



June 2025

4-H Family News

Montcalm County - FAIR EDITION



This month is FULL, and there will be a lot of information going out. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. If I don't have the answer, I will find the person who does.

I also just wanted to send a friendly reminder that the Montcalm County Fair Association and the Montcalm County 4-H Program are both run by volunteers who are strongly committed to ensuring our youth are successful adults. Please be patient and understanding with those you encounter, especially during fair week, when EVERYONE is overwhelmed.

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: 6/2/25
- 4-H'er of the Year Interviews Date: 6/4/25
- Dog Committee/**Record Books Due** Date: 6/5/25
- Horse Leaders **/Record Books Due** Date: 6/10/25
- Fairboard Date: 6/16/25
- Advisory Council Date: 6/16/25
- Community Connections Date: 6/16/25
- Fair (full schedule on page 3) Dates: 21 - 29 JUN

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/>.

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

For Text Updates and Reminders

Text @**MONTCALMCO** TO: 81010



Login 0 GET GRANDSTAND TICKETS

THEME -Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights



2025 MCFA Fair Schedule

** (t) means "Tentative Schedule"

Saturday 6/21/25

10 am – 2 pm Still exhibit judging and set up / club booth set up. Club booth judging to follow still exhibits

1 pm – Dog Show – Livestock Arena - Showmanship; rally; obedience

Registration from 12 pm – 12:45 pm

4 pm – Flying Star Rodeo – Grandstands

Sunday 6/22/25

6 am to 12 pm – beef, goats, sheep, and swine check in at Livestock Barn

8 am to 12 pm – Poultry check-in at Small Animal Barn

9 am to 2 pm – Rabbit and Cavy check-in at Small Animal Barn (10 am market rabbit weigh-in on rabbit side of barn) – Record book turn in

2 pm – Exhibitor / Superintendent pre-fair meeting – Livestock Arena

At least one rep from each club, showing from any of the following species areas: beef, dairy, goat, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit/cavy, sheep, and/or swine

12 pm to 4 pm – Horse check-in by Horse Arena

3 pm – Carcass class live evaluation for sheep and swine in the Livestock Arena

4 pm to 6 pm – Record book turn-in for beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and llamas/alpacas – Livestock Arena

6 pm – Opening Ceremonies/Still Exhibit Auction at Ash Building

Monday 6/23/25

8:30 am – Horse/Pony Show – Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Reining – Horse Arena

9 am – Poultry Show – Small Animal Arena

Dairy Check-in (animals in place by 12 pm) – Record book turn in

4 pm – Sheep Show – Livestock Arena

6:30 pm – Horse/Pony Show – Cloverbuds – Horse Arena

7 pm – Poorman Pullers Mini Modified Tractor Pull – Grandstands

Tuesday 6/24/25

8:30 am – Horse/Pony Show – Trail, Western Pleasure, Versatility, Riding Pattern – Horse Arena

8:30 am – Dairy Show – Livestock Arena

9 am – Rabbit/Cavy Show – Small Animal Arena

11:30 am – Beef Show – Livestock Arena

5:30 pm – Goat Show – Livestock Arena

7 pm – Redneck Side-by-Side – Grandstands

Wednesday 6/25/25

8:30 am – Horse/Pony Show – Dressage, Fences, Costume – Horse Arena

8:30 am – Swine Show – Livestock Arena

2 pm – Antique Tractor Show – Small Animal Greenspace

3:30 – Goat Fun Classes – Trail, Costume, Goat Cart – TBD

5 pm – (t) Llama/Alpaca Show – Small Animal Barn

5 pm – Antique Tractor Parade – Fairgrounds

6 pm – Sheep and Swine Carcass Show – Sage's Meats, Greenville

6:30 pm – Horse/Pony Show – Pro-Am Show – Horse Arena

7 pm – Antique Tractor Pull - Grandstands

9 pm – (t) PG-rated movie in the common area (campground)

Thursday 6/26/25

8:30 am – Horse/Pony Show – Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat Equitation, English Pleasure – Horse Arena

10 am to 2 pm – Special Needs Day – rides, lunch at noon – Carnival Area / Ash Building

11 am – Market Beef Cattle Ultrasound Results – Livestock Arena

2 pm – Bidder Registration for Livestock Auction – Livestock Arena

3 pm – Market Animal Livestock Auction – Livestock Arena

(t) Following Auction – S'mores by the Fire (hosted by 4-H Community Connections Committee)

