Happy Spring!
Thank you to Brushwood, Busy Bunny Raisers, Hide N Hares, Country Neighbors, and Millennium Showmen for attending the 4-H Council meeting on March 22! We had a better attendance than normal and we hope to see this trend continue with more of our clubs represented at the 4-H Council meetings.

Are you looking for an activity to do with your club but do not have the resources to do so? Contact the MSU Extension office to see what type of activity supplies we have on hand. We currently have many resources that are for your use including sewing machines, wood burning kits, craft supplies, zoonotic disease kits, and some really great kits that cover beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, rabbits, horses, and dairy. There is a lot of curriculum available through MSU Extension and online that covers nearly anything you can think of and I encourage clubs to use this information.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to make your 4-H experience better!

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator, Clare County

April Showers Bring May Flowers!
The 4-H Council is asking that all Clare County 4-H Families sell 3 plants during the Plant Sale Fundraiser. Order forms are included in this newsletter and all administrative leaders have a form for each family. The club that sells the most will win a $50 pizza gift card to throw a pizza party with your club! The money raised from this fundraiser goes directly towards things like the 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship, 4-H camp and Exploration Days registration fees, Make A Wish Scholarships, Holiday Craft Day and much more!
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

April 11: The “Write” Stuff Communications Training: Your 4-H Market Animal Project
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=02C2B6A3D674F22B
Wexford County MSU Extension Office, Cadillac

April 28-30: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=4AC5F2D9F5BE2CEA
Kettunen Center, Tustin

May 13-14: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing

May 20-21: Teens as Teachers Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3828E28B31BCA578
Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 2-4: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

April 8: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4_h_hairy_horse_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 22: Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Expo
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

May 11: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=194D71E9BDAF67A7
MSU, East Lansing

May 20: State 4-H Poultry Show
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E025CAFF6B2A6962
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte Michigan State University

June 3: Iron Belle Trail Challenge
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_55920---,00.html

June 21-23: Michigan 4-H Exploration Days
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing

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

Thank you to those that helped make the 4th Annual Scrap and Craft a success. It was a good time and everyone had fun time. Much thanks to those that donated, food, prizes and time.

Country Community Club, Hill Top 4-H Club, Chris Ogg, Penny Brewer, Cindy Dietsch, Parker Thompson, Alex Schunk, Save A Lot, Family Fare, Marybeth Denton, Josette & Mark Given, Mary Mathews, Mark & Donna Thompson.
Teens as Teachers, A Unique Michigan 4-H Workshop

This workshop (http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw), for Michigan 4-H’ers (http://bit.ly/12NxljN), who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, provides opportunities to:

- Learn skills such as: communication, critical thinking, evaluation, facilitation, leadership, organization, responsibility, self-motivation and teamwork
- Use the 4-H Experiential Learning Model (http://bit.ly/2mxjdN6) to engage youth in rich learning experiences
- Make learning fun and relatable to the young people they teach
- Serve as positive role models for other youth
- Bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs, county programs and local communities
- Find out about career opportunities

Participants will select one of the following workshop tracks.

4-H Ag Innovators Experience (http://bit.ly/2m0lT2W)
To meet the challenges of feeding a growing world population, we need more young people entering the science and agriculture workforce. This track features the Healthy Soils CSI Challenge (http://bit.ly/2lhXfO8). While teaching life skills, the challenge promotes career exploration in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) and agriculture. In Michigan, it will reach a minimum of 1,000 youth in classrooms, afterschool, camps or 4-H groups.

Leadership Through Parliamentary Procedure
In this track, teens will learn multiple activities to assist other young people to use parliamentary procedure to improve meeting productivity and become better leaders! This is one of Michigan 4-H’s most requested trainings.

Money Skills Education
If you are interested in (1) helping younger youth, (2) making a positive impact in your community or (3) teaching children, this track will give you the skills to do so! Track participants will teach basic financial concepts, using children’s books and hands-on activities, to 200 elementary-school students in classrooms, afterschool programs, camps or 4-H groups.

Share Your Love of Science
The True 4-H Science Leaders (http://bit.ly/2lDD2hD) program is designed to help teens develop skills, implement plans and voice their love of science with others in their community. In addition, participants will engage in a variety of hand-on science investigations to learn ways to help others experience the excitement of science exploration!


What Is the Workshop Cost? $45 - This covers meals, lodging and program materials.

