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Clare County

4-H Family News

December 2017/January 2018

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Now that we are entering the winter months you may be looking for ideas for your club meetings. There are many resources available in the MSU Extension Office that could make great winter projects for a club. 4-H has the following things available for your use: sewing machines, wood burning kits, animal science kits, zoonotic disease kits, and much more!

This is also a great time of year for clubs to complete a community service projects. If you are looking for ideas for your club, do not hesitate to ask!

I will be out of the office from December 22 to January 2 and will return to the office from the holiday break on January 3. At that time I will be following up with emails and messages that have come in during that time.

Have a great holiday season with your friends and family! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Alex Schunk

4-H Program Coordinator

4-H GROWS HERE

Save the Date!

Holiday Craft Day: Saturday, December 2, 2017, in the Outback Room at Jay's Sporting Goods

Winter Blast: Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Mid Michigan Community College

4-H Tubing Party: Saturday, February 17, 2018, at Snow Snake in Harrison

Animal Care and Wellbeing Workshop: Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in the Houghton Room at MMCC.

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Bad Weather Policy:
If two out of the three schools (Clare, Harrison, Farwell) close on the same day due to bad weather (snow, ice, etc.) any scheduled 4-H meeting/event will

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the date for Challenge U 4-H FunFest

Challenge U 4-H Funfest, held at the Kettunen Center, offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to participate in hands-on sessions that will engage youth in learning about themselves, food and being active.

Targeted to youth ages 9 to 13, the Challenge U 4-H Funfest provides an opportunity for younger 4-H youth to become familiar with the Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting.

Look for registration to open in January 2018.

For more information about this event, contact Michelle Neff at hydrmich@msu.

4-H Workshops

December 7: 4-H Treasurers Training

Dowagiac Union High School, Dowagiac

Being a 4-H treasurer is an important role. 4-H youth treasurer's learn valuable life skills to benefit their future.

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

December 12: 4-H Alumni Engagement Training

Northstar Cooperative Building, East Lansing

This session will highlight meaningful ways to maintain relationships and steward 4-H alumni. Topics will include: 4-H alumni as 4-H volunteers, 4-H donors and 4-H advocates.

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

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop

MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.

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

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County

Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--bay_county

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.

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

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin

Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing

Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.

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

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

SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you'll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0.

SHOP 4-H Online is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H with every purchase.

2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!

2017 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Free tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception.

Michigan 4-H'ers recite the American and 4-H pledges during the halftime show.

4-H Pledge Posters now available!

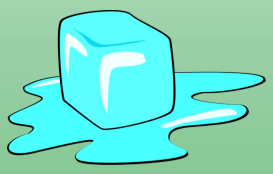
Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@anr.msu.edu.

Supplies Needed

The 4-H Foodstand is in need of a large freezer. If you know of someone who is willing to donate a freezer or work with the 4-H Council on the cost, let Alex Schunk or any 4-H Foodstand Committee member know.



CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, MMCC Superior Room
6: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

January

8: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
16: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
24: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

February

3-4: 4-H Winterfest, Kettunen Center
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
10: Winter Blast, 10am-1pm, MMCC
16-18: 4-H Livestock and Vet Science Workshop, Kettunen Center
17: Clare and Gladwin Counties 4-H Tubing Party, 10am-Noon, SnowSnake
20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

March

2-3: 4-H Scrap N Craft, Harrison Lion's Building
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
17-18: Challenge U 4-H Funfest, Kettunen Center
20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
21: Animal Care and Wellbeing Workshop, 6:30pm, MMCC Houghton Room
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

April

2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
17: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
25: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

May

1: New Club Member Enrollment Closes
7: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
15: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
23: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

June

4: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
19: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
27: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand

News from the Fair Office

Fair Camping: 2018 Camping deposits $25 and will be taken at the Fair Office Oct 1 – Dec 31 by cash, check, or credit card. Checks payable to the Clare County Fair, PO Box 698, Harrison, MI 48625. The fee of $125 is due by July 14, 2018. Fair Office hours are on winter schedule, please call before coming in to make sure someone is there.

New Fair Rule: If an exhibitor sells any specie large or small animal in any other county fair, that exhibitor will not be allowed to show in youth classes or sell in Clare County in the current or following year. Excluding state and national shows.

For questions regarding camping or the new Fair rule contact the Clare County Fair Office at 989-539-9011.

2018 Fair Dates:

July 23-28

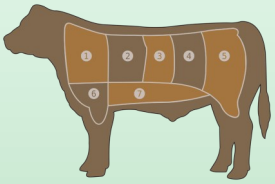
On October 1, the Hill Top 4-H club spent the afternoon cleaning 4-H's section for Adopt-A-Highway from Hatton Road to Mansiding Road on 127. Three of the five families that comprise Hill Top's membership were in attendance along with Club Leader AJ McInnis, Patrick McInnis, Gordon & Nicole Sharnetsky and Gina Forester. Members and adults celebrated the completion of the road cleaning project with ice cream at Burger King.

Hill Top meets the 2nd Sunday of the month from 5:30 to 7pm at 8090 Harding Avenue in Farwell.

