4-H Program Coordinator’s Message

First, I would like to congratulate all of our members, volunteers, parents, and community members who were recognized at the 4-H Fall Awards Banquet in November. Also, thank you to the Awards Committee, Banquet Committee, and everyone who made food and helped with set up and clean up!

Now that we are well into the new 4-H year your clubs should start planning meetings and activities. If you are looking for a way to give back to your community during this holiday season; there are many opportunities and ideas to do so. If your club is interested in doing a community service project and needs ideas, contact the MSU Extension office.

I would also like to announce that as of November 1, I am officially the Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the Date!

4-H Tubing Party: Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Snow Snake in Harrison

4-H Heartland Rabbit, Cavy, and Poultry Show: Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Clare County Fairgrounds

4-H Exploration Days: June 21-23, 2017, at Michigan State University

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2-H Workshops

December 17: 4-H State Awards Application Preparation Workshop
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Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Sandusky

2017

January 10: 4-H State Awards Application Preparation Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3CFD4F16E07652E9
Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

January 28-29: Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

2017

January 22: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Contact Jane Love (lovejan@msu.edu)
Jack Breslin Events Center, East Lansing

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=548EEEDFD1D9C7E0
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

March 11-12: Challenge U 4-H Funfest
Contact Michelle Neff (hydemich@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

Zoonotic Kits

There are new Zoonotic Disease Kits available at the MSU Extension office for your use! They make for a great club activity especially during the winter months while you might be having meetings indoors.
A Very Special Event for Younger 4-H’ers

While Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) offers many educational opportunities for youth of all ages, there is a special, award-winning workshop for younger 4-H’ers (aged 8 to 12).

What and Why
4-H Winterfest (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2)

At this event, participants will:
- Spend two days learning new skills from experts in six different, action-packed sessions of their choice. Project areas may include crafts, science and technology, dance movement, shooting sports, healthy living, animal science and international education. Through such 4-H projects, young people enjoy hands-on activities, while developing life skills (http://bit.ly/1PVDmlX). For example, by allowing 4-H’ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At 4-H Winterfest, youth also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”
- Experience some outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, outdoor cooking, tubing, snowshoeing and possibly hiking in the woods along the trails
- Enjoy an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who Should Attend
4-H’ers who are 8 to 12 years old as of January 1, 2017

Where
Kettunen Center (http://www.kettunencenter.org) in Tustin

When
February 4 to 5, 2017 (begins Saturday morning and ends before lunch on Sunday)

How
The Winterfest schedule and registration will be available in early December on the 4-H events web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h). The $70 registration fee includes overnight housing, three meals, all session supplies and a special gift.

While you wait for 4-H Winterfest registration information to be posted on the Michigan 4-H web site, you can check the following for more information:
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- The Winterfest Facebook page (http://bit.ly/2eOnF2x)
- Start Thinking About 4-H Winterfest Coming in February (http://bit.ly/2fgW36S)

This workshop fills up quickly, so keep your eye peeled for registration information!
4-H/Michigan Quarter Horse Association Clinic Weekend: February 3 - 4 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Horse judging clinic on Friday evening and practice horse judging on Saturday along with clinics and a tack sale. There is a Clare County 4-H volunteer willing to take youth to this event, contact the MSU Extension office for more information or visit this website: http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs

4-H State Awards: Youth who were nominated and then recognized at the 4-H Fall Awards Banquet for a 4-H State Award are highly encouraged to apply for their respective award category. Applications are due February 1, 2017. There is a webinar training for teens, volunteers, and parents wanting to learn more about the State Award process on Monday, December 12 at 6:30pm. Contact the MSU Extension office for more information.

Mark of Excellence: 4-H members 11 or 12 years old could be the recipient of the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, you need to write and essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can...” Essays need to be submitted to the Clare County MSU Extension office by February 1, 2017. County winners will be chosen then submitted to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

Farwell Festival of Lights: Come represent Clare County 4-H at the lighted parade! Saturday, December 10, at 5pm is the parade line up at Isabella Bank in Farwell. Wear your 4-H gear and join in on the theme, Elf on the Shelf.

Upcoming Events: There are many new and exciting things we have been working on at the MSU Extension office! In efforts to start more 4-H Outdoor Education programing in Clare County, we will be partnering with Mid Michigan Community College for a fun winter event. This event will include many activities for the family including snowshoeing.

