



October 2024

# 4-H Family News

## Montcalm County



### Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Our annual awards banquet is coming up on October 6th, at MCC in Sidney.

For those that have not completed the end of year reporting, or their leaders training, please reach out to me by October 5<sup>th</sup>, so you don't risk losing your volunteer status or your club's status.

4-H Online has opened back up for re-enrollments. Please submit your re-enrollment by December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is for volunteers as well.

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> Tuesday 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 | 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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# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dog Committee Date: 10/3/24
- Fairboard Date: 10/7/24
- Horse Leaders Date: 10/8/24
- **Haunted Barn** **Dates: 10/18-19**
- Advisory Council Date: 10/21/24
- Community Connections Date: 10/21/24
- **Haunted Barn** **Dates: 10/25-26**
- Small Animal Date: 10/28/24
- Youth Livestock Date: 10/28/24
- MCFAAC (Livestock) Date: 10/28/24

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/.](https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/)**

## 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>**





# 4-H Committee News

As a reminder, each committee will be accepting nominations for their leadership positions. Each committee will accept nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In our 4-H committees, these positions can be held by youth ages 13 and up as well. The nominations will be accepted at the August and September meetings (if held), with elections being in October. If you would like to be a member or in a leadership role in any of the committees, feel free to come to each of those meetings. We are also looking for input and new ideas. If you are a project leader with your club, and your club has youth exhibitors in that project area, each committee requests you or a representative be present for each meeting. This process allows each club to get the most up to date information for each project area, while also having input in the planning and prepping of programming and events throughout the year and with fair.

## **4-H Committees:**

Dog Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ash Building

Horse Leaders – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Ash Building

Advisory Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm via Zoom

Community Connections – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month following Advisory Council via Zoom

Small Animal Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6pm at the Ash Building

Youth Livestock Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the Ash Building

# 4-H LEADERS






# 4-H Committee News

The committee meetings are a great opportunity to have your voice be heard. Any 4-H member/family can attend and take part in the planning of the species-specific events throughout the year and at fair. It is encouraged and very important to attend, so that everyone has a voice. Typically, August through October is when a majority of the changes are voted on, but planning occurs throughout the year.

If you or your club is interested in assisting with the haunted barn this year, the **Marketing Committee** is looking for volunteers and ideas! They are looking for folks to help build the rooms, decorate the rooms, and be actors in the haunt. If you are able to help with one of the areas, contact Paige Nadeau for more information. The flyer can be found on page 12 and 13.

**4-H Community Connections Committee** is hosting a Holiday Bake-Off on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds (page 16-18). This event will be in conjunction with the 4-H Curious Clovers Holiday Whobilation (page 15). They will have a Christmas Market, Grinch Fun Run, and Pancake Breakfast. There will be pictures with Santa, lots of vendors, and loads of family fun.

They will also be collecting items for IM Kids that day. If you would like to donate, see the wish list to the right. 



## IM KIDS 3rd MEAL WISH LIST

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Jelly/Jam</li> <li>-Individual Raisins</li> <li>-Applesauce</li> <li>-Sandwich Bags</li> <li>-Snack Bags</li> <li>-Fruit Cups</li> <li>-Dried Fruit</li> <li>-Individual Snack Items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fruit Snacks</li> <li>-# 8 (XL) Paper Lunch Bags</li> <li>-Nutri-Grain Bars</li> <li>-Sandwich Crackers</li> <li>-Cereal (Full Size)</li> <li>-100% Fruit Juice Boxes</li> <li>-Granola Bars</li> </ul>
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# Montcalm County Fair Association

## MCFA Info/Updates:

The Montcalm County Fair Association is hosting their Annual Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. There will be seven Fairboard member positions up for election. If you would like to add your name to the nominations, please reach out to Sunni at [haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu).

We also have various committees that are always looking for new faces and input. If you're interested in serving on one of the following committees, please reach out to Sunni at [haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu), or come to the annual meeting and put your name down on the committee papers.