Club	# of 4-H Council
Blue Ribbon	0
Bouncing Bunny's Galloping Goats	0
Bow Masters	1
Brushwood	2
Busy Bunny Raisers	2
Country Community Club	1
Country Neighbors	2
County Line Pioneers	0
Denim & Dust	2
Harrison Hoppers	0
Hicks N Chicks	1
Hide N Hares	1
Hill Top	2
Kountry Kidz	0
Millennium Showmen	0
North Country Trail Riders	0
Over the County Line	0
Supreme Showmen	0
Triangle	0
We Chip In	1
Young Country	2

Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 2, 9 to 11am, at Warner Farms 10590 East Monroe Road Gladwin, MI 48624



4-H Council By-Law Change

i. A representative from each 4-H club must attend at least four (4) 4-H Council meetings within a 4-H year, September 1 to August 31, of the current year. The representative cannot be an overall Council officer. Failure to comply this bylaw will result in the disbandment of the club by the 4-H Youth Staff of Clare County MSU Extension.

Holiday Craft Day

JAY'S Sporting Goods
Outback Room
8800 S Clare Ave
Clare, MI

December 2, 2017
10am to 1pm

Cost:
A suggested donation of $5.00 per crafter to cover supplies

Projects Include:
Tic Tac Toe Bag
Hot Chocolate Snowman
Hand Print Napkin Holders
Rule Christmas Trees
Michigan String Art
Card Coasters

Sponsored by:
Clare County 4-H Council

Come join 4-H families from across the county to have fun and enjoy some family time before the holiday rush begins! Youth will make projects to exhibit at the 2018 Clare County Fair or give to parents, grand-parents, teachers and/or siblings. Public welcome.

Refreshments will be provided. No RSVP needed

All youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult

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CABIN FEVER 4-H CLUB

Beat the winter blues by joining this fun SPIN (Short Term Special Interest) 4-H Club!

Open to youth age 5 to 12 by January 1, 2018.
Space is limited to 15 youth.

Youth *must* be present at all of the following dates and bring outdoor winter clothing each week. Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation.

Wednesday, January 10, 4-5:15pm: Scavenger Hunt/Hike
Wednesday, January 17, 4-5:15: Winter Craft/Bird Feeder Creation
Wednesday, January 24, 4-5:15pm: Snowshoeing (Snowshoes provided)
Wednesday, January 31, 4-6pm: Campfire cooking and outdoor fun (dinner provided)

To register, contact Alex Schunk at the MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805 or email schunkal@anr.msu.edu. An email address is required to enroll.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THE FIRST MEETING. *$20 INCLUDES 4-H MEMBERSHIP

COST: $30 NON 4-H MEMBERS*, $10 CURRENT 4-H MEMBERS

MEET AT MID MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE-HOUGHTON ROOM EACH WEEK

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CLARE COUNTY 4-H
LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

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DROP OFF 1-3PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

Family Farm and Home in Clare

PICK UP 1-3PM IN THE CLARE AREA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

Must contact Travis at tschunk83@gmail.com to arraign pick up

DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE CLARE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM BY SAVING YOUR RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND BRING THEM TO THE DROP OFF LOCTION OR ARRAIGN FOR PICK UP.

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Clare and Gladwin County

4-H Tubing Party

Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 10am to Noon
at Snow Snake Mountain in Harrison

- Cost: $11 a person. Due at time of event. Cash or credit card.,
- Open to 4-H families and their friends
- Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes (Snow Snake rule!)
- All participants must have a liability form signed by a parent or guardian. Forms available through MSU Extension.
- Meet 15 minutes early to pay for tickets.

Questions? Contact Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-539-7805 or Melissa Preston, Gladwin County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-426-7741

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Clare County 4-H Council

Event funds will support Clare County 4-H Program

5th Annual
4-H SCRAP & CRAFT

March 2-3, 2018

Friday 6 pm - 12 am
& Sat. 8 am - 9 pm

Harrison Lions Club

On Clare County Fairgrounds

417 Fairlane Harrison, MI

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

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

Registration and payment due by March 6th.

Registrations after this date will be filled until full.

If you have a small group that you would like to be seated near, indicate the names and we will do our **best** to assign everyone to tables near/next to one another, however we can only *guarantee* seating with your person indicated.

Pre-Paid Admission Includes:

- Continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, dessert & refreshments
- Free Gift
- Door prize drawings
- Vendors on site

Little Extras $$:

- Silent Auction
- Neck/Shoulder Massages
- Make-n-Takes

Youth ages 12 to 19 are welcome at a $15.00 rate if 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 or 'no shows' will not receive a refund of any monies.

Substitutions are welcome.

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.

Sign up for:	1/2 Table	Whole Table
☐ Friday & Saturday	$30.00	$45.00
☐ Saturday only	$25.00	$40.00
☐ Youth age 12-19	$15.00	$15.00

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, for 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 may appear. By registering for this event, you agree to this disclaimer.

SAVE THE DATE

CHALLENGE U 4-H FUNFEST

When: Saturday, March 17 2018, 9:30 a.m. through Sunday, March 18, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Who: 9 -13 year olds as of January 1, 2018

Where: Kettunen Center
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI 49688

Healthy Living

What: Youth and adults who attend 4-H Challenge U funfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Challenge U funfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that will engage youth in learning about themselves, food, and being active.

Cost: Youth Registration Cost : $70
Chaperone Registration Fee: $70*
Registration fee includes: Three meals, overnight housing, all session supplies for four action packed sessions.

Registration information will be available January 2018!

For more information contact:
Michelle Neff (989) 539-7805
hydemich@msu.edu

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* Chaperones need to go through proper screening to attend so plan accordingly.

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