How Can Someone Register?
Registration for the conference is available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw). If a registrant’s county is offering scholarships, it is important to check with the county (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county), before registering.

More information is available from:
- The Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2m0dhcw)
- Betty Jo Krosnicki (nashbett@msu.edu)
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)

SAVE YOUR JUNK!
Please save toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, bottle tops, pop can tabs, wire, or anything that can be used to make junk drawer robotic cars for Summer Camp Blast. Please turn in your “junk” to Alex at the MSU Extension office before June 1.
CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April
3: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Clare County Building Room A
18: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm MMCC Superior Room
26: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm MMCC Superior Room

May
1: New Club Member Enrollment Deadline
1: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
13: 4-H Small Animal Swap Meet, Harrison Moose Lodge
16: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm Location TBD
20: 4-H Dog, Cat, and Goat Workshop, Clare County Fairgrounds
24: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Location TBD

June
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
10: 4-H Heartland Rabbit, Cavy & Poultry Show, Clare County Fairgrounds
19: 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp, Camp Neyati
20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm Location TBD
20-23: 4-H Summer Camp, Camp Neyati
27-29: Summer Blast Camp, MMCC
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Location TBD

July
10: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
18: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm Location TBD
19: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
24-29: Clare County Fair

October
5: Science Blast, 5-7pm, MMCC Harrison

December
2: Holiday Craft Day, 10am-1pm, Jay’s Sporting Goods

Adult and Teen Volunteer Opportunities: There are many upcoming events where we are in need of volunteers including the Summer Blast at MMCC and Summer Camp at Camp Neyati (Adults and Teens). Anyone who is interested in these opportunities should contact Alex at the MSU Extension office.
Did you know that the Clare County 4-H Council will reimburse half of your registration fee cost for 4-H Exploration Days and 4-H Camp at Camp Neyati? There is no need to do any extra paperwork to take advantage of this discounted rate. As long as youth are registered, attend the event and are actively participating in Clare County 4-H, your family will be reimbursed after the event takes place.

What is a Make-A-Wish Scholarship?
The purpose of the Make-A-Wish is to financially help 4-H clientele with learning experiences and activities. The Make-A-Wish applicants must be a Clare County 4-H volunteer, parent, or member. Scholarships will reimburse up to 50% of the cost, up to four 4-H sponsored educational events per program year per applicant. The scholarships can be used for attending education activities like Kettunen Center events, 4-H camps across the state or any other 4-H educational activities.
Livestock Information:
Dairy Feeder and Lamb Weigh-In: Friday, April 21, 5-7pm, Clare County Fairgrounds. Dairy Feeders must weigh less than 275 pounds, lambs must weigh less than 80 pounds.
Swine Weigh-In: Saturday, April 22, 8-11am, Clare County Fairgrounds. Pigs must weigh less than 100 pounds.

CCJLA forms are due to Tonya by April 1 or you will not be allowed to weigh in animals at Spring Weigh In. Contact Tonya at tonyajo32@yahoo.com or 989-429-5731 if you are in need of those forms.

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA): Any youth that plans on having a swine project needs to be PQA certified. PQA is scheduled for the following dates:
April 18, 6:30pm Mid Michigan Community College
June 15, 3pm Clare County Building Room A

Small Animal Information:
Project Sheets: due by mail May 15 to Parker Thompson 6731 North Rodgers Avenue, Harrison, Michigan 48625. Broiler project sheets need to be turned in by April 15.
Auction Sheets and Membership Forms: due July 3 to Ursula Jehnzen 2933 Timberlane Road Harrison, Michigan 48625

Fair Entry Forms: Due by Noon on Saturday, June 24, 2017, to the Clare County Fair Office PO Box 698, Harrison, Michigan 48625

Fair Theme: Animated Movies. Colors—Pink, Orange, and Lime Green

4-H Small Animal Association Vice President Needed: The Vice-President shall be elected for the term of one year. 4-H teen members (15-19 years old) may be elected to the office of Vice-President and shall be assigned an adult adviser for the term of office. The Vice-President shall have the following responsibilities: 1. Conducts meetings in the absence of the President. 2. Represents the Clare County 4-H Small Animal Association on the Clare County 4-H Council. Those that are interested in this position need to attend the next 4-H Small Animal Association meeting on Monday, April 3.

