



JULY 2023

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Welp, the fair is over for this year, and I'm sure most of you are enjoying your deep breaths and vacation planning. Thank you to EVERYONE for making my first year as the 4-H Program Coordinator, so delightful. It was a long week, with many mental notes on how to make things better next year.

There are a few events coming up through our office and MSU-Extension throughout the state, so check out pages 5-16. Feel free to share any of the event flyers as well!

Follow us on FB for more updates throughout the month (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H>) or (<https://www.facebook.com/MSUExtensionMontcalm>).

Sincerely,
Sunni Haglund
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H Committee Meeting times & locations

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 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 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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Committee News

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

The MCFAAC wants you to Save the Date! October 14th, the MCFAAC will be putting on a Brian Plank Memorial Beef Show to raise money for the building fund for the fairgrounds. Look out for more details to follow.

Youth Livestock Committee

The Youth Livestock first annual Old-Timers Alumni Showmanship Fundraiser had an amazing turn out. They would like to send a huge thank you to all of those that participated and came to support them.

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

Join our meeting on July 17th at 7pm. We meet via zoom and the information can be found on the first page of this newsletter. We will be going over our events we put on at fair and starting the planning phase for events this coming year.

Shooting Sports Update

Shootin and Showin is hosting archery practice at the Central Michigan Sportsmans Club just East of Stanton. Reach out to find out when their next practices are.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events and practices from the new Shooting Sports club, 4-H Precision Seekers.

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

The committee is meeting at the fairgrounds at 6:30pm on the 6th of July. They will discuss their events at fair and plan out future County-wide dog practices for those that would like to compete at State level.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Pre-College Programs 4-H SPIN Club



MSU-Extension has been working on finding ways to prepare young people for 4-H Pre-College programs. Our goal is to help young people get the most out of their 4-H experience and fill their toolbox for the future. Two of our Extension Educators have created a resource called “Introduction to Pre-College Programs 4-H SPIN Club Guide.” They are looking for youth to pilot it starting this spring. The pilot will run through the fall to allow you to choose the time frame that works best for individual participants.

This guide provides information on all the 4-H pre-college programs we offer, and each week is structured to introduce a step that helps in preparation for the program of their choice.

We understand that some of these programs will come and go, and we will keep adjusting it as time goes on. The guide is easy to follow and does not require in-depth knowledge of each program to be able to use it in a meaningful way. It encourages youth to work in small groups or independently to learn and mentally/ emotionally prepare for a great opportunity.

Please contact Sunni Haglund @haglund10@msu.edu for more information.

Join us at the fairgrounds, for Kids Summer Days!



Wednesdays throughout the summer, I will be providing fun activities for youth at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds. This is a way for the parents to get somewhat of a break AND the youth can be entertained with other youth their age. Click the link for registration.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetO8nKBO6uXeN84NwPxflr-inh7b_aMbVF_P8mFEY7gn52Q/viewform

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dog Committee meets Date: 07/06/2023
- Fairboard meets Date: 07/10/2023
- Community Connections meets Date: 07/15/2023
- Horse Leaders meet Date: 08/09/2023
- 4-H Advisory Council meets Date: 08/21/2023
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: **Stay Tuned!**
- Small Animal Committee meets Date: 08/28/2023
- Youth Livestock Committee meets Date: 08/28/2023
- MCFAAC meets Date: 08/28/2023

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.

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

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>

Don't forget to visit the Montcalm County Fairgrounds webpage

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at: <https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

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

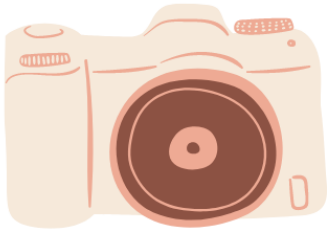
July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

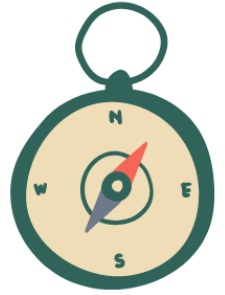
We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

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All of this and more!

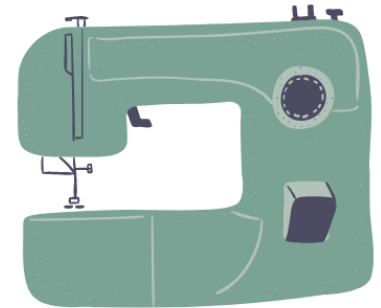
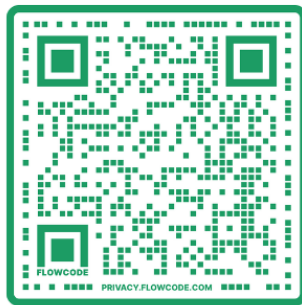


4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H

AGES 5-19

PRESENTS:

KIDS

SUMMER

DAYS

EVENTS ARE FREE

LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED

REGISTRATION LINK:



SCAN ME

ACTIVITIES:

- ARTS & CRAFT
- SCAVENGER HUNTS
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- FUN GAMES
- MANY MORE!

