



September 2023

# 4-H Family News

## Montcalm County



### Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2023-2024 4-H year. We have some available training coming up, with the 13<sup>th</sup> of September being mandatory. More information to follow.

To keep your club in good standing and open for people to register this new year, please get us all of the required end of year paperwork by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Each club representative received exactly what was needed, but we're available for any questions you may have.

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

Sincerely,  
Sunni Haglund  
4-H Program Coordinator

### Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

Fairboard Association | 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Building – Fairgrounds

4-H Dog Committee | 1<sup>st</sup> 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> Wednesday 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 (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298> passcode: 4HCCC)

4-H Small Animal Committee | 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds

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# Committee News

## **Fair Association** (<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)

Our next meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Ash Building. All are welcome to attend. Our annual member meeting will be held at the Ash Building, on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. If you're interested in becoming a member or running for the board, please reach out to Sunni at [haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu) for more information.

## **Marketing / Events Committee**

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCountyFairgrounds>)

Check out our Facebook page for an up-to-date listing of events. We're having our next Mom 2 Mom Sale on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and will be starting the Haunted Barn on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October!

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

The next Dog Committee September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Ash Building. County-wide dog practices will resume this month. Stay tuned for more information.

## **Horse Leaders** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/623810004403480>)

Our next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Ash Building.

## **Advisory Council**

We've adjusted our meeting times to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Extension Office and via Zoom. Please take note of the adjustment, and feel free to join along with us! The zoom link is on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of this newsletter. Tentative Awards Banquet at MCC on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at 4pm. Open swim from 12-4. Bring a dish to pass. We will send out more information as we get confirmations.

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

Our meetings follow the Advisory Council meetings, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month via Zoom. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Bake-Off will be the 30<sup>th</sup> of September from 9am to 2pm, at the Ash Building.



# Committee News

## Small Animal Committee (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021686638080972>)

Our next meeting will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Ash Building. If you're interested in assisting the Small Animal Committee on planning and ideas for this coming years' fair, please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, at 6pm. If you cannot make it in person but would still like an input, a zoom link can be provided/available!

## Youth Livestock Committee

The next meeting will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. This committee has been able to raise enough funds to provide the bedding for the animals during fair, for the last two years. This committee is always looking for new ideas and members. If you're between the ages of 5 and 19, show livestock at the fair, and would like to be more involved, we'd love to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

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

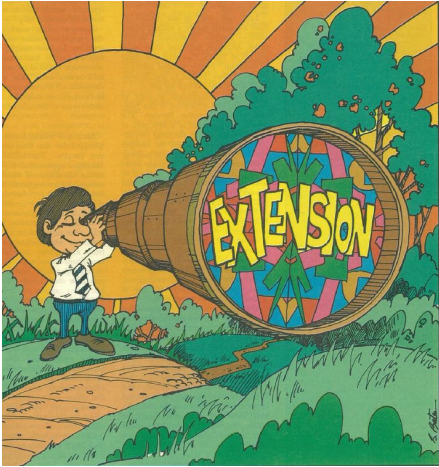
The MCFAAC is meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. **SAVE THE DATE!!!** October 14<sup>th</sup>, the MCFAAC will be putting on a Brian Plank Memorial Beef Show to raise money for the building fund for the fairgrounds. Look out for more details to follow.

## Shooting Sports Update

See page 9 for an informative letter from the new 4-H Shooting Sports Club (4-H Precision Seekers). They're looking for youth ages 12-19 who are interested in learning more about .22LR, gun safety and proper handling, responsibilities of gun ownership, gun maintenance, proper shooting techniques, improving your accuracy and having fun! Reach out to myself or Scott Wallace, if you or a youth you know is interested.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



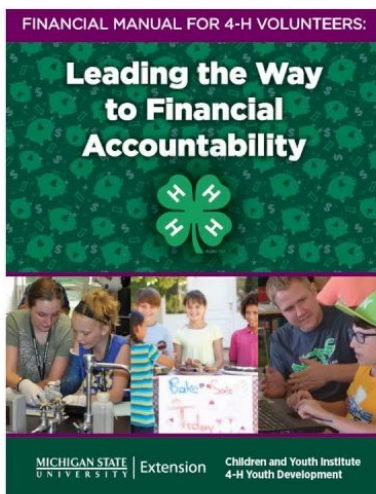
## Montcalm County Extension Office 4-H / District 8

(<https://www.facebook.com/MontcalmCounty4H/>) /

(<https://www.facebook.com/District8MSUE>)

I will be conducting new leader / refresher / club / volunteer training sessions starting September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. These training sessions will be conducted in person with a zoom option and a recording will be available to view on our Facebook page. This training will encompass parliamentary procedures (mandatory rep from each club is required), financials, protocols, working with youth, types of volunteers, etc. If there are any subject areas that you or your club would be interested in, please send me an email with the topic and what day works best for you/your club. Follow our FB pages for more info!

