



NOVEMBER 2022

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



4-H Families and Volunteers,

I want to thank you all for hanging in there with us while we undergo yet another staff change. Please feel free to reach out to myself or Roxanne Turner (the 4-H supervisor) if anything comes up between now and when we get a new Program Coordinator in place. We are hoping that we are getting closer to holding interviews and getting someone hired.

For any of you who grow field crops, we have welcomed Steve Whittington to our team as the new Field Crops Educator. Steve's 1st day was on October 17th and we hope you get the opportunity to meet him.

I have included, in the newsletter a schedule of committee meetings (please try to attend those pertaining to your clubs), a list of events for the county, some information about each of our 4-H committees that meet regularly, and a calendar of statewide events. If anyone ever has information that they would like included in the newsletter, please feel free to send along the information.

Sincerely,

Vicki Newcomb

Office Manager – Montcalm MSUE

November Committee Meeting Schedule:

****See page 2 for a complete list of events****

- ❖ 11/1: Advisory Council, 6:30 PM, Montcalm MSUE Office (211 W. Main Street, Stanton) and via zoom
- ❖ 11/3: Dog Leaders Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Ash Building
- ❖ 11/09: Horse Leaders Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Ash Building
- ❖ 11/21: Community Connection Committee, 7:15 PM, online via Zoom
- ❖ 11/28: Small Animal Committee, 6:00 PM Ash Building
- ❖ 11/28: Youth Livestock Committee, 6:30 PM Ash Building
- ❖ 11/28: MCFAAC Meeting, 7:00 PM Ash Building

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4-H Advisory Council Meeting11/1/22 @ 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension office and via zoom
- 4-H Dog Committee Meeting11/3/22 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds
- 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting11/9/22 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds
- Market Beef Weigh-in & Tag-in.....11/20/22 @ 2 – 4 p.m. at the Montcalm Fairgrounds
- 4-H CCC Meeting11/21/22 @ 7:15 p.m. Online via Zoom
- 4-H Small Animal Meeting11/28/22 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds
- 4-H Youth Livestock Meeting11/28/22 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds
- MCFAAC Meeting11/28/22 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Ash Building, Montcalm Fairgrounds
- Market Beef Weigh-in & Tag-in.....12/03/22 @ 9 – 11 a.m. at the Montcalm Fairgrounds
- Market Sheep Tag-in.....04/14/23 @ 6 – 8 p.m. at the Montcalm Fairgrounds
- Market Goats Tag-in.....04/14/23 @ 6 – 8 p.m. at the Montcalm Fairgrounds
- Market Feeder Beef Tag-in.....04/14/23 @ 6 – 8 p.m. at the Montcalm Fairgrounds
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- Market Feeder Beef Tag-in.....05/03/23 @ 6 – 8 p.m. at the Montcalm Fairgrounds

Please Note:

The Committees are there to help provide useful information on upcoming events. It is also a good Please try to make sure that at least one person from your club attends any committee meetings that your clubs do project areas for. These meetings are also a good opportunity for your clubs to have a say and/or vote in any upcoming rules and policy changes. Please also try to attend Advisory Council and CCC meetings whenever possible.

The Youth Livestock Committee is looking for more youth participants. This is their opportunity to voice their opinions and wants.

New rules on Swine registrations will be coming out in the Fairbook





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Community Connection Committee



Our 4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) is seeking more participation to help with ideas and planning of upcoming events. Our 4-H CCC puts on events such as the annual Bake-off for the youth and a Chili cook-off for adults at the Fall Crash Bash, they organized a club competition to collect coloring books and crayons for the Children's Hospital, line dancing competitions, and more. Have any ideas that might be fun for the youth and that might help with Community Connection, please try to attend the 4-H CCC meetings. They are held on the 3rd Monday of each month @ 7:15. They used to meet in person, but due to low attendance, they have been holding their meetings via zoom, which means that you can attend from the comfort of your own home.

4-H Advisory Council

Congratulations to our 4-H Advisory Council for another banquet that they put together! There is a lot of time and planning that goes into putting these together. Food is eaten, awards and certificates are given, and fun is had by all. They also put a lot of time and effort into the 4-H auction each year to help raise money that is used for scholarships for youth and volunteers to be able to attend camps and events. They also give special awards and college scholarships to youth each year based on a vote after application deadlines have ended. These are all great opportunities for Leaders, volunteers, and peers to recognize someone's great achievements, nominate them for awards, and take place in voting. Our 4-H Advisory Council always has something going on. Their meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at the MSU Extension office and via zoom (for your convenience), so plan on attending a meeting and see what they have going on.

4-H Youth Livestock Committee



The youth Livestock Committee is in need of more participants. This is a great opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills and knowledge. It is an opportunity to help them build their confidence and competence in a leadership role. They meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The Montcalm Youth Livestock committee will also be hosting an upcoming Christmas card writing day (more details to come).



County 4-H News continued...

