4-H Program Coordinator’s Message

With summer upon us, I would like to take this time to introduce a few new staff members with MSU Extension. Renee Davis began as our office secretary in May. She is from Clare and is also a Clare County 4-H Alumni. Renee holds office hours with MSU Extension on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Donna Thompson will also continue to hold office hours on Tuesdays throughout the summer.

MSU Extension has done some reorganization and Clare County now has a new 4-H Supervising Educator. My new supervisor is Dorothy Munn and she is housed in the Ogemaw County office. Dorothy supervises the 4-H Program Coordinators in fourteen (14) total counties, which are located in MSU Extension’s District 6 and 4. Should you need to contact Dorothy her office phone number is 989-345-0692 and her email is munnd@msu.edu.

Each year we have a Flower Pot Contest that takes place during the fair that is open to youth and adults. The flower pots are judge by anonymous judges from the community and we hold this contest to help decorate the barn areas. Now is a great time to start your flower pots so that they are growing well when the fair gets here in July.

Another contest that happens the week of the fair is the 4-H Poster Contest. This contest is open to all clubs and it’s purpose is to promote 4-H. The top three (3) placing clubs will win monetary prizes.

We would like to see many participants for both the Flower Pot Contest and 4-H Poster Contest! Entry forms can be found in this newsletter.

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator, Clare County
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

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

June 16-18: Southern Michigan Outdoor Recreational Education Symposium (SMORES)
Contact Denise Noble (nobledenise@rocketmail.com)
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

June 17: Project FISH Instructor Training
Contact Mark Stephens (steph143@msu.edu)
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

June 3: 4-H Day at Michigan’s Adventure
https://www.miadventure.com/events/things-to-do/special-events/4H-Day
Michigan’s Adventure, Muskegon

June 10: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=DI8688A80648792D
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 18: Michigan 4-H at the Tigers
http://m.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/special-events/4h
Comerica Park, Detroit

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

June 23-25: State 4-H Trail Ride & Family Camp Weekend
D Bar D Ranch, Chase

June 24-July 1: Citizenship Washington Focus
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=8B79FA950153A0AF
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 25-June 30: National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships
http://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingsportsnationalchampionships
Grand Island, Nebraska

June 26-30: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp
MSU, East Lansing

June 27-28: MMPA 4-H Milk Marketing Tour
https://www.mimilk.com/events/mmpa-4-h-milk-marketing-tour
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Congratulations to the 2017 Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship recipients Ashley Bolius, Holly Pummell, and Makayla Ogg! Scholarship winners were recognized at their high school honors night in May. Thank you to State Representative Jason Wentworth and 4-H Small Animal Treasurer and 4-H Parent, Lynnette Sheldon for conducting interviews with the scholarship applicants. Congratulations to all of the class of 2017 4-H graduates!!

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
2017 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

This exciting, hands-on opportunity – presented by Michigan State University (http://www.msu.edu) Extension (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) – will provide participants with opportunities to (1) demonstrate their knowledge and skill in showmanship and (2) take part in classes such as dairy, fiber, Boer, pygmy and specialty breed, as well as driving and pack classes. The show has wonderful judges who focus on educating youth as they compete. It’s a great show for youth to attend!

Who Should Attend?
- Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H’ers who are 9 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017.
- To participate in the Cloverbud Division, youth must be aged 5 to 8 as of January 1, 2017.

When Is the Show?
June 24, 2017

Where Will the Goat Show Be Held?
MSU Pavilion (http://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/facilities/pavilion) South Barn

How Can Someone Register?
Registration forms (for participants and show sponsors) are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2qoglny). All entries and entry fees must be submitted online (http://bit.ly/2goTGA), using a credit or debit card. The online registration site will close on June 2, 2017.

Participants should print and bring a copy of their registration confirmation to the event.

What Is the Cost of the Show?
The nonrefundable fees are:
- $6 per person for all State 4-H Goat Show participants
- $10 per goat (The individual goat can be entered in all appropriate classes for its age, breed and sex)
- $25 Pavilion camping (Friday night only)

More information about this event is available from:
- Katie Ockert (ockerta@anr.msu.edu), Michigan 4-H Animal Science Educator
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)

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!
CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Clare County Building
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, Jay’s Sporting Goods: Outback
20-23: 4-H Overnight Camp, Camp Neyati
27-29: Summer Blast Camp, MMCC
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand

July
10: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm Location TBD
10: 4-H Foodstand Cleaning Day, 5pm, 4-H Foodstand
15: 4-H Foodstand Cooking Day, 10:30am, 4-H Foodstand
18: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay’s Sporting Goods: Outback
19: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
24-29: Clare County Fair
26: 4-H Fun Night, 7pm, T-Barn
27: 4-H Dance, 9pm—Midnight, Behind T-Barn
28: 4-H Cloverbud Show, 3pm, Small Animal Tent, Horse Arena, T-Barn

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

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

HELP WANTED
The 4-H Foodstand Committee is in need of volunteers for Cleaning Day, July 10, starting at 5pm and Cooking Day, July 15, starting at 10:30am. Every club is expected to participate in both days. There is a lot of work to be done both days, any amount of time that you are able to volunteer will be appreciated! Also, each club MUST work in the Milk Booth and Foodstand. Schedules can be found in this newsletter.

Plant Sale Thank You
Congratulations to the Country Neighbors club, winner of the $50 Pizza Party Gift Card from Buccilli’s Pizza for selling the most plants and flowers!!
The fundraiser was a great success this year by making it a mandatory 4-H council fundraiser. We had 11 of 21 clubs, and 50 of 140 families participate. THANK YOU to all the sold!
I would also like to thank Clare County Fairgrounds for the use of the building, Steve Schutz, fair maintenance, Phil (inmate) and Parker Thompson for helping unload the truck. Thanks also to Mark Thompson for coming and sorting orders between your work. Couldn't have done it without you guys stepping up and helping me!
Thanks again to all the took part in the Flower Fundraiser!
Donna Thompson, Fundraising Coordinator
**Home Arts Information:**

**Youth Home Arts Judging:** Friday, July 21, 3-7pm at the Grand Stands and Home Arts Building

 Teens are needed to help clerk the Home Arts Judging. Contact Donna at 989-539-9011 at the Fair Office if you are interested in volunteering.

**Livestock Information:**

**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:

- June 15, 3pm Clare County Building Room A

**Small Animal Information:**

**Auction Sheets and Membership Forms:** due July 3 to Ursula Jehnzen 2933 Timberlane Road Harrison, Michigan 48625

**Fair Information:**

**Saw Dust Day:** Saturday, July 15, starting at 9am, Clare County Fairgrounds. Every family is expected to participate in Saw Dust Day, helping to prepare for the fair the following week.

**Fair Entry Forms:** Due by Noon on Saturday, June 24, 2017, to the Clare County Fair Office PO Box 698, Harrison, Michigan 48625. **There are new forms this year which can be found in the 2017 Fairbook. Past forms will not be accepted.

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

**Barrel Decorating Contest:** The fair board has purchased new metal trash barrels for the fairgrounds and they are looking for clubs to decorate them. To sign up contact Donna at the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 by May 17, 2017. Barrels will be supplied but need to be picked up at the fairgrounds. Clubs are responsible for supplying the paint and making sure that it is weather proof. Barrels need to be decorated and returned to the fairgrounds by July 21.

**New Club Leaders:**

If your club is planning to have a new leader(s) for the upcoming 4-H year or if you plan to start your own club, please contact Alex to start the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) as soon as possible. The new 4-H year begins on September 1, 2017, and we would like to have potential club leaders through VSP before the start of the new year.
4-H Participation Fee Change

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension would like to take this opportunity to inform 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 grants 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 your county 4-H program.

Pictured above: The Millennium Showmen 4-H Club adopted a forest West of Harrison as their community service project. During the month of May they completed the forest clean up as their club meeting. Great job Millennium Showman!!
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/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

Concessions
Silent Auction
Animal Auction

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Alex Schunk at 989-539-7805 no less than two weeks prior to the event day to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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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.

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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

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FLOWER POT CONTEST
AT THE FAIR

- NO PRE-ENTRY
- OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH A CONNECTION TO CLARE COUNTY 4-H
- ENTRY DEADLINE IS MONDAY OF FAIR BY 5:00 PM. ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE MSU EXTENSION BUILDING.
- RIBBON AWARDS WILL BE ATTACHED TO FLOWER POTS AFTER JUDGING TAKES PLACE

CLASSES:

0926 6” AND SMALLER POT- YOUTH
0928 7” AND LARGER POT- YOUTH
0925 6” AND SMALLER POT- ADULT
0927 7” AND LARGER POT- ADULT

NAME: ______________________  PHONE NUMBER: ______________________

CLUB NAME: ______________________

CLASS NUMBER (SEE ABOVE): __________

LOCATION ON FAIRGROUNDS. (Must be located in barn areas, NOT in the campground or midway. Draw map on back if not easy to find): ______________________

DESCRIPTION: ______________________

*Participant is responsible for the care of flowers*

CLASS NUMBER: ______________________

NAME: ______________________
4-H POSTER CONTEST

- No Pre-entry
- Open to each 4-H Club
- Poster must promote 4-H to youth and/or adults on 22” x 28” poster board.
- Poster must be created by club team effort or by one or two club members.
- Bring posters to MSU Extension office on the Fairgrounds from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday of the Fair for judging at 6 PM
- Posters will be displayed in the MSU Extension office on the Fairgrounds until the last Saturday of the Fair and given back at Fall Awards Banquet.
- Cash prizes will be given to the club administrative volunteer at the Fall Awards banquet.

Prizes are as follows:
- 1st Place - $25.00
- 2nd Place - $15.00
- 3rd Place - $10.00

Club Name ________________________________

Leader ____________________ Phone Number ____________

Poster Description _______________________________________

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Club Name __________________

Club Leader ____________________
# 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

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For changes or availability questions call Trudy Foster at 989-330-1941 or Email @ foster3740@gmail.com
# 2017 Milk Booth Schedule

**Contact:** Trudy Foster @ 989-330-1941

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                |              |              | 989-359-9463  
                |              |              | Country Neighbor 
                |              |              | 429-5731       |
| Monday 7/24    | Closed       |              | Hicks & Chicks  
                |              |              | Jaime Sanford  
                |              |              | 989-421-2203   |
|                |              |              | Kountry Kids 2  
                |              |              | Shelly Haggart  
                |              |              | 284-1885       |
| Tuesday 7/25   |              | We Chip In   | Brushwood     
                |              | Molly Humphrey| Kately Stike  
                |              |              | 435-3447       |
| Wednesday 7/26 | Bow Masters  | Busy Bunny Raisers  
                | Penny Brewer  |              |              | Ursela Jenkinson 
                | 621-7437     | Donna Thompson | 329-2188       |
|                |              |              | Blue Ribbon    |              |              | Tonya Crawford  
                |              |              | 429-5731       |
|                | Hides n Hares | Millennium Shawman  
                | Penny Brewer  |              |              | Erica Drake    
                | 621-7437     |              | 429-1216       |
| Thursday 7/27  | Bow Masters  | Supreme Shawman  
                | Penny Brewer  |              | Triangle      | Country Commer  
                | 621-7437     | Kim Langlois  |                | Club Kinbird    |
| Friday 7/28    | Busy Bunny Raisers |              
                | Penny Brewer  |                |                |                |
| Saturday 7/29  |              | Closed       | Closed        | Closed        |
| Sunday 8/24    | Closed       | Closed       | Closed        | Closed        |

*until sold out!*