We have a lot of resources available at the Extension office, for those that are looking for ideas or assistance. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're looking for something specific.





# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Trufant Jubilee Parade** Date: 09/02/2023
- Fairboard meets Date: 09/11/2023
- Horse Leaders meet Date: 09/13/2023
- Dog Committee meets Date: 09/14/2023
- County Wide Dog Practice Date: **Stay Tuned!**
- 4-H Advisory Council meets Date: 09/18/2023
- Community Connections meets Date: 09/18/2023
- **Awards Applications Due** Date: 09/22/2023
- Small Animal Committee meets Date: 09/25/2023
- Youth Livestock Committee meets Date: 09/25/2023
- MCFAAC meets Date: 09/25/2023
- **Mom 2 Mom Sale** Date: 09/30/2023
- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Bake-Off** Date: 09/30/2023

## 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.

### 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>

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/>**





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## National 4-H Week: October 1-7, 2023

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "I ♥ 4-H." As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of you can celebrate 4-H and show all the ways you ♥ 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.

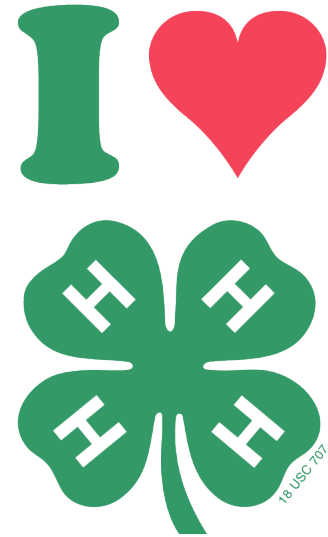
**Have a 4-H Reunion** — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**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 4, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the first 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 [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol).

**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 <https://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/> that can help support your county 4-H program.

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





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H has grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth and 4-H alums to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h).

### September 6: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing*

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception)

### September 16-17: 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

*Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso*

Adult and teen 4-H volunteers can learn about 4-H shooting sports' mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1)

### September 18: Adulging 101 - How to Tell Principals & Politicians They are Full of Poop While Being Polite

*Online*

This session will provide some skills and practice on how to influence people in power to make change in your community and world.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulging1019-18-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulging1019-18-23)

### September 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources

*Online*

This session will explore a variety of resources that 4-H volunteers can use in meetings to support Michigan 4-H'ers.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm)

### September 29: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing*

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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting)

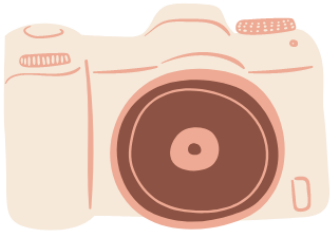
### October 4: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

*Heritage Hall, Lansing*

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

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# All of this and more!



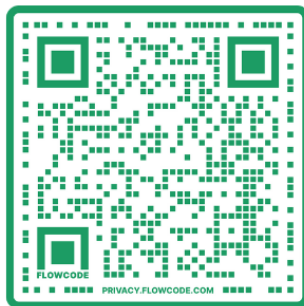
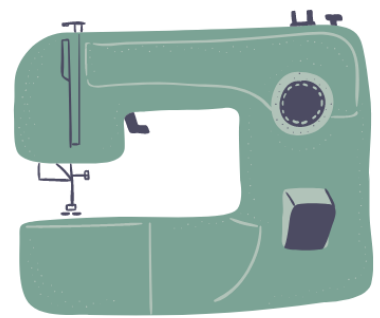
## 4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/join_4_h)



# 4-H GROWS HERE





## 4-H Shooting Sports

**Club Name:** 4-H Precision Seekers

**Club Leader:** Scott Wallace  
616-826-6310  
scott.wallace.mich@gmail.com

**Club Discipline:** .22 Rifle (2 divisions Field and Target)

**Age Requirement:** 12-19 4-H Age (as of Jan 1 of the program year)

**Location:** Flat River Conservation Club (Rifle Side)  
300 S Greenville Rd  
Greenville, MI

**Meetings:** Weekly April 2024 – August 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Required Items:** Eye Protection, Hearing Protection, shooting matt, .22 Ammo (no reloads allowed).