4-H Dog Committee



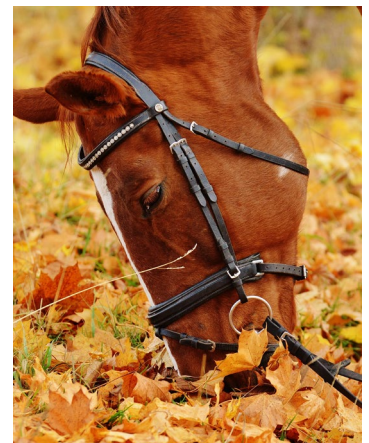
Let's face it, those of us who have dogs all think that our dogs are the cutest, the smartest, the fastest, and would make great show dogs. Well, the 4-H Dog Committee gives youth the chance to work with their dogs to learn some skills and agility. Dog agility gives 4-H members and their dogs something fun to do. It also helps to build confidence and teamwork between the 4-h members and their dogs. The Dog Committee puts on county dog shows, hosts the Doggie Dash, costume contests, participates in parades and other fun events, and helps to prepare those who are interest in competing in the State-wide dog show. The Dog Committee meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

4-H Small Animal

Do you know anyone interested in showing a small animal? Anything from goats, cats, poultry, rabbits, cavy, or pocket pets? Our Small Animal Committee hosts a variety of fun events throughout the year such as county goat shows and rabbit shows. This committee is also instrumental in helping with details about tagging your animals pre-fair, pen requirements, and more. If you or your youth already shows small animals or plans to, please plan to attend the Small Animal Committee meetings on the 4th Monday of each month @ 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds so that you can stay up to date on any changes in rules and policies and so that you can have a say in any of those changes. Remember: if you aren't willing to take part in the decision making, then you need to be willing to accept the decisions that were made during your absence.

4-H Horse Leaders

Horses are some beautiful and majestic creatures. But let's face it, they are also big and can be dangerous in the hands of someone who doesn't know what they are doing. This is why it is important for those who show horses to make sure that they are putting in the practice time, but also to make sure that you are attending committee meetings so that you know of any changes in rules or upcoming events. I had the opportunity to attend a Horse Leaders meeting recently and I can say that, for the amount of clubs that have said that they are doing horse related projects this year, there should have been more people attending than there was. Club Leaders, if your club has said that it will be doing horse projects this year, please make sure that at least one person from the club is in attendance at the meeting so that they can report any information back to the rest of the club. Our Horse Committee does a great job putting together different events and opportunities throughout the year for youth. It is up to al of you to take the time to attend these meetings so that you know what goes on and so that you have an opportunity to have your voice heard.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE! State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 28, 2023, at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing.

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19.

Participants must enter the day of the show.

To be eligible to enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they wish to enter.

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023>.

November 3: 4-H in the Kitchen – Whodunit Edition

Baldwin, Scottville or online

Get your sleuth on and explore a world of mystery, intrigue, and espionage. 4-H in the Kitchen will explore the world of forensic science by learning how to prepare a pair of dishes inspired by some of the best mystery writers of the past 30 years. This will be a hybrid workshop so participants will have the option of attending in person or virtually.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-whodunit-edition>

November 8: Wild Spartans – Exploring Michigan's Largest State Park

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! 4-H Wild Spartans Series will hike to the heights of the Porcupine Mountains and along the shores of Lake Superior as we meet Katie Urban, interpreter for the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-november-2022>

November 17: 4-H Entrepreneurship Guidelines and Resource Training

Online

Do you want to learn more about how to run an entrepreneurship club? Do you have questions about how to handle the income and profits from an entrepreneurship project? Are you looking for youth entrepreneurship resources? This workshop is for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-entrepreneurship-guidelines-and-resource-training>

December 3-4: Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Various locations

The institute will feature a wide variety of incredibly fun and interactive sessions focused on four tracks: personal development and leadership, community leadership, global citizenship, and leadership for diversity, equity, and inclusion. The institute will be held as an overnight event in East Lansing, Mich. (Dec. 3-4), and as a day-long program in Wayne County and Kalamazoo County on Dec. 3.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spectacular-youth-leadership-institute>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29

On Nov.29, Michigan 4-H is once again participating in Giving Tuesday.

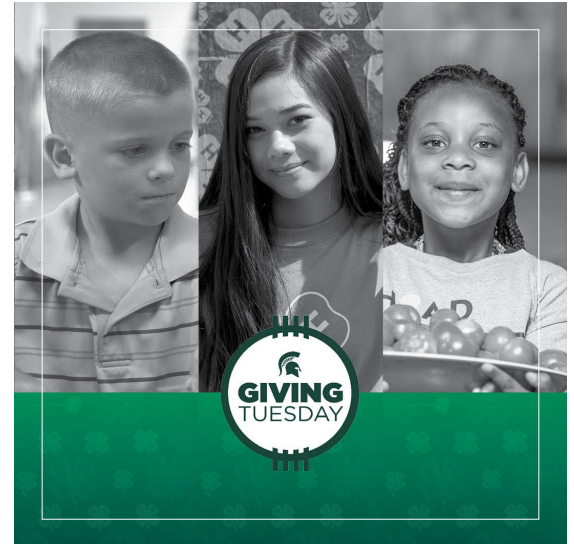
The Giving Tuesday movement is a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that make 4-H so extraordinary.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Giving Tuesday by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

County 4-H endowments are funds created by gifts from one or more donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. These endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs, where the principal amount remains intact and the investment income supports annual needs for a county 4-H program.

Every dollar is an investment in 4-H! Learn more about 4-H Giving Tuesday at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>.



Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute December 3-4

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is an event for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Attend the institute and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The institute will feature a wide variety of incredibly fun and interactive sessions focused on four tracks: personal development and leadership, community leadership, global citizenship, and leadership for diversity, equity and inclusion.

The institute will be held as an overnight event in East Lansing on Dec. 3-4, and as a day-long program in Wayne County and Kalamazoo County on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Participants who register for the overnight event in East Lansing will attend a MSU Men's Hockey game on Sat., Dec. 3, as part of the evening entertainment!

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to ALL teens (ages 13 and older by Jan. 1, 2023) and to adult leaders who have Gold Level volunteer status with MSU Extension. Space will be limited for this workshop. Learn more at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spectacular-youth-leadership-institute>.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.