4-H Program Coordinator’s Message

First, I would like to thank each one of you who play a part in the success of the Clare County Fair! Thank you to those that helped with the 4-H events throughout the week including Fun Night, Glow Dance, Cloverbud Show and those that worked in the Milk Booth and Foodstand. A special thanks to those that spent extra time in the Foodstand when help was needed!

I had many of you, including many teens, share their thoughts and ideas about changes that should be made. I encourage all of you that have ideas for the coming years to attend a Small Animal, Livestock, and/or 4-H Council meeting to share those ideas. The full schedule of those meetings and their locations for the upcoming 4-H year will be coming out soon.

I will be out of the office August 7-11 and will not be available during that time. Please call the MSU Extension Office if you need assistance with any 4-H matters. I hope you all have a great rest of your summer and I look forward to working with you all in the coming 4-H year!

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H Award Nomination Packets: Due Thursday, August 17, 2017 to the MSU Extension Office.

Club Year End Forms: Due Thursday, August 31, 2017 to the MSU Extension Office. Leaders and member’s status on 4HOnline will not be changed from “active” to “pending” until these forms are turned in.

Leader Update: Save the date! Monday, September 18, 2017, 6pm, Location TBD
The Leader Update Meeting is mandatory for all leaders. All other adult volunteers and association and council officers are highly encouraged to attend. This year will feature special guest speakers and dinner for all attendees!
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

August 11-13: Kayaking, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2
Little Bay de Noc, Gladstone

August 18-20: Flat-Water Canoeing, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2
Manistee River near Kingsley

August 26-27: Global Village and Global Gateway Experience With 4-H
http://howellnaturecenter.org/programs/heifer-global-village/global-gateway
Howell Nature Center, Howell

September 22-24: Backpacking, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2
Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area, Free Soil

Other 4-H Events

July 30-August 3: National 4-H Forestry Invitational
http://4hforestryinvitational.org
Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Conference Center, Weston, West Virginia

August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A11B8C3CF0D2FB86
MSU, East Lansing

August 11-13: State 4-H Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

August 19: State 4-H Dog Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

August 19: Lansing Lugnuts 4-H Night!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/lansing_lugnuts_4_h_night
Cooley Law School Stadium, Lansing

August 20: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
South Barn, MSU Pavilion, Lansing

September 2: Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

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

This new, innovative, competitive event – created and sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://bit.ly/12NxjLN) for youth with a passion for science – will provide 4-H’ers the opportunities to:

- Understand the world around them and how they can use science to answer questions and research ways to improve their world.
- Learn how their 4-H projects connect to the world of science.
- Gain exposure to career pathways in science.
- Meet other Michigan 4-H’ers and 4-H leaders engaged in science projects and programs.
- Share their skills and passion for science by participating in one of the following three contests:
  1. **State 4-H Forestry.** This includes tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, and insect/disease identification.
  2. **State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program.** Contest participants will have an opportunity to develop leadership; appreciate the need and importance of conserving natural resources; learn about career opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields; and develop practical wildlife-management skills.
  3. **State 4-H Robotics Challenge.** Participants will compete in teams of 3 to 5 in a real-time challenge (unknown to the team in advance of the event). To accomplish their division challenges, team members must decide how to divide their time between designing, building and programming. Divisions are: LEGO Mindstorms Senior (aged 15 to 19), LEGO Mindstorms Intermediate (aged 12 to 14) and Junk Drawer (aged 9 to 11).

- **Have fun!**

Besides competing in one of the contests mentioned above, participants may also enter the 4-H Science Exploration Contest. Participants in this competition will share their exploration of a science-related problem or question through a poster, demonstration or display/exhibit prepared prior to the Expo. This contest will be divided into the following content topics: (1) animal and veterinary science, (2) biological science, (3) environmental and earth science, (4) health and food science, (5) physical science, (6) plant science, and (7) technology and engineering.

Who Should Attend?
Michigan 4-H’ers, 9 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017

When and Where Will the Expo Be Held?

What Is the Cost of the Expo?
The nonrefundable registration fee is $15 and there is an optional lunch for $10.50. All entry fees must be paid prior to the event date. Payment may be made on the registration system at the time of entry via credit card, or by cash or check at your local MSU Extension 4-H office (http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3). Entries without payment by the date of the event will be disqualified.

How Does Someone Register?
Preregistration by July 31, 2017 is required. Forms and complete information, including the event catalog, are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2s976VL).

