

## **4-H Family News**

## **Montcalm County**

**SEPTEMBER 2024** 



#### Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Happy new 4-H year!

Our annual awards banquet is coming up next month, and we're hoping to have an overabundance of awards to pass out. Please email all award nominations or write ups by the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

As a reminder to all club leaders, the Annual Financial Report and supporting documentation will be due by the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Fall Leader Meeting information can be found on page 3. This will be a mandatory meeting for all club administrators, or a suitable representative from each club wanting to continue with the 2024-2025 4-H year.

Sincerely, Sunni Haglund 4-H Program Coordinator

#### **Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations**

Fairboard Association |  $1^{st}$  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 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151 passcode: Horse)

4-H Council | 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) | 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | via zoom (<a href="https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298">https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298</a> 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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dog Committee Date: 9/5/24

Fairboard Date: 9/9/24

Horse Leaders Date: 9/10/24

Fall Leader Meet Date: 9/11/24

Advisory Council Date: 9/16/24

Community Connections
 Date: 9/16/24

• Fall Leader Meet Date: 9/22/24

Small Animal Date: 9/23/24

Youth Livestock
 Date: 9/23/24

MCFAAC (Livestock) Date: 9/23/24

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/askan-expert





## **Fall Leader Meet Trainings**

I am offering two leader meetings this month. A representative from each club must attend one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> | 5-7pm | Ash Building

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> | 4-6pm | Ash Building

If a club is not able to send a representative on either of these days, you will need to schedule a time to meet at the extension office to go through the training separately, prior to your club being turned on for enrollment. During this time, no club meetings, fundraising, or any official business can be done until all annual requirements are met.

These annual requirements are set by the IRS and MSU, for all 4-H affiliated groups.





## **4-H Committee News**

As a reminder, each committee will be accepting nominations for their leadership positions. Each committee will accept nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In our 4-H committees, these positions can be held by youth ages 13 and up as well. The nominations will be accepted at the August and September meetings (if held), with elections being in October. If you would like to be a member or in a leadership role in any of the committees, feel free to come to each of those meetings. We are also looking for input and new ideas. If you are a project leader with your club, and your club has youth exhibitors in that project area, each committee requests you or a representative be present for each meeting. This process allows each club to get the most up to date information for each project area, while also having input in the planning and prepping of programming and events throughout the year and with fair.

### **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





## **4-H Committee News**

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 a majority of the changes are voted on, but planning occurs throughout the year.

If you or your club is interested in assisting with the haunted barn this year, the **Marketing Committee** is looking for volunteers and ideas! They are looking for folks to help build the rooms, decorate the rooms, and be actors in the haunt. If you are able to help with one of the areas, contact Paige Nadeau for more information. The flyer can be found on page 12 and 13.

**4-H Community Connections Committee** is hosting a Holiday Bake-Off on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds (page 16-18). This event will be in conjunction with the 4-H Curious Clovers Holiday Whobilation (page 15). They will have a Christmas Market, Grinch Fun Run, and Pancake Breakfast. There will be pictures with Santa, lots of vendors, and loads of family fun.

They will also be collecting items for IM Kids that day. If you would like to donate, see the wish list to the right.



## 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





## **Montcalm County Fair Association**

## MCFA Info/Updates:

The Montcalm County Fair Association is hosting their Annual Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. There will be at least 5 Fairboard member positions up for election. If you would like to add your name to the nominations, please reach out to Sunni at <a href="https://haglun10@msu.edu">haglun10@msu.edu</a>.

### **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

Rentals

**ShoWorks** 

Vendors/concessions/exhibits



## **STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS**

#### National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 4-H!

**Wear Your 4-H Gear** — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

**Shout-Out a 4-H'er** — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

**Storefront Displays/Information Booths** — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

**Become a 4-H Volunteer** —If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.



**Share Your 4-H Story** — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

**Have a 4-H Reunion** — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**Send a 4-H 'Thank You'** — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Raise Awareness – On October 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol">www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol</a>.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at <a href="mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/">mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/</a> that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <u>4-h.org/about/blog/</u> <u>10-ways-to-celebrate-national</u> <u>-4-h-week/</u>.











## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:

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#### September 4: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

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

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

## **September 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure** *Online*

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure

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## **September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles** *Online*

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24

#### October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

#### October 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm. www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024



In an effort to improve support for Extension Master Gardeners throughout the State of Michigan, MSU is wanting to hire a Master Gardener Coordinator for Mid-Michigan this fall. Please email Sunni at haglun10@msu.edu, if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this opportunity! It is a part time (up to 19 hours/week), paid position, with responsibilities such as interviewing new candidates, approving new projects, and helping new EMGs navigate Volunteer Central, find projects, enter hours, etc. They need someone who enjoys working with people and helping them succeed!

Here is a link with more information on what an EMG is:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/master\_gardener\_volunteer\_program/for-extension-master-gardeners/

## **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**







## 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

Montcalm County Fair Association Marketing and Fundraising Committee is starting to plan for the Haunted Barn in October. Dates of the event will be October 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th and we are looking for volunteers in a couple areas. Any of the areas needing help would be a fun opportunity for a family, group of friends, school committee, or a club. Last year through our committees fundraising events we were able to help make improvements throughout the fairgrounds. We purchased a water softener for the Ash building, new speakers in the Grandstand area, upgraded the Grand Stand lights to LED, 10 walkie talkies, a projector and projector screen. This year we are raising money for new speakers throughout the fairgrounds.

We need help building the Haunted Barn. We have it designed along with all the boards needed; we just need help putting up the boards to make the rooms. We will be working on this soon. Tools needed are screw guns. If we have help this part does not take long at all.

We are looking for volunteers for decorating rooms. Each room has a different theme or scare. We have the items needed to decorate each room along with a little guidance on how the scare is supposed to go. Rooms can begin to be decorated on September 29th at 10:00 am and must be completed by October 6th. Please bring your own screw guns and staple guns. If a group of people could come in and decorate one or two rooms, it would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, volunteers are needed to act in the Haunted Barn, and you could choose to do 1 or all 4 days of the event. We ask that you let us know what days you would like to volunteer so we can plan accordingly. Volunteers can be any age. We have had kids dressed up as clowns, dolls, fairies, or as a scary prop. If there is a concern about safety, kids are either with an older responsible teenager or with adults. They are never left alone to scare the visitors in a room. We also have adults placed throughout the Haunted Barn to ensure the safety of everyone. An adult goes through the Haunted Barn frequently to check on everyone for bathroom breaks and provides water throughout the night. Adult volunteers are needed to for the larger props and scares. As a committee we work hard to make this a fun night for everyone, our volunteers, and our visitors.

If anyone would like to donate these are the items we need, please know that we will take used items:

Items to make costumes such as wedding dresses, formal dresses, men and women clothing such as jackets, pants, or shirts.

If you would like to volunteer or have an item to donate, please contact by calling or texting Paige Nadeau at 616-788-4068 or Jackie Nadeau at 616-901-2485.



CONTACT PAIGE FOR MORE INFORMATION (616)788-4068 FAMILY FUN WEEKEND!

At B&B Trees

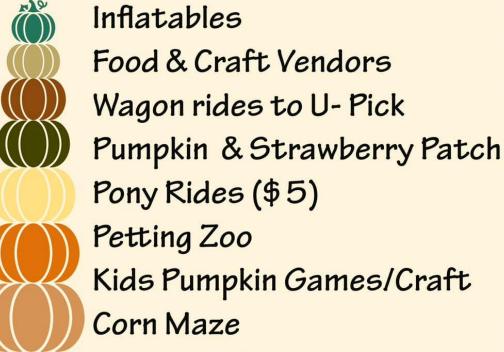
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TWO WEEKENDS

OF FUN!