### MCFA Committees:

- Accessibility
- Association Membership
- Awards
- Biosecurity
- Budget and Audit
- Buildings and Grounds
- By-laws/Policies and Procedures
- Camping
- Fairbook
- Grandstand Events
- Judges
- Kids Day/Special Needs Day
- Livestock and Agriculture (MCFAAC)
- Marketing
- Parking/Security
- Plat Book
- Rentals
- ShoWorks
- Vendors/concessions/exhibits





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

**All applications are due by November 1.**

Learn more and access applications materials at: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

### October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

*Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024)

### October 6-12: National 4-H Week

*Nationwide*

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

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

### October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

*Heritage Hall, Lansing*

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

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### October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

*Online*

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

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*Online*

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# Shooting Sports:

## 4-H Precision Seekers –

We started this 4-H shooting sports club in April 2024 just offering .22lr rifle for youth that are 4-H age 12-19. Three of our youth won First Place in the Jr. .22lr Field Rifle Team event at the 2024 4-H State Shoot and one youth won Second Place in the Jr. .22lr Rifle Individual event. We are now going to be offering BB Gun, Air Rifle and .22 Rifle in 2025. 4-H age participation requirements are as follows:

<u>4-H Age</u>	<u>BB Gun</u>	<u>Air Rifle</u>	<u>.22lr Rifle</u>
9-11	Yes	Yes	No
12-19	Yes	Yes	Yes

We meet on Tuesday nights 6:30pm – about 8:00pm from April – August at the Flat River Conservation Club in Greenville, MI. At this gun club we have both indoor and outdoor ranges.

If you are not already a member of this 4-H Club but would like to join, please attend our informational meeting on **October 15, 2024.**

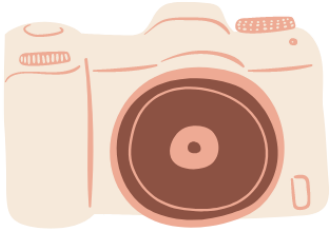
**Time: 6:30pm**

Location: Flat River Conservation Club, 300 S Greenville Rd in the big building on the rifle side of the road.

Questions/Info: Please call or email Scott Wallace if you have questions or need additional information. Phone 616-826-6310, email [scott.wallace.mich@gmail.com](mailto:scott.wallace.mich@gmail.com)

**Note: Please, Do Not buy your youth any equipment prior to attending this meeting or contacting Scott.**





# All of this and more!

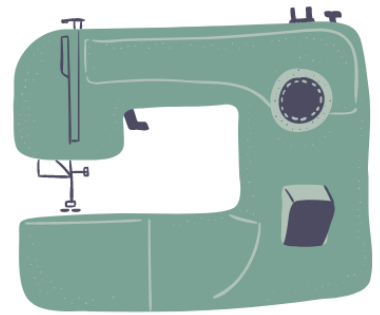
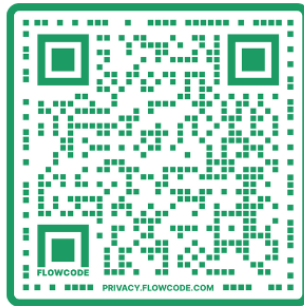


## 4-H HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!



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** is about more than the ribbons & awards  
IT'S ABOUT the PEOPLE, the Experiences, the life-long skills, the memories, the COUNTY FAIRS  
IT'S ABOUT being a ROLE MODEL giving back, and MAKING THE BEST BET



## MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

### What we do:

- Community Service Projects / Challenges
- Build / Expand Community Partnerships
- Bridge Gaps for Community Members
- Locate and Provide Needed Resources
- Join Together Surrounding Counties
- Host Events and Activities

Find us on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656549581412123>

Montcalm County Fair Association Marketing and Fundraising Committee is starting to plan for the Haunted Barn in October. Dates of the event will be October 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th and we are looking for volunteers in a couple areas. Any of the areas needing help would be a fun opportunity for a family, group of friends, school committee, or a club. Last year through our committees fundraising events we were able to help make improvements throughout the fairgrounds. We purchased a water softener for the Ash building, new speakers in the Grandstand area, upgraded the Grand Stand lights to LED, 10 walkie talkies, a projector and projector screen. This year we are raising money for new speakers throughout the fairgrounds.