Friday 6/27/25

8:30 am – Horse/Pony Show – Speed Day – Horse Arena

10 am to 2 pm – Kids Day – Throughout the Fairgrounds (See separate schedule of events)

12 pm to 4 pm – Reading for Rides – Carnival Area

2 pm – Showmanship Sweepstakes practice – Livestock Arena

4 pm – Line Dancing with Lia – TBD

4:30 pm – Performing Arts Style Show – Ash Building (check-in/registration 4:00 pm)

5 pm – Youth Livestock “Old-Timer’s Alumni Showmanship Fundraiser – Livestock Arena

7 pm – Side-by-Side Racing – Grandstands

9-11 pm – (t) Karaoke in the common area (campground)

Saturday 6/28/25

8:30am – Horse/Pony Show – Cart Awards and Team Classes – Horse Arena

10am – Showmanship Sweepstakes – Livestock Arena

12pm – Exhibitors Honors and Outstanding Photos after Sweepstakes – Livestock Arena

1pm – Tractor Driving Contest – TBD

2pm – Dog Show – Livestock Arena

Registration from 1pm – 1:45pm

Cloverbud, Agility, Costume, Pro-Am

Club Herdsmanship Awards – TBD

4 pm – (t) Dodgeball in the common area (campground)

6:30 pm – Parade of Clubs lineup - Grandstands

7-10 pm – Youth Dance – Livestock Arena

7 pm – Demolition Derby – Grandstands

Sunday 6/29/25

6 am to 11 am – Exhibits released to fair participants

Each species superintendent must check and clear pen before exhibitor leaves the area – DO NOT LEAVE THE AREA, UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN CHECKED/CLEARED!!!

*****ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE REMOVED BY 11am!!!*****



MCFA Fair Resources

Exhibitor information can be found at the following link, or by clicking the PDF files below: <https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/exhibitor-info>

Exhibitor Information

Top Benefits from Showing Livestock

From a Texas Tech Study – these are the six benefits from showing livestock.

- **Social relationships.** The development of social relationships by showing livestock was the strongest theme to emerge throughout the data collection process. Participants in the study appeared to emphasize the importance of developing friends and social contacts. These friendships aid in the satisfaction of career goals as well as the simple need for companionship.
- **Character** was the second theme to emerge in the study. The subcategories associated with this theme are as follows: responsibility, confidence, sportsmanship, and how to deal with loss. Participants felt that character developed through exhibiting livestock promoted growth from a child to a successful adult.
- **Family togetherness** and family values gave a meaning to what is desired as a life skill. It was apparent that participants in this study put emphasis on the importance of the family participating in activities together.
- **Exposure to Competition.** The fourth theme in the study dealt with the competition that competitive livestock showing introduces to exhibitors. Two meanings developed from the theme of competition that stems from the phenomenon of participation in competitive events. One category resulted from the need to satisfy the desire of participation in competitive events. The other related to the exposure of winning and losing. This meaning was also apparent in the character theme.
- **Exposure to cultures.** The fifth theme generated was exposure to diverse cultures that comes about from exhibiting livestock. Participants revealed that exposure to cities and the diversity of people that accompany major stock shows aid in the development of life skills.
- **Knowledge and care of animals.** The last theme that emerged from the study was the knowledge and care of animals that exhibitors gain from showing livestock. Participants felt this knowledge was important, especially if it relates to a future career.

Montcalm County



2025 Fairbook



Pre-Fair 4-H Member Information

2025 Montcalm County Fair Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights



Livestock Auction June 26, 2025

Supported by the Montcalm County Fair Association
Agricultural Committee

President: Mark Newman 616-634-1059
Vice-President: Joe Minkel 616-426-7542
Secretary: Michelle Nitengale 616-894-1685
Treasurer: Niki Chaffin 989-289-2131