Makayla Ogg from the Country Neighbors club is currently our co-op student and has been working on putting together two livestock events. This winter we’ll be hosting a clinic, “Don’t Break Me” from the new Youth Business Guide to Success. 4-H members and volunteers will learn how to market their animal projects and how to break even. Makayla is also working on organizing a livestock skill-a-thon to take place this Spring.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, contact Alex at the MSU Extension office. Stay tuned for more details!
2015-2016 Award Winners

**Ambassadors:** Devin DeGeer, Wesley Stillion, Breana Stillion, Jennifer Dietsch

**Rookie of the Year:** Age 15-19 Alleah Shellito and Paige McGuirk


**4-H Excellence Award:** Cassidy Ogg

**4-H Overall Achievement Award:** Katharina Jehnzen

**Dedication Award:** Logan Ashcroft

**Key Club Award:** Makayla Ogg

**Senior of the Year:** Katharina Jehnzen

**County Awards:**

- Hunter Forester – Achievement
- Luke Coats – Agriculture
- Makayla Ogg – Beef
- Tyler Brandt – Cavy
- Carla Slater – Community Service
- Dallas Witbeck – Dairy
- Cassidy Ogg – Demonstration
- Crysta Spivey – Dog Care/Training
- Travis Shea – Engines, Tractors, & Field Equipment
- Breanna Stillion – Gardening & Horticulture
- Allison Rawson – Horse
- Vanessa Foster – Industrial Arts
- Crysta Spivey – Knowledge
- Makayla Ogg – Leadership
- Shania Slater – Personal Development
- Breanna Stillion – Pets
- Skyler Ficek – Poultry
- TIE Wesley Stillion and Lily Ficek – Rabbits
- Katharina Jehnzen – Shooting Sports
- Cory Sheldon – Swine
- Gerald Stillion – Visual Arts

**Division Awards:**

- Home Arts – Vanessa Foster
- Small Animal – Lily Ficek
- Livestock – Cameron Ashcroft

**4-H State Award Nominations:**

- Tyler Brant – Rabbits & Cavy
- Leah Canal – Swine
- Shania Slater – Swine
- Katherina Jehnzen – Leadership
- Josiah Bear – Group Award
- Luke Coats – Diary Cattle Science
- Morgan Shea – Dairy Cattle Science
- Vanessa Foster – Communication & Expressive Arts
- Hunter Forester – Birds and Poultry

**4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship:** Josiah Bear, Paige Gould, Katharina Jehnzen

**Small Animal Overall Showmen:** Crysta Spivey

**Herdsmen of the Year:**

- Beef – Logan Ashcroft
- Sheep – Grace Zelt
- Swine – Brendan Haggart
- Dairy – Taylor Newman

**4-H Livestock Record Keeping:**

- Sheep – Kaylin Hall
- Swine – Jordan Brugger
- Beef – Morgan Shea
- Dairy Feeder – Haley Schunk

**4-H Small Animal Record Keeping:** Cameron McInnis

**4-H Image Award:** Swine Project Area – Superintendent Keith Haag

**Most Outstanding Small Animal Member:** Corey Sheldon

**4-H Poster Contest:** Busy Bunny Raisers club

**Flower Pot Contest:** Adult 7” and Larger – Carol Forkum

63 Cloverbuds, age 5-8, were enrolled in the 2015-16 year and recognized at the banquet

**4-H Leaders with 5 Years of Service:** Mike and Molly Fetzer

- 10 Years: Connie Miller and Donna Thompson
- 15 Years: Cindy Dietsch
- 20 Years: Margaret Price
- 25 Years: David Kinberg

**Friend of 4-H:** Trudy Foster and Mid Michigan Community College

**4-H Parent of the Year:** Gina Forester and Nate Shea

**Alumni of the Year:** Kim Langlois and Parker Thompson

**4-H leader of the Year:** Jenny Schunk

**2016 4-H Club of the Year:** Hide N Hares
## 2016-17 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

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For the Clare County Youth Equestrian Association (CCYEA) schedule contact Allyson Thompson at 989-386-9396 or Betty Mussell at 989-386-2916

*Please Note: Some meetings have location changes due to room availability and date changes due to holidays/fair.