MONTCALM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

8784 PECK RD.,

GREENVILLE, MI 48838



Flyers

RAINBOW SPARTANS

RUTH ELLIS:
ONE WOMAN'S
LEGACY

FEAT. KRYSTINA EDWARDS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
6:30 - 7:30 PM





Flyers

Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

July 17-21



MSU Pavilion

Registration for Educational Contests closes July 5, 2023

ONE MORE WEEK TO REGISTER!

- Dairy Management
- Dairy Judging
- Dairy Quiz Bowl

Age divisions (as of Jan. 1, 2023)

- Novice (8-11 years old)
- Junior (9-14 years old)
- Senior (15-19 years old)





Flyers

WEXFORD COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS:

4-H BULLSEYE BASH

TARGET ARCHERY COMPETITION

JULY 15, 2023 - CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

LINE TIMES: 1 PM (NOON CHECK-IN), 3 PM (2 PM CHECK-IN)

4-H archers new to competition are encouraged to participate! This target archery competition is a learning event to test participant's skills, make new friends, and provide competition experience in a friendly atmosphere. Entry is limited to current 4-H members who have participated in a 4-H archery program this year or in the past. All contestants should have prior shooting event experience, at the club or county level. No previous tournament experience is required.



REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE BY JULY 9

REGISTER BY JUNE 23 FOR FREE T-SHIRT

Questions? Contact Kate King
Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

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DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2023

LINE TIMES: 1:00 PM (check in: Noon), 3:00 PM (check in: 2 PM)

LOCATION: Wexford Civic Arena, 199 E 13th Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

REGISTRATION: Please register via the event in 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com>)



Early Bird Registration

Cost: \$10 per participant

Deadline: June 23, 2023 11:59 PM

** Free T-shirt **

Late Registration

Cost: \$10 per participant

Deadline: July 9, 2023 11:59 PM

CLASSES: Determined by 4-H age (as of Jan.1, 2023) - A. **Beginner** (9-11) B. **Junior** (12-14) C. **Senior** (15-19)

DIVISIONS:

Un sighted:	compound, long, or recurve bows WITHOUT sights or bowmarks	20 yards at 60 cm target
Sighted:	compound, long, or recurve bows WITH sights or bowmarks	20 yards at 60 cm target
Release Aid:	Compound bows with a manually triggered release aid and/or adjustable sights (NO BACK TENSION releases; must NOT incorporate any prism, lens, magnifying or electronic device)	20 yards at choice of 40 cm single spot target <u>or</u> (2) three spot vertical target



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WEXFORD COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

4-H BULLSEYE BASH 2023



TARGET ARCHERY COMPETITION



CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATE KING, KINGKA26@MSU.EDU OR 231-779-9480

GENERAL INFORMATION: (PLEASE SEE EVENT REGISTRATION FOR FULL RULES)

1. Equipment: Contestants will supply their own equipment.
 - a. Mandatory equipment: Hip Quivers and an Arm Guard (must be worn on the contestant's bow arm (forearm) below the elbow.
 - b. Bows must have a 50-pound draw, or less.
 - c. Archers should have at least 9 arrows with archer's initials on them.
 - d. Bows shall be cased while on grounds.
 - e. Before the event, all equipment shall be inspected by Range Officer(s) or line judge.
2. Competition for all divisions will be as follows:
 - a. 10 ends of 6 arrows @ 3 minutes per end.
 - b. One practice end before scoring begins.
 - c. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place per age bracket and division will be presented following the completion of the tournament.
3. All competitors must stay in the roped off area during archery competition.
4. Always walk in the archery range. Horse play, abusive or foul language, and unsportsman-like conduct are not appropriate and will not be tolerated.
5. Archers will follow all whistle commands:
 - a. Two Blasts – Archers to the shooting line. (Arrow must stay in quiver until next command.)
 - b. One Blast – Begin shooting.
 - c. Three Blasts – Walk forward and retrieve your arrows.
 - d. Four+ Blasts (series of blasts) – STOP SHOOTING immediately; put your arrows in quiver.
6. Only those people shooting are allowed on the line. Spectators shall remain in the stands.
7. After each end is shot, archers will take bows back to the bow rack until the next end is ready to shoot.
8. Arrows or targets must not be touched until all arrows in target have been scored.
9. Archers will not score their own target during the competition. If there is a discrepancy in score, a line judge will determine score. After all arrows are scored, archers may pull their arrow.
10. After registration, participants will be assigned a start time and sent a confirmation email.