Record Keeping Books: Youth that plan on completing a 4-H Record Keeping in any project (livestock, small animal, horse) can find the new an improved books at the MSU Extension office or online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/clare/clare_county_4_h. There is now one book general format that is used for all species but is broken down into youth age groups.
4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Who: 4-H and Non 4-H Youth who are between the ages of 5 and 8 as of January 1, 2017.

What: A one day camp experience for youth, including crafts, t-shirt painting, swimming, nature study, snacks, and transportation to and from your county (Midland/Clare)

Where: Camp Neyati located at 2052 Hillcrest Drive, Lake, Michigan 49632

When: Monday, June 19, 2017

How: Register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/DayCamp4HMidlandClare/ beginning March 14. A packet of information with specific details will be sent as soon as you have registered and paid.

Cost: 4-H Members $50 and Non 4-H members $61

For more information and questions contact Midland County 4-H Program Coordinator Dee Howe at howedolo@msu.edu or Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator Alex Schunk at alex.schunk@msu.edu.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contact Dee Howe or Alex Schunk, by June 1, to make arrangements. Request received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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4-H Overnight Summer Camp

Who: 4-H and Non 4-H Youth who are between the ages of 9 and 14 as of January 1, 2017. (Youth 15 and over needed as counselors)

What: An opportunity for youth to focus on a topic of interest while participating in all camp experiences.
- Shooting Sports & Fishing
- Swimming & Boating
- Crafts & Sports & Campfires

Where: Camp Neyati is located at 2052 Hillcrest Drive, Lake, Michigan 49632

When: June 20 (9:00 AM Arrival) to June 23 (9:00 AM Pick Up)

How: Register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/Overnight/ beginning March 20. A packet of information with specific details will be sent as soon as you have registered and paid.

Cost: 4-H Members $125 and Non 4-H members $136

For more information and questions contact Midland County 4-H Program Coordinator Dee Howe at howedolo@msu.edu or Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator Alex Schunk at 989-539-7805 or by email schunkal@anr.msu.edu

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Adventures in Outdoor Fun
4-H Outdoor/Environmental Workshop

Want to know more for leading youth about the outdoors? This workshop includes elements of adventure, outdoor and environmental education to provide youth leaders with some tools, strategies and activities to engage youth in some creative learning opportunities. Learn to lead activities such as Backstabber, Human knot, Fire in the Hole & Willow in the Wind. More importantly, discover ways to build confidence in youth so they can grow to be better citizens! In addition, your abilities to teach and mentor will be enhanced.

When: April 10th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Where: Mid Michigan Community College
       Room CSS 234
       2600 S Summerton Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI

Cost: FREE!

Participants will be provided resource materials and light snacks

To register please contact: Nick Baumgart at baumga75@anr.msu.edu or 906-774-0363. Registration deadline is April 5th.

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DATE & TIME:
Sunday, June 18, 2017
1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Comerica Park, Detroit

REGISTRATION:
http://m.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/special-events/4h

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
4-H Friends and Families

DESCRIPTION:
Join Michigan 4-H as the Detroit Tigers take on the Rays and receive a Tigers/4-H Shirt.

Sunday Kids Day—Presented by: Chevy Youth Baseball

Sunday Kids Days feature a pregame interactive kids area and the Every Kid. Every Sunday giveaway guarantee where every fan 14-and-under will receive a free promotional item. In addition, Kids Days will feature free rides for kids on the Fly Ball Ferris Wheel and Carousel, presented by Kroger, free face painting, and Kids Run the Bases following the game, presented by Aquafina, weather permitting.

CONTACT:
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10" Hanging Baskets- $15.00 each

Boston Ferns  
New Guinea Impatiens  
Wave Petunias

Flats of Mixed Color Annuals- $12.00 each

Petunias  
Impatiens  
Profusion Zinnias

4" Geraniums- $20.00 a flat of 18 or $1.25 each

Red  
White
2017 4-H SPRING FLOWER SALE

4" Potted Geraniums - $20.00 a flat (18 per flat) or $1.25 each
Petunias, Impatiens & Zinnias - $12.00 a flat (Sold in flats only) - 18 plants per flat
Hanging Baskets - $15.00 each
Tentative Delivery Date: Friday, May 19, 2017
Proceeds for Clare County 4-H Programs

Please turn in your orders and money to the MSU Extension office by May 10, 2017 at (989) 539-7805

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