We need help building the Haunted Barn. We have it designed along with all the boards needed; we just need help putting up the boards to make the rooms. We will be working on this soon. Tools needed are screw guns. If we have help this part does not take long at all.

We are looking for volunteers for decorating rooms. Each room has a different theme or scare. We have the items needed to decorate each room along with a little guidance on how the scare is supposed to go. Rooms can begin to be decorated on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and must be completed by October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own screw guns and staple guns. If a group of people could come in and decorate one or two rooms, it would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, volunteers are needed to act in the Haunted Barn, and you could choose to do 1 or all 4 days of the event. We ask that you let us know what days you would like to volunteer so we can plan accordingly. Volunteers can be any age. We have had kids dressed up as clowns, dolls, fairies, or as a scary prop. If there is a concern about safety, kids are either with an older responsible teenager or with adults. They are never left alone to scare the visitors in a room. We also have adults placed throughout the Haunted Barn to ensure the safety of everyone. An adult goes through the Haunted Barn frequently to check on everyone for bathroom breaks and provides water throughout the night. Adult volunteers are needed to for the larger props and scares. As a committee we work hard to make this a fun night for everyone, our volunteers, and our visitors.

If anyone would like to donate these are the items we need, please know that we will take used items:

Items to make costumes such as wedding dresses, formal dresses, men and women clothing such as jackets, pants, or shirts.

If you would like to volunteer or have an item to donate, please contact by calling or texting Paige Nadeau at 616-788-4068 or Jackie Nadeau at 616-901-2485.





**INTERESTED IN  
VOLUNTEERING  
FOR THE  
HAUNTED BARN?**

**OCTOBER 2024**

**CONTACT PAIGE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

**(616)788-4068**



# FAMILY FUN WEEKEND!

At B&B Trees

1476 E Condensery Rd  
Sheridan, MI 48884



TWO WEEKENDS  
OF FUN!



Inflatables



Food & Craft Vendors



Wagon rides to U- Pick



Pumpkin & Strawberry Patch



Pony Rides (\$5)



Petting Zoo



Kids Pumpkin Games/Craft

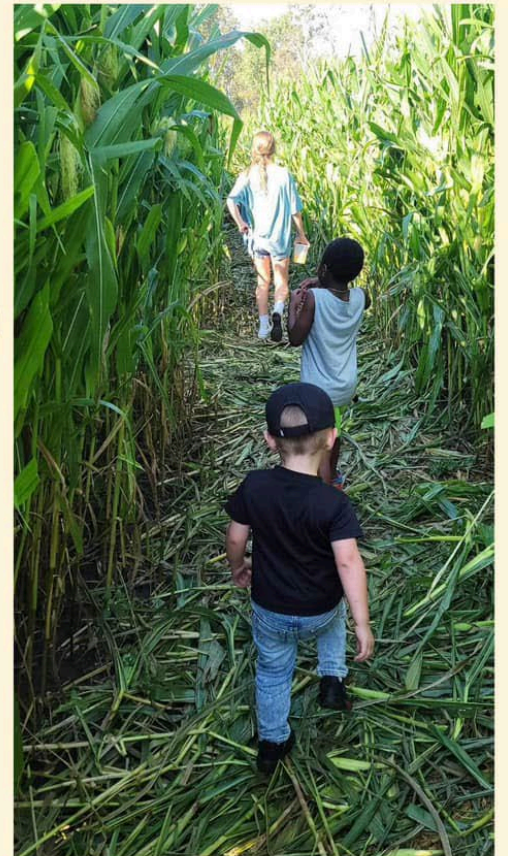


Corn Maze



Face Painting

Pumpkin/Produce Stand







HOSTED BY: CURIOUS CLOVERS 4-H CLUB



# HOILDAY

*Whobilation*

Christmas market


Join the Grinch for the wackiest Fun Run around! Dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character or an ugly sweater for your run around Whoville. Remember it's not a race but a place. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be waiting to have breakfast with you after the run! Will the Grinch steal your whohash?