2024 Livestock Sale

Exhibitor	Species	Buyer
Gracie Gasper	Grand Champion Beef	Big L Corporation
Celina Eldridge	Reserve Champion Beef	Kessler Dairy
Zachary Schanden	Grand Champion Dairy Beef	Brad Pessley Tracking LLC
Petra Pires	Reserve Champion Dairy Beef	Singleton Excavating
Blair Naranjo	Grand Champion Feeder	Asible Electric
Taylor Cunningham	Reserve Champion Feeder	Kipp Farm Services
Aubrey Bogardus	Supreme Champion Hog	Hillier Electric
Allison Wall	Reserve Champion Hog	Michigan Pipe & Valve
Taylor Gager	Grand Champion Sheep	Owella Group Wealth Advisors of Farmstead Issues
Ketra Simmons	Reserve Champion Sheep	Braman Livestock Farms
Blair Naranjo	Grand Champion Goat	Larson Farms
Isaac Gould	Reserve Champion Goat	Hiddon Glade Homestead
Taylor Gager	Supreme Champion Dairy	John & Megan Obermiller
Joel Black	Est. Supreme Champion Dairy	Asible Electric
Elaina Blass	Grand Champion Chickens - Fryer	Janet Farms Market
Callie Flynn	Reserve Champion Chicken - Fryer	Five Corners Party Store
Elaina Blass	Grand Champion Chickens - Roaster	Scott Bass
Petra Mink	Reserve Champion Chickens - Roaster	Josh & Mindy Schanden
Henry Satterthwaite	Grand Champion Turkey Pen	Amy Hardison
Liam Satterthwaite	Reserve Champion Turkey Pen	Trevor Hall
Ryne Babin	Grand Champion Duck Pen	Big L Corporation
Leah Campbell	Grand Champion Rabbit Market Pen	Dave Harris
Ivy Sissall	Reserve Champion Rabbit Market Pen	Trevor Hall
Emery Arnuo	Grand Champion Rabbit Fryer	Jessie DeYoung
Madison Arnuo	Reserve Champion Rabbit Fryer	Five Corners Party Store

Thank you to all our 2024 Buyers!!!

The
2025 Montcalm County Fair Presents...

LIVESTOCK AUCTION



Thursday - June 26, 2024

Registration - 2:00 p.m.
Sale - 3:00 p.m.

Order of Sale:

- * Poultry
- * Rabbits
- * Milk
- * Goats
- * Sheep
- * Beef
- * Feeder Beef
- * Swine



MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR 2025 ADD-A-BID FORM

DEADLINE - 8 p.m. June 27, 2025

WHAT IS ADD-A-BID?

It is an opportunity to add a monetary amount to the end bid of any 4-H/FFA members' project. It can be for one or more members! This is a great way to reward one or more 4-H/FFA members for their dedication and hard-work, without having to purchase an animal.

How this works: (example) if you want to give \$50 (or any amount) to a specific person and that person auctions their Steer for 52 a pound at 1100 pounds, they will get the \$2,200 plus \$50 from Add-A-Bid, for a total of \$2,250. Also, this contribution may be TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

- * Any bid, including Add-A-Bids, are subject to the 6% withholding to the Montcalm County Fair Association Agricultural Committee to help offset auction expenses.

Youth Name: _____
Project Animal: _____
Amount you would like to add: _____
Company Name (if applicable): _____
Contact Person: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Please complete one form for each project animal you would like to sponsor, and payment must accompany form. May make copies of this form. You can send one check for multiple exhibitors.

*Send form and check to: Montcalm County Fair Ag Committee (MCFAAC)
P.O. Box 542
Greenville, MI 48838
MCLivestock@gmail.com, if questions

Suggested travel routes for species check-ins

Sheep, goat, beef, swine

Rabbit / Cavy

Horses

Still Exhibit / Perf. Arts

Poultry





Other Information

“Thank you” card stations



We will have a few spots set up around the Livestock Office and inside of the Ash Building, for any 4-H member (youth and adult) to grab a thank you card, and fill one out for whomever you feel could use one 😊

Where can you find me, a super, or a fairboard member?



Offentimes, most of us who have/wear multiple hats, are spread throughout the fairgrounds, in multiple places at once. We will have contact information for our Superintendents, Fairboard Directors, and Administrative Leaders posted near the Livestock Office, inside of the concessions stand, inside of the Ash Building office, and inside of the Horse Arena announcers booth. They will be listed in order of who should be contacted first, and when you ABSOLUTELY should contact me (with my 4-H PC hat on). We also have colored hats with the MCFA logo on the front, and/or name badges with our titles on them.

Extra Curricular Activities

The Montcalm County Fair Association has been working towards making improvements in various areas for our 4-H youth and volunteers to enjoy throughout the fair week. As your 4-H Program Coordinator, I will ask that we all work together to keep these areas nice and friendly, as well as doing our part to ensure those around us are also doing what is right.