Updated 11/29/16
Michigan 4-H Day
at the
Breslin Center
January 22, 2017

What: Celebrate MSU Extension’s 4-H youth with the MSU Women’s Basketball team as they take on the Purdue Boilermakers.

When: January 22, 2017. Northwest Kalamazoo Gate (Gate D) will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 3:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above. Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: FREE for school buses, all other buses are $20. Cars are $5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:
- Hear fellow 4-H’ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

Get in the game!
Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:
msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1
Contact your county MSU Extension office OR email Jane Love at lovejan@anr.msu.edu
The Clare County Fair Board is looking for your help! So, sharpen your pencils, crayons, markers or colored pencils and get out your clean sheets of paper and submit your entry for the 2017 Fairbook Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until Thursday, March 2, 2017.

The entry rules are as follows:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 9 to 19.
2. All entries must be camera ready, on white paper.
3. All entries must be on 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch paper with one inch white border.
4. All entries must include the following information:
   • That this is the 134th Clare County Fair
   • That the dates of the fair are July 24-29, 2017
5. Each entry must have the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, and 4-H Club and/or school written on the back.
6. Entries should depict some phase of Clare County Agriculture and/or Fair Scenes and be the original work of the 4-H member or student.
7. The winner will have their artwork on the cover, receive a $50 cash prize, and an armband for one day of midway rides. The three runners up will receive an armband for one day of midway rides as well.

Entries can be delivered to the MSU Extension office at 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625. For questions, please call (989) 539-7805.

The Clare County Fair Board is responsible for the judging of these entries.
Clare County 4-H Council
Event funds will support Clare County 4-H Endowment Fund

4th Annual
4-H SCRAP & CRAFT

Friday, March 10, 2017
6pm-12pm
Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Clare County Fairgrounds -
Harrison Lions Club
417 FAIRLANE
HARRISON, MI 48625

Join us for a fun and relaxing time away with friends scrapbooking & crafting in Harrison, MI.

Registration and payment due by March 6th.

Little Extras $5:
- Silent Auction
- Make-n-Take
- Neck/Shoulder Massages

Pre-Paid Admission Includes:
- Continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, desserts & refreshments
- Goodie Bags
- Door prize drawings
- Vendors on site

Youth ages 12-19 are welcome at a $15.00 rate when accompanied by a fully paid adult guest.

Cancellation Policy:
Cancellations must be received in writing by email, fax or mail.
Cancellations less than 1 week prior to the event will not receive a refund of any monies. There will be no refunds for ‘no shows’.

If you are able to fill your spot with another guest, please make arrangements between yourself and that person for the exchange of the money.

We reserve the right to cancel the event if there is not a minimum of 10 people. If that happens, we will refund your money.

Questions?
Donna Thompson
(989) 429-0303
djt66rt91@yahoo.com

Register soon, we expect this crop to fill quickly!

Sign up for:

☐ Friday evening $10.00
☐ Saturday $40.00
☐ Friday/Saturday $45.00

TOTAL PAID $_______

Method of Payment:
☐ Check made payable to 4-H Council
☐ Cash / Money Order

Mail completed form to:
Clare County 4-H Council
Attention: 4-H Scrap & Craft
PO Box 439
Harrison, MI 48625

4-H Scrap & Craft Registration Form

Name:
Address:
City, State Zip:
Phone:
Email (Note: only used for event confirmations & updates):
☐ Need Electricity
☐ Special Dietary Needs

Sitting With:
Group Name:

I understand that the scrapbook equipment (including the die cutting machine, punches and other equipment at the event) may cause injury if not used correctly & carefully. I agree and hold harmless, Clare County 4-H Council, Clare County Agricultural Society, Harrison Lions Club, Donna Thompson, from any injuries sustained as a result from the use of the equipment which has been provided for my use during the event. The Clare County 4-H Council will be held harmless against any loss, expenses, damages and liabilities in the event of injury or accident that may occur or has occurred at the 4-H Scrap & Craft Day. The Clare County 4-H Council will not be held responsible for damages, lost or stolen items. By attending this event, you consent to the use of photos in which you appear. By registering for this event, you agree to this disclaimer.