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Montcalm County 4-H Newsletter

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What I'm Working On

Good afternoon,

There are lots of great opportunities coming up around the State and in Montcalm that are mentioned in this newsletter so, as always, 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.

Save the Dates!

March 1, 2018 - Camping Reservation Open March 1st, 2018 @ 8am

March 1, 2018 - Dog Comm. meeting 6:00 p.m. - Ash Building

March 5, 2018 - Fair Board meeting 7:00 p.m. - Ash Building

March 6, 2018 - 4-H Advisory Council meeting 6:30 p.m. - MSUE

March 13, 2018 - Horse Leaders meeting 7:00 p.m. - Ash Building

March 19, 2018 - Sm. Anim. comm. meeting 6:00 p.m. - Ash Building

- Livestock comm. meeting 7:00 p.m. - Ash Building

March 24, 2018 - 4-H Council Breakfast & Auction - Ash Building

April 1, 2018 - Deadline for New 4-H enrollments into 4-H Online and participation fees to be into the MSU Extension office!

Thank you!

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Show your pride as a #4HGrown alum & encourage fellow alums to raise their hand to empower more kids: [#MI4H](http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand)



2018 4-H Breakfast and Benefit Auction

The 2018 4-H Breakfast and Benefit Auction will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds – Ash Building. All proceeds will be used to assist in Montcalm County 4-H programming including but not limited to scholarship for 4-H events. Thank you in advance for your continued club support and a successful auction in 2018! It's for the kids!!

Fair

Calling all clubs! Please let us or the Fair know if any clubs are interested in planning an event for Kids Day. And as always, Please remember that changes are being made to the Fair book and forms, so please be patient and we will get them posted on the website as we receive them. Thanks!

Scholarships

Please remember that scholarship application need to be filled out and submitted if you are needing a scholarship for an event. Also, please note that if you are awarded a scholarship, but do NOT show up at the event then you will be required to reimburse the amount of the scholarship.

Make-N-Take

We are in the process of planning a Make and Take crafting session for Cloverbud age youth. We are hoping to use this event to bring youth from different areas and clubs together for a county wide event. Please watch for more info to come.

Exploration Days

4-H Exploration Days teaches responsibility, not as a burden, but as a sense of connection and empowerment. Registration for Exploration Days opens up on March 13th! Take note that sessions fill up FAST, so make sure that you get your registrations turned in ASAP. The registration book and forms are available now on the web [here!](#) Scholarships are available for those who would like to attend. We have also requested some additional \$40 campus scholarships that will be awarded. 4-H Exploration Days will once again afford you the opportunity to earn some Digital Badges. Badges can be earned for both attendance and participation in the 2018 event.

You won't want to miss the show at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts on the opening evening at 8 p.m. You must be registered for 4-H Exploration Days to attend the show. Plan now to be there!

4-H Events

Make sure to keep an eye on the upcoming events on the MSUE website's 4-H Events and Workshops page! Here is the link http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/montcalm/4_h_calendar_1 There are LOTS of fun upcoming events both on campus and at Kettunen Center! We have also attached some flyers for upcoming events!

4-H Statewide Events

March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2

March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H FunFest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest

Goat Workshop

March 18, 2018 Noon-3:00 pm @ the Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason, Main Arena

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth and adults involved or interested in the goat project area.

DESCRIPTION:

Topics covered will include goat first aid; grooming and fitting both dairy and market goats, showmanship, cart driving and the goat digestive system. There will also be a skillathon contest.

PRE-REGISTRATION BY MARCH 12, 2018

Please RSVP at weissgle@anr.msu.edu

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

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STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

Contests:

- Quiz Bowl
- Breed Judging
- Skill-a-thon
- Illustrated talk
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Cookery & Foods
- Arts & Crafts
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Cost:

\$5 per participant, \$3 per contest

Age Requirements:

All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2018.
Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...

For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270 or ockertka@anr.msu.edu

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

To Register visit

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2018goatexpo/>

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April 14, 2018

**Michigan State University, Anthony Hall
East Lansing, MI**

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

Montcalm County Youth 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show



LOCATION: Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds Ash Building
8784 Peck Road, Greenville, MI 48838



Saturday, April 28, 2018

Enter between 7:00 & 8:30 a.m. — Show starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Showmanship

\$2.00 entry

Trophy for each class winner:

- Cloverbuds: 4-H ages 5 - 8 (participation awards only – no placing/trophies)
- Beginners: 4-H ages 9 - 10
- Juniors: 4-H ages 11 - 12
- Intermediates: 4-H ages 13 - 14
- Seniors: 4-H ages 15 - 19

~ Place ribbons up to 5th place ~

** *Educational Posters exhibits will be judged.*

BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

WORKSHOP ON MARKET RABBITS 9-9:45am

Breed Class — Rabbit & Cavy

\$3.00 entry fee – Breed
\$2.00 entry fee – Fur/Wool

Awards for:

- Rabbits – BOB & BOS
- Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Pens/Fryer
- Best Reserve in Show
- Best in Show
- Cavy – BOB & BOS
- Cavy – Best in Show & Reserve in Show
- Cloverbuds – participation awards only – no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 3rd place ~

For more information contact:

* Kristen Diehl - (989) 560-7530

* Linda Peterson – (989) 814-0691

~ Delicious Concessions will be available ~

~ Master Corner Cage Dealer will be present ~

EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CARRYING CAGES WITH LEAK-PROOF BOTTOMS FOR ALL ANIMALS

~ **Animals just in regular cages will not be permitted!**

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Directions:

From the South: (picking up M-66 from I-96) Head North on M-66 toward Stanton (21 miles); Turn left, toward Greenville, on West M-57 (9 miles); Turn right onto North M-91, continuing through Greenville (2.5 miles); Turn right onto Peck Road & go about 1/4 mile before coming to the fairgrounds.

From the West: (picking up M-57 from 131) Head East on M-57 until you hit M-91 (16 miles); Turn left onto North M-91, continuing through Greenville (2.5 miles); follow same directions "From the South".

From the East: (picking up M-57 from 127) Head West on M-57 until you hit M-91 (34 miles); Turn right onto North M-91, continuing through Greenville (2.5 miles); follow same directions "From the South".

From the North: (picking up M-46 from 127) Head West on M-46 until you hit M-91 (30 miles); Turn left onto South M-91, (15.5 miles); Turn left

Profits will go to the Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee to fund rabbit programs, equipment, and committee expenses.

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