



September 2022

4-H Family News

Montcalm County



Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Congratulations to the Montcalm County 4-H members who participated in the 4-H State Dog Show and the 4-H State Horse Show in August! Photos and placing info from the 4-H State Dog Show and the 4-H State Horse Show can be found on pages 6-11.

We had a blast during our Family Fishing Fun Day event! Highlights included hearing from Conservation Officers, fishing alongside a DNR fish biologist, catching bluegill and bass, making our own lures, and observing water bugs! Photos can be found on page 5, and more photos will be posted to our Facebook page soon!

September Open Office Hours: Stop by the Extension office between 1-3pm on the following dates: 9/1, 9/6, 9/20, 9/23, 9/26

Other meeting dates and times are available, please email me to set up a private meeting.

Sincerely,

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Save the Date - Upcoming Meetings & Events

9/6: Advisory Council, 6:30 PM, Montcalm MSUE Office (211 W. Main Street, Stanton) and via zoom

9/14: Horse Leaders Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Ash Building

9/19: Community Connection Committee, 7:15 PM, online via Zoom

9/26: Small Animal Committee, 6:00 PM Ash Building

- Youth Livestock Committee (Parliamentary Procedures Training), 6:30 PM Ash Building

- MCFAAC Meeting, 7:00 PM Ash Building

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nominate an extraordinary 4-H alum today!



**Nomination deadline:
Oct. 1, 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan’s 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years.

For details and the online nomination form, visit <http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

September 7 : Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, MSU Campus, East Lansing , MI

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion

Various Locations

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 7 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2022 president’s report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways 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. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club 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 — [4-H alumni](#) often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. 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.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) 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/>



Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2.



Save the Date & Reminders

2nd Annual Fall Crash Bash

The 2nd Annual Fall Crash Bash will include live music, a Craft Show, 4-H Doggie Dash (5K run/walk), a Costume Contest, a Petting Zoo, a 4-H Bake Off, Carnival Games, Demo Derby, and much more! Contact the 4-H office for Doggie Dash and Bake Off registration info. For more info about the event, visit the Fairgrounds website or Facebook page.

For the event to run smoothly, the Montcalm County Fairgrounds is looking for volunteers to supervise carnival games from 11 am-3 pm on October 8th. Volunteers need to be at least 14 years old and would need to arrive for a brief meeting at 10:30 am. Volunteers who help from 11 am – 3 pm will earn a free ticket to the demo derby. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Tarin Minkel at minkeltj@gmail.com



Youth 4-H Online Enrollment

4-H Online will be shut down from September 1-12 for system updates. Members and volunteers can begin enrolling or re-enrolling after September 12.

4-H Members & Volunteers MUST RE-ENROLL in 4-H Online each year in order to :

- Maintain Club Charter
 - Use 4-H clover
 - Use 4-H club name
- Receive newsletters & program updates
- Remain eligible for 4-H awards, grants, and scholarships
- Maintain eligibility for liability insurance coverage
- Participate in 4-H Events!

Year End Paperwork (Admin Leaders & Committee Presidents Only)

As a reminder, the year end packet that includes the annual financial summary report, club registration form, and civil rights compliance form is due on **September 12th**. That allows us time to put it all together into the spreadsheet that we submit to the IRS. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel.





Family Fishing Fun Day Photos





Congratulations 4-H Members!



**Madison M. of Montcalm
Friends-N-Critters**

State Dog Show
Placings

Madison Moran
Intermediate
Agility: 2nd Place

Beginner Novice
Obedience: 2nd
Place

Intermediate Rally:
3rd Place

Showmanship Ages
11-14: 5th Place

Michigan 4-H State Dog Show

We had a very nice turn out and youth did a great job. The added bonus is that the Statewide 4-H Dog Committee secured an AKC delegate who discussed AKC Juniors and PAL paperwork (free for 4-H youth) and a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and Trick Dog evaluator so that 4-H youth could get their dogs tested and earn a title on the end of their dog's name as long as they paid the nominal AKC processing fee. Going ahead, this should be a fantastic partnership (one of several forthcoming) for our 4-H youth. AKC provided a very nice "swag bag" for each exhibitor that contained a Westminster t-shirt, bandana for their dog, poster of all the dog breeds, canine dental care, pens, mints and a variety of information about all the activities in which 4-H youth can train, participate and compete with their canine partner. At this year's show, 27 dogs were tested (CGC and Trick Dog) and all of them passed.



