall 4-H
Women's Waterproof Insulated Boots

~~\$120~~ **\$35.90**



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SALE



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Upcoming Events

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025GLNRC/>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 27-August 2, 2025
Camp Chickagami
Presque Isle, MI