Pancake breakfast with the Grinch



## MONTCALM FAIRGROUNDS

8784 Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838





Fun run with the grinch

**November 23**  
**9 a.m-2 p.m**

Parking Fee  
\$5 per vehicle

Pictures with Mr.  
And Mrs. Claus



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**MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H**  
**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE**  
**PRESENTS:**



# Holiday Bake-Off



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23RD | NOON**  
**MONTCALM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**



**YOUTH AGES 5-19 COMPETE TO WIN THE 6TH**  
**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE-OFF**

**FAMILIES CAN WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A**  
**GINGERBREAD HOUSE (FROM SCRATCH OR KIT)**



**REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/4HCCCBAKEOFF/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcccbakeoff/)**

**AFTER JUDGING, BAKED GOODS ARE**  
**AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME WITH A**  
**DONATION.**



**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT, HELP THE 4-H CCC**  
**PROVIDE FREE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE**  
**COUNTY'S YOUTH.**

MSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND MATERIAL ARE OPEN TO ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, RELIGION, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY STATUS, OR VETERAN STATUS.







**Montcalm County 6th Annual 4-H Bake-Off**  
**ALL YOUTH Ages 5 to 19 WELCOME! Special "Teams" Welcome TOO!**  
**Youth do not need to be a 4-H member or live in Montcalm County to enter.**  
**This year is a Special "Holiday Bake-Off" Event!**

**When & Where:**

Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Noon at the Ash Building - Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds.  
Pre-Registration required. See information below.

**Rules:**

1. Participant divisions:
  - a. Cloverbuds – ages 5 to 7
  - b. Beginner – ages 8 to 11
  - c. Intermediate – ages 12 to 14
  - d. Advanced – ages 15 to 19
  - e. Gingerbread House - Family/Team consisting of 4 to 6 members, with no more than 2 adults plus youth ages 5 to 19, can enter on of the following categories:
    - i. From Scratch – Must provide recipe for gingerbread. Must be put together with Royal Icing (include recipe also) and be 100% edible.
    - ii. From Kit – Must be put together with Royal Icing (include recipe and kit name/brand) and be 100% edible.
2. Youth may enter both their age division with any type of "holiday baked good" & one of the two Gingerbread House divisions, but must make a separate product for each division. Deadline to Register through the Montcalm County MSUE is the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCCCBakeOff/>
3. Check-in 11am to Noon. You must arrive & check-in by Noon to participate. Judging starts immediately thereafter. Winners will be announced immediately after completion of judging.
4. 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 both Gingerbread Divisions. 1<sup>st</sup> prize in each of these groups will be \$25 and a rosette ribbon.
5. All Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Entries will be judged on:
  - a. General Appearance
  - b. Texture
  - c. Taste
  - d. Participant's knowledge of recipe
  - e. Presentation by the participant.
9. Participants are encouraged to dress-up in holiday attire, costume or wear 4-H attire and bring the proper serving utensils and gloves.
10. In the event of a tie, all judges will work together to choose a winner.





# FOODS & NUTRITION RECIPE CARD



Exhibitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ I am a:  Beginner  Interm.  Advanced

Name of Recipe \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. bread, casserole, heritage foods, etc.)

## Ingredients:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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## Instructions: (you may use the back of this page if necessary)

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Put a picture of the finished product here



**LINK TO REGISTER:**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCCCBakeOff/>



★ MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H ★

# VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



“HEROES NOT JUST IN HISTORY, BUT EVERY DAY”

**DATE / TIME:**

November 9, 2024  
11:00 am

Join us for a fun filled family luncheon,  
honoring all who have served.

**ADDRESS :**

Ash Building / Fairgrounds  
8784 Peck Rd., Greenville

Does your family have a military member currently serving, a Veteran, or do you have a deceased family member that was a Veteran that you would like to honor? We have a very special “Thank You” luncheon planned in honor of Veterans Day, and we would love to show our appreciation to those that have served or are currently serving. The registration form is on the following page and needs to be emailed to Sunni by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