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/>





THURSDAY

JUNE 26TH

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

3rd Annual Special Needs Day

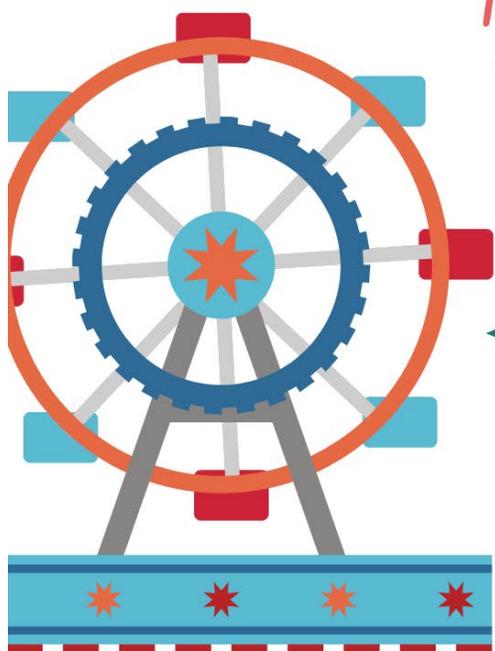
10am to 12pm
FREE Event

**\$10 - Day
Parking**
**\$20 - Weekly
Parking**

Sensory Play Area
Petting Zoo
Minimal Sensory Rides

Agricultural Themed
Yard Games
Lunch

Montcalm County
Fairgrounds
8784 Peck Rd.,
Greenville



For more information visit:
<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/>



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

**3RD ANNUAL
OLD-TIMER'S
ALUMNI
SHOWMANSHIP
FUNDRAISER**

NOMINATIONS:

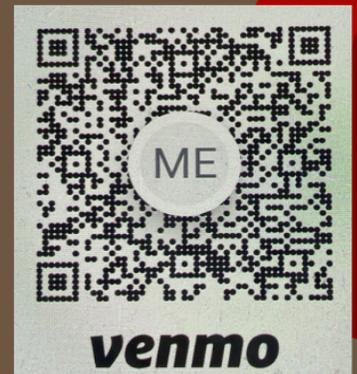
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TO NOMINATE ANYONE 20YRS OR OLDER (AS
OF JANUARY 1ST)

\$10

GETS YOU OFF THE HOOK!!!

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH | 5PM
LIVESTOCK ARENA

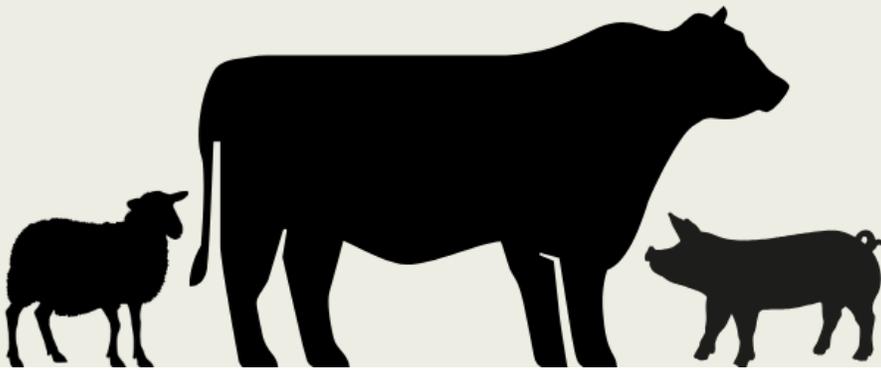


BEEF, SWINE, AND SHEEP WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

PROCEEDS ARE USED TO PURCHASE THE LIVESTOCK ANIMAL BEDDING FOR FAIR

REGISTER AT THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE BY THE LIVESTOCK ARENA DURING FAIR

Old-Timer's Alumni Showmanship Fundraiser



Scan to Pay



\$5 to nominate

\$10 removes your
nomination



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"

Montcalm County 4-H Proud Equestrian Program



MSU EXTENSION

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 Montcalm County 4-H Program (partnering with Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding) is gearing up to bring the Proud Equestrian Program to our community!

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.

Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding
3777 Rector Ave., NE,
Rockford, MI 49341



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