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Apply today to join the

4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Open to 4-H youth 15-19 as of January 1, 2024

Applications Close July 15

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc2325>

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JOIN THE MICHIGAN STATE FAIR 4-H AND YOUTH VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

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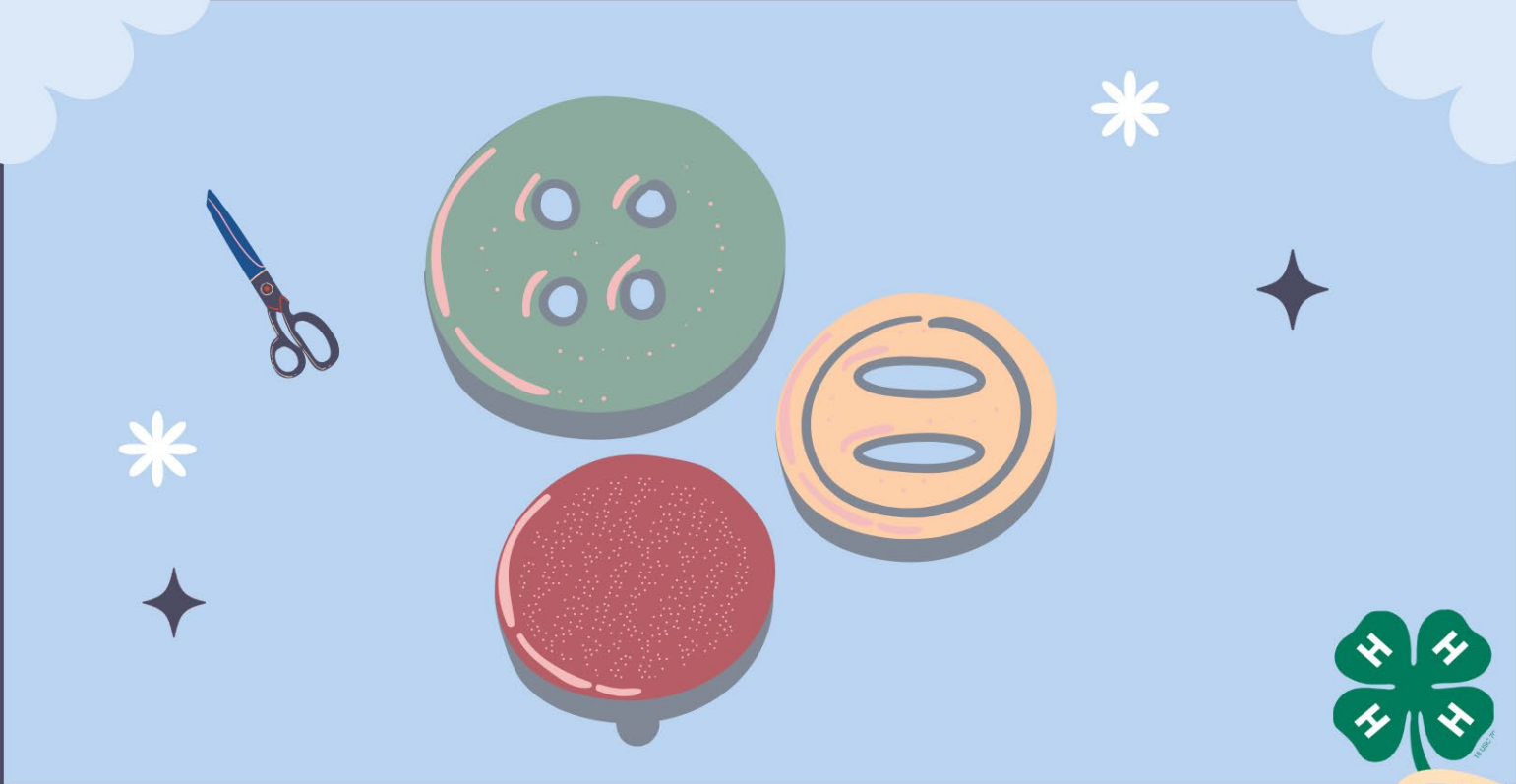
Registration is now open until Tuesday, August 1st

- The showcase includes a wide array of classes including: livestock and companion animal showmanship, horse showmanship and equitation, all kinds of still exhibits, educational projects and more.
- There is no cost to participate and youth may enter as many classes as they like just by submitting project photos and videos.
- Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair and winners will be announced during the event, August 31 - September 4.

Continuing in 2023, the Michigan State Fair will continue to offer scholarships to exhibitors in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase age 8-19 are eligible to apply for scholarships.

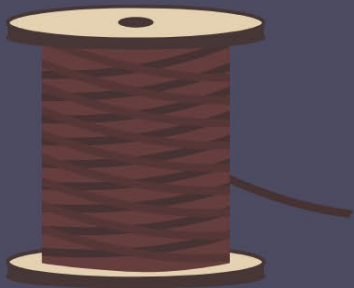
Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at:

extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase



4-H OF KENT COUNTY PRESENTS

4-H SEWING WORKSHOPS AUGUST 2023



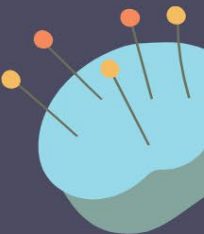
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AGES 11-15

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