More information about the Expo is available from:
- Your local MSU Extension 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Betty Jo Krosnicki (nashbett@msu.edu)
CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August
17: Award Nomination Forms due to the MSU Extension Office
31: Club Year End Forms Due to the MSU Extension Office

September
1: Club Reenrollment Opens for the 2017-18 4-H Year
11: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
18: Leader Update Meeting, 6pm, Location TBD
19: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
27: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
28: Award Applications due to the MSU Extension Office

October
2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
5: Science Blast, 5-7pm, MMCC Harrison
17: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
25: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

November
1: Annual 4-H Fall Awards Banquet, 6:30pm, Harrison Lion’s Building
6: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
14: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD

December
1: Club Reenrollment for the 2017-18 4-H Year Closes
2: Holiday Craft Day, 10am-1pm, Jay’s Sporting Goods
4: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
6: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

CLARE COUNTY NEWS

Fair Information:
Camping: 2018 Campground Reservations are $25 and will be accepted starting October 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017. Lots not reserved by this date will be filled on a first come first serve bases. The camping fee will be $125 and is due by July 14, 2018. Lots not paid in full by July 16, 2018 will be subject to a $25 late. Call the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 with any questions.

Flower Pot Contest Winners:
Youth 6” Pot and Smaller: 1st Place-Linde Davison, 2nd Place- Tyler Brandt
Youth 7” Pot and Larger: 1st Place– Grace Taylor, 2nd Place– Jennifer Dietsch,
3rd Place– Tyler Brandt, 4th Place- Kayley Ellis
Adult 7” Pot and Larger: 1st Place– Carol Forkum

Club Poster Contest Winner:
1st Place– Busy Bunny Raisers

GARDEN KEEPERS NEEDED

We are in need of families and/or individuals to sign up to water, pull weeds and keep up the flower beds and planters at the 4-H Foodstand, Milk Booth, and MSU Extension Building throughout the summer. This has to be done weekly, especially when it does not rain. See attached schedule and contact Alex at the MSU Extension office to claim the time that you are able to volunteer. This can make a great project for teens!
Michigan State University (MSU) Extension would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some changes to the Michigan 4-H participation fee that will be implemented this fall. Beginning Sept. 1, 2017, the annual participation fee will be $20 per youth or $60 per family, whichever is lowest, for any youth ages 5-19 who participates in any type of on-going or in-depth 4-H program. This is the first increase in 4-H participation fees in 10 years. Even with this increase, I am sure you will continue to find Michigan 4-H is one of the best investments you can make in your child’s growth and development as a result of the many diverse opportunities and benefits available to our state’s 4-H members.

When this change takes affect on September 1, 2017, all American Income Life insurance fees for youth and adult volunteers will be included in the youth participation fee. Adult volunteers will no longer be asked to pay insurance fees but adults, along with youth, will still be covered under the insurance.

It is important to note that with these changes, MSU Extension remains committed to ensuring that participation fees will not be a barrier to 4-H participation for any youth. Scholarship are available to families unable to pay the participation fee. Please contact Alex Schunk, 4-H Program Coordinator with questions about these scholarships or other matters related to the Clare County 4-H program.
Garden Keeper Sign Up

Watering and weeding flowerbeds at the 4-H Foodstand, MSU Extension Building, and Milk Booth
Keep an eye on the weather during your week. Bring your own tools (bucket, garden hose, etc.)
Week is measured from Monday to Sunday

Name

Week of May 29:

Week of June 5:

Week of June 12: Joanna Krell

Week of June 19: Katery Stoike

Week of June 26:

Week of July 3: Donna Thompson

Week of July 10: Tammie Armstrong

Week of July 17: Jennifer Lewis

Week of July 24: Jennifer Lewis

Week of July 31:

Week of August 7: Joanna Krell

Week of August 14: Brushwood Club

Week of August 21: Penny Brewer

Week of August 28: Margaret Price

Week of September 4:
4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

A Communications Workshop for 4-H members, teen leaders, ambassadors, and community issue advocates

Thursday, August 17, 2017  
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Mid Michigan Community College  
(Mt Pleasant campus)  
2600 S Summerston Rd  
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

This workshop is also being planned in SE Michigan (Macomb); details TBA

Who: Michigan 4-H members (12-19 years old on January 1, 2017)
What: Communications workshop for 4-H members. Learn about a variety of communication tools and strategies for crafting an effective message to tell the “so what” of the 4-H message.
Why: Because Michigan 4-H members are doing amazing things and the world should know about it!!
How: Register online by August 9th at:  
https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenSpokesperson17/  
$15 registration fee; includes continental breakfast & lunch

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS
- Dining etiquette
- Practice public speaking
- Promote 4-H
- Preparing for an interview
- Breakout sessions may include: social media, video, photography, or public speaking

» Dress attire for workshop: Business Casual
» Questions: contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-648-2515

Project funding provided by National 4-H Council grant:

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Teen “Chopped” Competition


When & Where:
*August 29, 2017 - initial meeting 6pm-8pm @ the Isabella County Building, room 320

*2 or more practice times with your team dates/location TBD by each team

*September 16, 2017 - FINAL COMPETITION 3 pm—9 pm—Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

Cost: Free

How: Complete and turn in the application to the MSU Extension office by 8/18/2017. For application, questions or more information, contact: MSU Extension at 989-317-4079 or lynchka4@anr.msu.edu

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