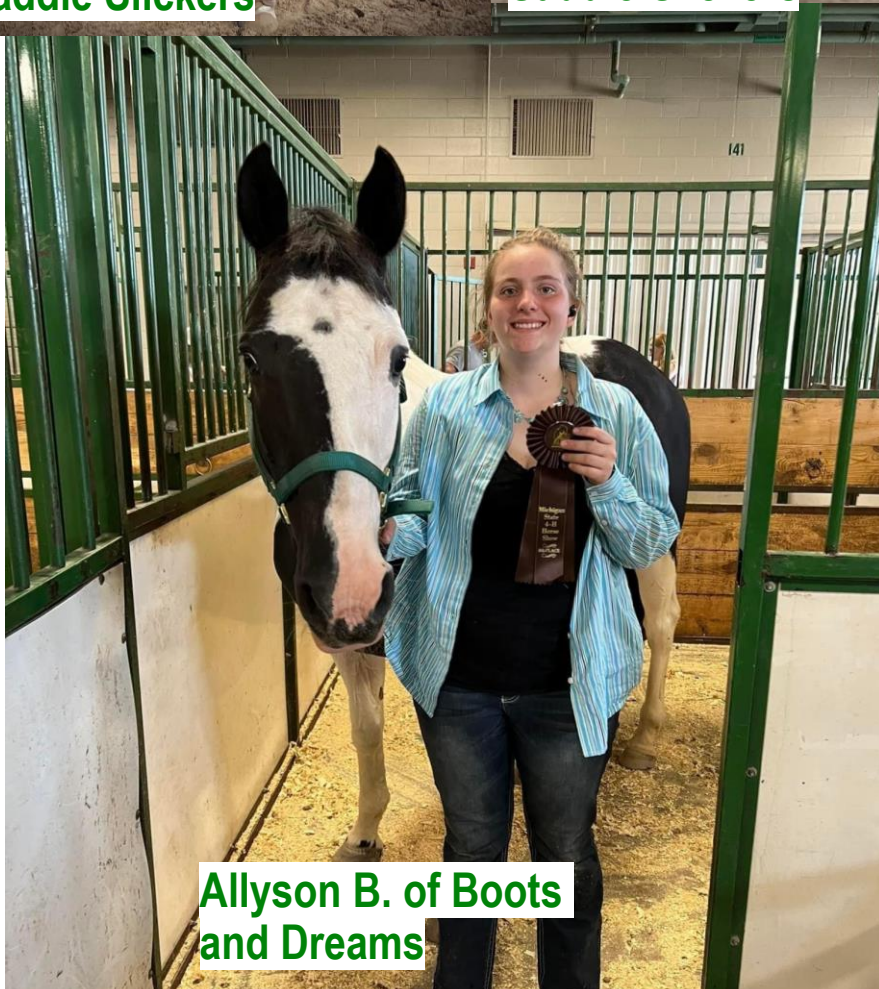
Congratulations 4-H Members!



**Alison F. of Sand Lake
Saddle Slickers**



**Lindsey I. of Sand Lake
Saddle Slickers**



**Allyson B. of Boots
and Dreams**

State Horse Show Delegates

- Allyson Badge
- Makenzie Bailey
- Faith
- Bartholomy
- Quentin DeWitt
- Carly Dunham
- Emily Egan
- Alison Fisk
- Alivia Groce
- Trenity Groce
- Madalyn Houck
- Lindsey Ives
- Lorraine Ives
- Sidney Ives
- Jada Lashuay
- Kyndra Raska
- Gracie
- Rasmussen
- David Reed
- Abigail Reynolds
- Henry
- Satterthwaite
- Kendra
- Sherman



Congratulations 4-H Members!



Henry S. of Sand Lake Saddle Slickers



Jada L. of Making Strides

State Horse Show Placings
Henry S.
Keyhole: 1st place in his age class, 5th in the championship overall

Speed + Action: 7th place
Down + Back: 2nd place

Jada L.
English Equitation: 5th place

Saddle Seat Pleasure: 3rd place



Congratulations 4-H Members!



Gracie R. of
Hoofbeaters

State Horse Show Placings
Gracie R.
1st in Speed & Action 18-19

4th in
Championship Speed & Action
Overall ages 16-19

2nd in Barrels 18-29

5th in Overall Championship Barrels ages 16-19

3rd in Down and Back

Alivia G.
5th Place in Flags



Alivia G. of Sand Lake Saddle Slickers



Congratulations 4-H Members!



Quentin D. of Sand Lake Saddle Slickers

State Horse Show Placings

Quentin D.

Flags: 3rd

Down & Back: 3rd



Kyndra R. of Making Strides

Kyndra R.

Speed and Action event: 5th



Congratulations 4-H Members!



Sidney I. of Sand Lake Saddle Slickers



Trenity G. of Sand Lake Saddle Slickers

State Horse Show Placings

Sidney I.
2 8th, a 7th, and a 5th place.

Trenity G.
5th place in keyhole
5th place in speed and action
6th in Barrels
6th in Down and back