4-H Program Coordinator’s Message

Beginning on January 1, 2017, Clare County Michigan State University Extension entered a partnership with Mid Michigan Community College. The goal of this partnership is to reach new audiences to help grow both organization’s programs, including 4-H. This also allows Clare County to keep the 4-H Program Coordinator position at three-quarter time when it was originally suppose to change to half time during the county’s last budget cycle.

We have already been hard at work planning new and improved programs with MMCC. In the fall we hosted Science Blast on their Harrison campus and will be hosting another one in the Spring at their Mt. Pleasant campus. In February we are partnering together, along with Jay’s Sporting Goods, for Winter Blast. See attached flyer for more details on this free family fun winter event. We are starting to plan Summer Camp Blast which will be an exciting three day, day camp for 7 to 11 year olds at MMCC.

Within the next few months I would like to attend club meetings and do an activity with our members. This will be a great way for me to get to know families and for everyone to get to know me better. If you would like me to attend one of your club meetings, feel free to email or call me so that I can put your club on my schedule.

There are a lot exciting things happening for Clare County 4-H!

Sincerely,

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator

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Web Site
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4-H Online
https://mi.4honline.com/

Bad Weather Policy:
If two out of three schools (Clare, Harrison, Farwell) close on the same day due to bad weather (snow, ice, etc.) any scheduled meeting will be canceled.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

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
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 4: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
http://4hcouncil.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#/healthy-living
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

February 18: Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins
Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)
Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3
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

Adopt-A-Highway
We are in need of groups to volunteer for Adopt-A-Highway in May, July and September. Groups will need to pick a date within the month that they choose, it only takes a few hours of your time to clean two miles of Clare County highway. Groups can consist of clubs, associations, committees, or really anyone who is willing to volunteer!

Clare County Fair Camping
$25 deposits for camping are due by March 25 to the Clare County Fair office.

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Will You Put the “U” in the Challenge U 4-H FunFest?

The 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest is another special workshop for younger (aged 9 to 13) Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4-h)’ers. At this event, participants will:

- Spend two action-packed days – in sessions they choose, led by experts – learning the secrets of healthy living and food science. The hands-on sessions from which to choose will include:
  - What to eat and when to increase energy
  - Becoming a junior chef
  - Relaxation tips and tricks
  - Indoor and outdoor cooking
  - Healthy money habits
  - Food preservation
  - Dancing and more.

- Enjoy some fun in the great outdoors
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who

Youth 9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2017 and chaperones

When

March 11 to 12, 2017 (begins 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning and ends at 11:30 Sunday morning, before lunch)

Where

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

How

The Challenge U 4-H FunFest schedule and registration is available on the web (http://bit.ly/2joxVkS). The registration fee ($70 for 4-H members and volunteers or $119 for non-4-H members and volunteers) includes overnight housing, meals and all session supplies.

If you need more details than are available on the registration site given above, you can obtain additional information from:

- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Michelle Neff (by email at hydemich@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805)
February
6: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm MMCC Superior Room
11: Winter Blast, 10am to 1pm MMCC Harrison Campus
21: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm MMCC Superior Room
22: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm MMCC Superior Room
25: 4-H Tubing Party 10am to Noon Snow Snake Mountain

March
6: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Clare County Building Room A
10: 4-H Lock-In, 6 to 10pm Brown Corners Church
10 & 11: 4-H Scrap & Craft, Harrison Lion’s Building
21: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm MMCC Superior Room
22: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm MMCC Superior Room

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

May
1: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
16: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm Location TBD
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

Adult and Teen Volunteer Opportunities: There are many upcoming events where we are in need of volunteers including Winter Blast (Adults and Teens), Lock-In (Adult Chaperones) and Summer Blast and Summer Camp at Camp Neyati (Adults and Teens). Anyone who is interested in these opportunities should contact Alex at the MSU Extension office.
4-H Scrap and Craft: The 4th Annual Scrap and Craft is March 10 and 11 at the Harrison Lions Club and is open to anyone who like scrapbooking, knitting, sewing, painting, crafting, or anything fun and creative! Funds from this event go to support the Clare County 4-H Endowment Fund. We are looking for silent auction items, door prizes, and food donations. If you would like to make a donation or have questions contact Donna Thompson at 989-429-0303. See attached flyer for more information.

Attention: All Youth Raising Market Animals for shows or the County Fair!
Do you have market animals on your farm that you raise for the county fair or to show at exhibition? Is there medication mixed into the feed you give your animals?
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) who oversees the use of animal medications has changed how you can buy various different medicated feed products. Some antibiotic medications, which are important to human medicine, are used for animal feed. After January 1, 2017, these medications will require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) order to be used in a medicated feed, which you will have to get through a licensed veterinarian. If you would like to know more about the changes to these rules, please visit the resource page created by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development at www.michigan.gov/vfd or contact your local MSU Extension office with questions.

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:
March 8, 6pm Isabella County MSU Extension
March 27, 6pm Isabella County MSU Extension
April 18, 6:30pm Mid Michigan Community College
June 15, 3pm Clare County Building Room A

Don’t Break Me Workshop: In January, 4-H members from Clare and Gladwin Counties joined together for this workshop which consisted of a fun educational game taught by Makayla Ogg and Alex Schunk. 4-Hers learned about marketing and breaking even and how that connects to their own projects.

Attention Swine Project Members
CCJLA has voted to raise the minimum swine weight at the Clare County Fair to 220 pounds. Please be aware of this change when purchasing projects.

Looking for a location to hold your group meetings?
Family Farm & Home in Clare now has a conference room available for our use. If your group or club would like to use their facilities, call Alex at the MSU Extension office for details.
A collaboration hosted by Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University Extension 4-H of Clare County and Jay's Sporting Goods.

winter BLAST

FREE FAMILY FUN

Join us as we have a day of winter fun!

Sat., Feb. 11
10 am - 1 pm

Mid Michigan Community College
Harrison Campus
1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

- Learn how to Geocach
- Create a pine cone bird feeder
- Learn how to snowshoe
- Meet a team of sled dogs
- Make a S'more
- Try your skill at the Hockey Shootout
- Learn about Michigan's winter animals and birds
- Relax with popcorn and hot chocolate

and much, much more!

Adults and children dress appropriately for outdoor weather conditions!

For more information (989) 539-7805 or (989) 386-6625.
4-H Tubing Party
at Snow Snake Mountain in Harrison

Saturday, February 25, 2017
10am to 12pm
$11 per Person

* Money is due the day of the event at the tubing ticket booth. Cash and credit cards are accepted.
* Signed Liability Forms are due the day of the event at the tubing ticket booth. Forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.
* Participates must be 36” tall to ride the tubes (Snow Snake Rule!)
* Meet at least 15 minutes early at the tubing hill to pay for tickets.

For more information contact the Clare County MSU Extension office at 989-539-7805 or the Gladwin County MSU Extension office at 989-426-7741

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SNOW SNAKE DAILY TUBING RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand and acknowledge that snow tubing is a HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY and that my and/or the Minor’s participation in snow tubing and use of Snow Snake’s tubes and Tubing Park has many risks and dangers which may result in personal injury, paralysis or death, including, but not limited to: collisions with walls/sides of the tubing runs, with other tubers or bystanders or other structures or debris in or near the Tubing Park area and run-out area; the chance of falling out of the tube; injuries sustained while using the conveyer lift system, negligence of other participants, and negligence on the part of Snow Snake, its agents, servants and employees. I realize that injuries during participation in tubing activities are a common occurrence and that snow conditions vary constantly in the tubing area because of weather changes and snow tubing use. I acknowledge and understand that the snow tube and any other equipment provided and/or used during tubing is provided AS IS and acknowledge that NO WARRANTIES are being extended to me and/or the Minor with respect to any aspect of snow tubing.

In consideration of Snow Snake allowing me and/or the Minor to tube, use Snow Snake’s related equipment, area facilities and parking areas, I expressly assume and accept any and all risks and dangers associated with my and/or the Minor’s participation in tubing and other activities at Snow Snake. In further consideration, I agree to Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnify and Defend Snow Snake, its employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, including claims or suits brought by the Minor, including but not limited to: allegations of negligence, including the negligence of Snow Snake, its employees and agents, breach of contract, breach of any statutory duty or other duty of care and breach of express or implied warranty. I further agree to Indemnify, Hold Harmless and Defend Snow Snake, its employees and agents from any and all costs or expenses, without limitation, which Snow Snake sustains as a result of, related to, or alleged to be related to my or the Minor’s participation in tubing or other activities available on Snow Snake premises.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM. I HAVE MADE NO FALSE REPRESENTATION TO SNOW SNAKE REGARDING MY NAME OR AGE.

Each person over the age of 17 must print name and sign.

Parents or Guardians of children under the age of 18 must print minor’s name and sign.

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Friday, March 10
6pm to 10pm
Brown Corners Church
Route 28
5540 South Clare Avenue
Clare, Michigan

$3/member plus a snack to share (Fruit, trail mix, cookies, etc.)

Open to all 4-H members age 5 to 19

For questions call
Tonya Crawford at
989-429-5731

The Clare County 4-H Lock-In is sponsored by the Clare County 4-H Livestock Association who will be providing pizza and drinks.
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

Questions?
Donna Thompson
(586) 429-0303
dj66rt91@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 when possible.

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, desserts & refreshments
- Goodie Bags
- Door prize drawings
- Vendors on site

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

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.

Register soon, we expect this crop to fill quickly!

Sign up for:
- [ ] Friday evening $10.00
- [ ] Saturday $40.00
- [ ] Friday/Saturday $45.00

TOTAL PAYMENT $______

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 (table 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. 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.
4-H Heartland Show

A Rabbit, Cavy & Poultry Exhibition Show

Saturday, June 10, 2017
Clare County Fairgrounds
418 Fairlane Rd, Harrison, MI

Registration by 8:00am
Showmanship begins at 9:00am

⇒ Sanctioned Show
⇒ Breed classes to follow immediately after completion of showmanship classes.
⇒ ARBA and APA Standards to be followed. See show rules for more information.
⇒ All birds MUST be pullorum tested prior to the show.

Cost: $2.75 per rabbit or cavy
      $2.75 per bird

Extra Events: $1.00 each entry
    Costume Contest
    Educational Posters
    Photography (5x7 matted or framed)
    Breed I.D.
    Question Challenge

Cloverbud Events: NO CHARGE
(Non-competitive events for youth ages 5-8 years old)
    Coloring/Drawing Display
    Costume Contest
    Showmanship

Showmanship Class Ages:
    Junior — ages 9-11
    Intermediate — ages 12-14
    Senior — ages 15-19

Questions?
Contact the Show Superintendent, Brenda Spivey at 231-429-4230 or Clare County MSU Extension 989-539-7805 msue18@msu.edu

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4-H Heartland Show Rules

1. This is a carry case show. Coops/cages will not be provided. Carry cases must have leak proof bottoms. No tables available.

2. Cloverbuds (youth age 5-8 years old as of Jan. 1 of current year) may participate in showmanship and non-competitive classes. Show sponsors will follow the Michigan 4-H Age Policy.

3. Rabbits and cavies will be judged by the current ARBA standards. Pre-juniors will be accepted in breeds as recognized by the ARBA. No mixed breeds. Poultry will be judged by the current APA standards.

4. Animals must be entered in proper breed, color, sex and class. All entries must be made by 8:00am.

5. Exhibitors may enter in as many breeds and animals as they wish.

6. All rabbits must have a legible and permanent earmark. Cavies must have an ear tag or legible and permanent tattoo. Poultry may have leg bands but it is not required.

7. Exhibitors must be present for showing their animals and are responsible for transporting their animals to and from the show table. Each exhibitor who is showing more than one breed at the same time may have another youth exhibitor help show.

8. No classes will be re-judged due to late arrivals.

9. All animals must be shown in their natural state. No trimming, plucking or otherwise altering the normal appearance of the animal.

10. No animals showing signs of illness or disease will be removed from the event.

11. The show sponsors and/or property owners are not responsible for losses due to theft, fire, accident, etc. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger or mistake in the showroom.

12. Exhibitors will be allowed to advertise and sell their stock during the show.

13. Animals will be released upon the completion of judging of the breed. However, we suggest that all BOB winners stay for the judging of the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show competition.

14. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES allowed. NO SMOKING allowed in the show building or surrounding area.

15. Showmanship will be judged first. Age divisions are classified as Cloverbuds (age 5-8 years), Juniors (age 9-11), Intermediate (age 12-14), and Seniors (age 15-19). Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.

16. Educational posters must be on a poster board or display board. Exhibit should focus on educating first year or non-members of all ages. Age divisions will be the same as showmanship classes.

17. If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the Show Superintendent, Brenda Spivey, at 231-429-4230.