**Clothing:** Appropriate attire without any questionable graphics or statements and shoes that completely cover the feet. No military/tactical clothing or accessories are allowed at 4-H events.

**Parent or Guardian:** All youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during 4-H activities.

**Guns:** The Gun Club has .22LR Target Rifles we can use. Youth can bring their own rifle to use if it is a properly functioning .22 Field or Target rifle. All guns must be unloaded and in a gun case. No tactical type firearms are permitted in 4-H. Only one bullet will be allowed to be loaded into the gun, magazine, tube, etc. at a time.

**Competitions:** We will hold 2 competitions for those youth club members who would like to participate (not mandatory). A county competition sometime prior to the fair, and then the state competition which is usually held in August. More info to come during regular club meetings in 2024.

**4-H Club Signup:** Registration will open in September 2023. You can do this online or contact our County Program Coordinator. You must be registered in the 4-H Precision Seekers club to be able to participate.

Sunni Haglund  
4-H Program Coordinator  
Montcalm County  
989-831-7514

**What to expect:** Our focus will be on gun safety, proper gun handling, responsibilities of gun ownership, gun maintenance, proper shooting techniques, improving your accuracy, and having fun.

**Volunteers/Instructors:** If any parents would be interested in becoming a Volunteer or Instructor for the club, please contact me or Sunni. Additional instructors would allow us to offer more shooting disciplines at club meetings. 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines include Archery, Rifle (BB, Pellet, .22) Shotgun (Trap, Skeet), Muzzle Loader, and Pistol (Pellet).



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# 4-H LEADER SERIES



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH



*Join us  
in person  
or  
virtually*



**Trainings  
designed to make  
running a 4-H  
club or event, a  
piece of cake!**

**DATES:**

- ★ 13SEP-6PM
- 20SEP-6PM
- 4OCT-6PM
- 11OCT-6PM

**Great for  
new to  
experienced  
volunteers  
and youth  
leaders!!**

Throughout this series, we will explore tips and tricks for running a cohesive 4-H club, youth / adult partnerships, managing finances / report submissions, parliamentary procedures and many other topics. Email Sunni at [haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu) for more information!

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# 4-H LEADER SERIES

Training Series for Volunteers and Leaders

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

September 13th - 6pm

Mandatory for at least one  
club representative

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/91058381260>

Code: Volunteer



## YOUTH/ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

September 20th - 6pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93057713658>

Code: Volunteer

## MANAGING FINANCES / REPORT SUBMISSIONS

October 4th - 6pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96925083022>

Code: Volunteer



## RUNNING A COHESIVE 4-H CLUB

October 11th - 6pm

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96099143639>

Code: Volunteer

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASH  
BUILDING. ZOOM LINKS ARE PROVIDED.

EMAIL [SUNNI @ HAGLUN10@MSU.EDU](mailto:SUNNI@HAGLUN10@MSU.EDU) FOR MORE INFO



# Flyers

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# ADULTING 101 FALL 2023 SERIES



**REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/ADULT101FALL23/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101fall23/)**

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** HOW TO TELL PRINCIPALS & POLITICIANS THEY ARE FULL OF POOP WHILE BEING POLITE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM



**VENDOR AND MOM2MOM SALE!**

**POP UP**

**SALE**

**WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**EARLY BIRD ADMISSION 9AM-10AM, \$4**

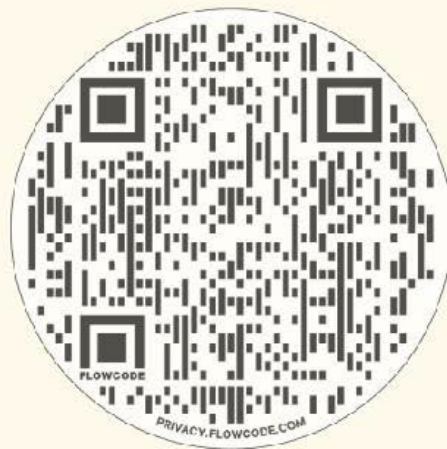
**GENERAL ADMISSION 10-1 \$2**

**MONTCALM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**8784 PECK RD, GREENVILLE**

10x10 booth with table for \$20

Call/Text Mary at 231.250.4911 to RSVP your booth!





