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Montcalm County 4-H Newsletter

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What I'm Working On

Good afternoon,

There are some great opportunities coming up around the State and in Montcalm that are mentioned in this newsletter so, please read!

If you have any questions or issues you are always welcome to contact me or come in and visit. My schedule varies from week to week due to meetings, so please call to make sure I will be in the office before you come in.

There are quite a few clubs that I have not heard from regarding their financial statements. I need to know whether or not a club has a bank account. If they do, then their bank statements need to be sent to the Extension Office whether by mail or email. I need to hear back from these clubs by September 30th, or that club will be inactive. An inactive club is not allowed to hold meetings nor are the members allowed to re-enroll for the new year.

Save the Dates!

September 30, 2017 - Club and Committee End of Year reports are due!

October 2, 2017 - Fair board meeting 7 p.m. - Ash Building

October 3, 2017 - 4-H Council meeting 6:30 p.m. - MSUE office

October 5, 2017 - Dog Committee meeting 6 p.m. - Ash Building

October 10, 2017 - Horse Leaders meeting 7 p.m. - Ash Building

October 15, 2017 - Youth Swine Clinic 10 a.m.-Noon - Livestock Pavilion

October 16, 2017 - Small Animal committee meeting 6 p.m. - Ash Building

Livestock meeting 7 p.m. - Ash Building

October 19, 2017 - Fair Association Annual Dinner 6 p.m. - Ash Building

November 12, 2017 - Awards Banquet / Family Fun Day (more info to come)

Thank you!

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Show your pride as a 4-H member and encourage fellow alumni to lend their hand to empower more kids. #4H #GrowsHere #Montcalm4H



Youth Swine Clinic

Come learn about how to choose your swine project and how to feed them in preparation for fair.

Free to 4-H Youth and 4-H leaders. Oct. 15, 2017 10 a.m. – Noon at the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds Livestock Pavilion.

Derrick Alward, Feed Representative from Lindner United, will help 4-Hers decide how and when to feed their hogs.

He will discuss pan feeding vs. self-feeders. He will also discuss nutrition needs of a 4-H swine project.

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This Clinic is open to surrounding counties.

Website

As always, making changes to the MSUE website is a never-ending process. All Changes have to go through campus for approvals, so please be patient when waiting for changes to be made. Thanks!

Facebook Pages

I do provide updates and information on the Montcalm County 4H page. Please LIKE the page if you have not done so already.

Please keep in mind that the Facebook page is for informational purposes only and is not the place for complaints. Please remember that we have a code of conduct to follow and any complaints posted on FB will be deleted. If you have an issue, please contact your leader or myself so we can follow the appropriate procedures.

Record Books Superintendent

We are looking for someone to be the new Record Books Superintendent. Our current person has decided to step down as Superintendent. This is a big job so more than one person would be great! Please contact me if you are interested.

4-H Enrollment

The 2017-2018 4-H enrollment period has begun. Club leaders, please make sure that we get your club registration forms filled out and turned in to the MSUE office as soon as possible, but no later than September 30th, and that you and your project leaders are re-enrolled so we can approve you in 4-H Online.

Re-enrolling youth need to have their enrollments completed in 4-H online and their fees paid by December 1, 2017. New youth (someone who has never been enrolled in 4-H) enrolling in 4-H have until April 1, 2018 to enroll in 4-H Online and have their fees paid.

All volunteers and project leaders need to complete the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) BEFORE they enroll in 4-H Online. Parents, do not enroll yourself in 4-H online unless you have completed the VSP process.

Reminder that this year the participation fee is now \$20 per youth (maximum of \$60 for families with 4 or more youth) for the year. Scholarship applications can be made available to those who need them.

4-H Workshops

September 12: Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4-h_club_leaders

Webinar

September 23-24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop-**CANCELLED DUE TO LOW ENROLLMENT!!!**

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 12: 4-H Club 201: Building Bridges

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

October 12: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_escanaba

Delta County MSU Extension Office, Escanaba

October 20: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_mt_pleasant

Mid-Michigan Community College, Mt. Pleasant

November 8: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_port_huron

St Clair County Administration Building, Port Huron

Other 4-H Events

September 23: Dickinson Outdoor Extravaganza

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson_outdoor_extravaganza

Cowboy Lake Park, Kingsford

September 26: Sustainable Ag Field Day for 4-H and Informal Educators

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/sustainable_ag_field_day_for_4h_informal_educators

W.K. Kellogg Biological Field Station, Hickory Corners

October 6: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_foundation_annual_meeting

MSU Kellogg Center, Lansing

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest

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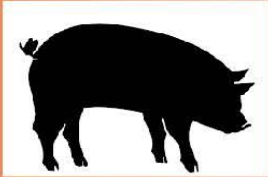
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

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