Pumpkin/Produce Stand

Face Painting





character or an ugly sweater for your run around Whoville. Remember it's not a race

but a place. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be waiting to have breakfast with you after the the Grinch



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## MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS:





YOUTH AGES 5-19 COMPETE TO WIN THE 6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE-OFF

FAMILIES CAN WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE (FROM SCRATCH OR KIT)





AFTER JUDGING, BAKED GOODS ARE
AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME WITH A
DONATION.

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT, HELP THE 4-H CCC
PROVIDE FREE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE
COUNTY'S YOUTH.

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 6th Annual 4-H Bake-Off ALL YOUTH Ages 5 to 19 WELCOME! Special "Teams" Welcome TOO! Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or live in Montcalm County to enter. This year is a Special "Holiday Bake-Off" Event!

#### When & Where:

Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Noon at the Ash Building - Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds. Pre-Registration required. See information below.

#### Rules:

- Participant divisions:
  - a. Cloverbuds ages 5 to 7
  - Beginner ages 8 to 11
  - c. Intermediate ages 12 to 14
  - d. Advanced ages 15 to 19
  - e. Gingerbread House Family/Team consisting of 4 to 6 members, with no more than 2 adults plus youth ages 5 to 19, can enter on of the following categories:
    - From Scratch Must provide recipe for gingerbread. Must be put together with Royal Icing (include recipe also) and be 100% edible.
    - From Kit Must be put together with Royal Icing (include recipe and kit name/brand) and be 100% edible.
- Youth may enter both their age division with any type of "holiday baked good" & one of the two Gingerbread House divisions, but must make a separate product for each division. Deadline to Register through the Montcalm County MSUE is the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at: <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCCCBakeOff/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCCCBakeOff/</a>
- Check-in 11am to Noon. You must arrive & check-in by Noon to participate. Judging starts immediately thereafter.
   Winners will be announced immediately after completion of judging.
- A 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be chosen in each of the Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and both Gingerbread Divisions. 1<sup>st</sup> prize in each of these groups will be \$25 and a rosette ribbon.
- All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
- All participants will be required to consent to their recipe being published in a Montcalm County Bake-Off Cookbook
  to be used as a fundraiser for the 4-H Community Connection Committee (4-CCC) & left-over baked goods be sold
  day of event for donation to help fund 4-H CCC events.
- All entries must be "baked", in compliance with the Michigan Cottage Foods Laws and the full recipe must accompany the entry. Recipe cards must include participant's name and age; and are available through Montcalm County MSUE. Photos of entry are encouraged on recipe cards.
- Entries will be judged on:
  - General Appearance
  - b. Texture
  - c. Taste
  - d. Participant's knowledge of recipe
  - e. Presentation by the participant.
- Participants are encouraged to dress-up in holiday attire, costume or wear 4-H attire and bring the proper serving utensils and gloves.
- In the event of a tie, all judges will work together to choose a winner.



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## **LINK TO REGISTER:**

https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCCCBakeOff/



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H \*

# VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



"HEROES NOT JUST IN HISTORY, BUT EVERY DAY"

DATE / TIME: November 9, 2024 11:00 am Join us for a fun filled family luncheon, honoring all who have served.

#### ADDRESS:

Ash Building / Fairgrounds 8784 Peck Rd., Greenville

Does your family have a military member currently serving, a Veteran, or do you have a deceased family member that was a Veteran that you would like to honor? We have a very special "Thank You" luncheon planned in honor of Veterans Day, and we would love to show our appreciation to those that have served or are currently serving. The registration form is on the following page and needs to be emailed to Sunni by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Montcalm County 4-H

## **Veterans Day Celebration**

Join us as we honor and celebrate our 4-H / military family, Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00am. We will provide a luncheon to all 4-H families with military Veterans and/or currently serving members. We will have activities, gifts, and fun games for the whole family.

You must be pre-registered for this event by October 11th.

4-H Youth Name(s):
4-H Club:
Name of Military Honoree:
Branch of Service:
Tell us a little about your military honoree and their service: