Hello 4-H Families!

Many of you are probably familiar with Clare County Transit and their buses that you see around Clare County. Clare County 4-H was nominated to win a bus wrap that will cover the side of one of the buses for an entire year! How do we win? Visit the Clare County Parade 365 Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Clare-County-Parade-365-783936801760147/?ref=page_internal. Everyone can vote up to every eight hours (3 times a day) plus there are other activities you can do to help us win extra points!

Do you know someone who owns or manages a business in Clare County? Let them in on this contest and see if they would like to purchase a bus wrap. Businesses who mention Clare County 4-H when purchasing a bus wrap for their business will automatically win us a FREE bus wrap, a $5,000 value.

The next 4-H Council meeting is March 22 at 7pm in the Superior Room at MMCC. I am asking that all administrative club leaders attend this meeting as I have very important information to pass along and discuss.

Thank you,
Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the Date!

**4-H Scrap & Craft:** March 10 & 11 at Harrison Lions Club.silent auction and food donations are needed.

**4-H Lock-In:** March 10 from 6 to 10pm at Brown Corner Church. Adult Chaperones are needed.

**New 4-H Community Club Member Enrollment Deadline:** May 1

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

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

Youth Business Guide to Success . . . . Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF
Delta County MSU Extension Office, Escanaba

March 11-12: Challenge U 4-H Funfest
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=62E0A083A0F38132
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 18-19: 4-H Robotics Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 20: Youth Business Guide to Success . . . . Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF
Ottawa County MSU Extension Office, West Olive

https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF
Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

March 25: Youth Business Guide to Success . . . . Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF
Menominee County MSU Extension Office, Stephenson

Other 4-H Events

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE
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

April 8: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4_h_hairy_horse_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h
2017 Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

The purposes of this annual teen and adult leader workshop are to:

- Provide Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) youth and volunteers from across the state with the opportunity to learn about Michigan agriculture
- Increase attendees’ knowledge about the Michigan dairy industry
- Develop participants’ self-esteem, self-awareness and leadership skills
- Help those attending to become more knowledgeable about the many issues affecting agriculture now and in the future.
- Inspire conference participants to bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs and county programs

The weekend will include many hands-on activities led by MSU Extension (http://bit.ly/1sdvYu8) staff and MSU (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) faculty and students.

Who Should Attend?
This training is for Michigan 4-H’ers who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, and volunteers who are interested in dairy cattle and dairy cattle reproduction science.

Where Will the Conference Be Held?
Kettunen Center (http://kettunencenter.org), Tustin

When Is the Conference? March 17 to 19, 2017

Theme This year’s theme is “Reproductive Science With Dairy Cattle”

How Can Someone Register?
Registration for the conference is available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2lch5Jj). If a registrant’s county is offering scholarships, it is important to check with the county (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county) before registering.

What Is the Cost of the Conference?
The registration fee, which includes meals, lodging and resources, is $95 for 4-H members and volunteers and $191 for non-4-H members and volunteers.

More information is available from:
- Melissa Elischer (elischer@anr.msu.edu)
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)

What has the Millennium Showmen club been up to?
At their February meeting they learned about the minerals that animals need and how to do 4-H yoga! Are you interested in doing an interactive activity with your club? Contact the MSU Extension office for some fun ideas.
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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 MMCC Superior Room  
26: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm MMCC Superior Room |
| May | 1: New Community Club Member Enrollment Deadline  
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 |

**Club Lamb and Show Pig Sale**  
The Family Traditions Sale is taking place on April 8, 2017, from Noon to 6pm at 10455 East Coldwater Road Davison, Michigan. Contact Jennifer Johnson at 810-922-5950 for more details.

**4-H Exploration Days**  
Do you plan on attending this exciting 3 day event at MSU in June? The registration books are now available at the MSU Extension office and online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/in-fo/4_h_exploration_days. Sessions fill up very quickly and are first come first serve.

**Adult and Teen Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many upcoming events where we are in need of volunteers including the Lock-In (Adult Chaperones), Summer Blast at MMCC and Summer Camp at Camp Neyati (Adults and Teens). Anyone who is interested in these opportunities should contact Alex at the MSU Extension office.
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

Record Keeping Books: Youth that plan on completing a 4-H Record Keeping project can find the new an improved books at the MSU Extension office or online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/clare/clare_county_4_h. There is now one book general format that is used for all species but is broken down into youth age groups.

Thank you to all of our 4-H families who attended Winter Blast this past month at MMCC. Thank you to our volunteers Donna Thompson, Makayla Ogg and Cindy Veldt-Dietsch who helped with check in and making pine cone bird feeders with the kids!

Over 250 attendees had the chance to learn about dog sledding, winter mammals and birds, nutrition, and even had the chance to go geocaching, snowshoeing and ride fat tire bikes.
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
4-H HORSE & PONY COUNCIL
TACK SALE

SATURDAY
MARCH 4, 2017
9:30AM - 3:00PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 3686 W. SOUTH AIRPORT ROAD - T.C. MI
(BEHIND BEST BUY)

COMMERCIAL & INDIVIDUAL VENDORS WELCOME!
10X10 BOOTH - $30   HORSE TRAILER PARKING - $15

$5 DISCOUNT FOR 4-H GROUPS!
SELL YOUR OLD, NEW AND HANDMADE ITEMS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE, CONTACT ALISA FORTON AT
231.357-4346 OR EMAIL TO EXCALIBURSTABLES@gmail.com

The Grand Traverse 4-H Horse & Pony Project committee is made up of 4-H Horse Leaders and teens in Grand Traverse County. The mission for the GT 4-H Horse & Pony Project is to help 4-Her's achieve their 4-H Horse Project goals through awareness of upcoming events, horse shows, as well as raising funds to send 4-Her's to educational camps, horse shows, and assist in community projects. The committee meets on a bi-monthly basis. For more information on the GT 4-H Horse & Pony Project, please contact Jo Ann or Rose Bohrer at jrbohrer@charter.net.

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2017 3RD ANNUAL 4-H BEEF / DAIRY MARKET PROJECT 101

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017
10:00AM—3:00PM
COST: $3

OPEN TO ALL 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES
INCLUDING 4-H CLOVERBUDS

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10:00AM

Beef & Dairy Market Nutrition:
(Instructors: Jenna Taylor & Gerald Green)
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds—Community Hall
(700 E Ash St, Mason, MI 48854)
Times: 10:30AM—12:00PM: Beef Nutrition Begins
10:30AM—12:00PM Dairy Market Nutrition Begins
Lunch will be provided

Showmanship:
(Instructors: Jenna Taylor & Gerald Green)
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds—Hoop House
(700 E Ash St, Mason, MI 48854)
Times: 1:00PM—3:00PM

RSVP and Directions at Ingham County 4-H Office at
Phone#: 517-676-7207, or E-mail: msue33@msu.edu

Please provide the name of each youth and / or adult attending,
name of 4-H or FFA Club, and County Affiliation

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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.

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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
(989) 429-0303
djts6691@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.

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

Little Extras $$:
- Silent Auction
- Make-it-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 money. 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 your 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!

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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 (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 to 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 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.
2017 3rd Annual
4-H Swine Project Boot Camp

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017
9AM — 4PM COST: $3
INGHAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
700 E ASH ST, MASON, MI 48854
YOUTH PQA PLUS TRAINING,
SWINE NUTRITION, AND SHOWMANSHIP SESSIONS

Registration: 9:00am — 9:45am
Youth PQA Plus Training & Testing
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Hall—Mason, MI
10:00am — 11:15am: Youth PQA Plus
Swine Nutrition Session
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Hall—Mason, MI
Times: 11:15am — 12:00pm
Lunch will be provided
Swine Showmanship Session
Location: Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena—Mason, MI
Times: 1:30pm — 4:00pm

To RSVP and get driving directions, contact the Ingham County MSUE Office at
Phone#: 517-676-7207, or E-mail: msue33@msu.edu
When registering by e-mail, put PQA in the subject line. Please provide the name of each youth, birth date, name of 4-H or FFA Club, County Affiliation, clinic participation, and total number attending.

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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

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Michelle Stiglich 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.
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.