# Montcalm County 4-H Community Connections Committee



partnering with Kent and Ionia County

## Invite you to our 5th Annual Bake Off

Any youth ages 5-19 can participate

September 30th

9am to 2pm

Montcalm County Fairgrounds

Ash Building

8784 Peck Rd., Greenville

Bring your baked goods to  
compete

OR

Come and purchase  
some yummy stuff!

Register today here:

See you there!





## Montcalm, Ionia, and Kent Counties Annual 4-H Bake-Off

**ALL YOUTH Ages 5 to 19 WELCOME!**

**Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or live in these Counties to enter.**



### When & Where:

Saturday, September 30th, 9am to 2pm at Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds – Ash Building  
During the Montcalm County Fair Association's Mom 2 Mom Sale

### Rules:

- Participant divisions:
  - Cloverbuds – ages 5 to 7
  - Beginner – ages 8 to 11
  - Intermediate – ages 12 to 14
  - Advanced – ages 15 to 19
  - Specialty Category – ages 8 to 19 – Must contain at least one or more types of berries in the recipe.
- Youth may enter both their age division with any type of "baked good" & the Specialty Category but must make a separate product for each division. Deadline to Register through the Montcalm County MSUE is the 30th of September 2023 at: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/Montcalm\\_County\\_2023\\_Bake\\_Off/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Montcalm_County_2023_Bake_Off/)
- Check-in 9am to 10:00am. You must arrive & check-in by 10:00am to participate. Judging starts immediately thereafter. Winners will be announced no later than 2pm.
- 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 Specialty Category divisions. 1<sup>st</sup> prize in each of these groups will be \$25 and a rosette ribbon.
- All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners of the Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Specialty Category divisions will advance to compete for Champion & Reserve Trophies.
- 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
  - Texture
  - Taste
  - Participant's knowledge of recipe
  - Presentation by the participant.
- Participants are encouraged to dress-up 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.





# Flyers



Save the  
Date!!!  
OCTOBER 14-15 2023

MICHIGAN 4-H  
CREATIVE ARTS  
CELEBRATION

RALPH A. MACMULLEN  
(RAM) CONFERENCE  
CENTER IN ROSCOMMON, MI







# Flyers



# SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2023**

# BRIAN PLANK MEMORIAL BEEF SHOW

**Beef Barn Project Fundraiser**

LIVESTOCK ARENA  
MONTCALM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
8784 PECK RD., GREENVILLE, MI



# Flyers

# HAUNTED BARN

October 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th  
8 to 11 p.m.

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville  
\$12 entry for the Haunted Barn

**SPONSORED BY  
THE TOPPER SHOP**





# Flyers



# SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - 3PM  
MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR  
ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING

8784 PECK RD., GREENVILLE



# Flyers

## National 4-H Congress

- November 24-28, 2023
- Tour Atlanta, GA
- Meet Youth from across the US
- Register with your county 4-H Office by August 15



Do you know a youth who is interested in meeting other young people from across the country and learning about leadership & service? Reserve spots for your county today!

4-H National Congress brings together youth from all across the United States in Atlanta, Georgia. Through interactions with 4-Hers from all regions of our country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska, participants learn how to improve their local 4-H program. Through understanding of the differences and similarities they can better understand themselves. Youth see nationally renowned speakers, which in the past have included a wide range of individuals, including Holocaust survivors, social entrepreneurs, Miss America, and civil rights leaders. The speakers have inspired participants to be a source for positive change in their club, community, country, and world.

Participants attend breakout sessions on a wide range of topics, including communications, leadership, and STEM. National Congress delegates attend educational tours, including the Georgia History Center, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park, Georgia Aquarium, and Coca-Cola Headquarters.

Youth carry out community service projects throughout the Atlanta area. In the past this has included programs in parks, community schools, and other community organizations.

Reserve your spot by August 15 by contacting Laura Potter-Niesen at [potterla@msu.edu](mailto:potterla@msu.edu)