4-H Program Coordinator’s Message

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the Annual 4-H Fall Awards Banquet on November 1!! Many deserving youth, adults, and community partners were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program over the past year and that is something that each of you should take pride in. On page 6 of this newsletter you’ll find pictures from the Awards Banquet along with a list of all of the award winners from that evening.

Please do not forget that all 4-H youth and adult volunteers that are returning to Clare County 4-H need to be enrolled on 4HOnline and participation fees paid by December 1, 2017. Youth that are new to 4-H have until May 1, 2018, to enroll but are highly recommend to complete registration and pay participation fees by December 1, if they are planning to be an active 4-H member in the coming year. More information concerning enrollment can be found on page 4.

In this newsletter you’ll also find a calendar of events for the Clare County 4-H program. Please use this to your advantage as there are many upcoming things that we would like you to be a part of and this calendar is a great way to “save the date”.

As we are approaching the 4-H enrollment deadline and also the holiday season, please be aware that office hours often vary during this time making it a great idea to email me or call our office to make sure our office is open.

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving!!

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4-H Trainings and Workshops

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training  
Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training  
Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

November 14– December 19: 4-H Robotic Series  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1  
Delta Township District Library, Lansing

November 18-19: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

November 8 : Be Healthy at the Fair Meeting Series—Connecting Critical Partners in the Fair Industry  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_in_the_f_1  
Alpena County Fair Merchants Building, Alpena

November 9 : Be Healthy at the Fair Meeting Series—Connecting Critical Partners in the Fair Industry  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_kalkaska  
Kalkaska United Methodist Church, Kalkaska

November 9: 2017 Fall Horse Workshop—Ann Arbor  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_fall_horse_workshop_2  
Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

November 18: Around the World Day  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/around_the_world_day  
MSU Extension Office, Cassopolis

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Michigan 4-H is Participating in International Education Week

International Education Week begins on November 13, 2017, and Michigan 4-H is celebrating the benefits that come from international education and exchange programs. As a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State, the week emphasizes gaining a global mindset through encouraging leaders to participate in education and exchange programs worldwide.

During the celebration, Michigan’s nine 4-H international year-long exchange students will be giving presentations about their home countries in their host counties. To learn more about International Education Week, visit https://eca.state.gov/programs-and-initiatives/initiatives/international-education-week.

2018 Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Every year, Michigan 4-H’ers bring their rabbits and cavies to compete at the Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show. This year’s event is taking place on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Michigan State University Agricultural Pavilion in East Lansing.

Along with showmanship and judging classes, this year’s event will feature educational contests such as breed identification and educational posters. There will also be a 15 to 20 minute judging seminar throughout the day that is free for youth and volunteers to learn how to judge like a professional.

Pre-registration and the show catalog are available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show. Registration will also run from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. the morning of the event.

Save the Date for 4-H Day at the Breslin

Although ticket’s aren’t yet available, the annual 4-H Day at the Breslin is quickly approaching on January 20, 2018. Make sure to keep your calendars clear to watch the Lady Spartans take on the Indiana Hoosiers while celebrating Michigan 4-H at this fun family event!

4-H Winterfest, one of Michigan 4-H’s most popular workshops, is quickly approaching. This overnight event will be held February 3-4, 2018, in Tustin, Michigan, at the Kettunen Center.

Open to some of the state’s youngest 4-H’ers, youth ages 8—12, the workshop allows young people to learn about exciting project areas and meet youth from across the state while experiencing the fun of the Kettunen Center. Sessions include hands-on activities that range from crafting to shooting sports.

Look for registration information to become available in early December.
CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November
1: Annual 4-H Fall Awards Banquet, 6:30pm, Harrison Lion’s Building
6: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
14: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room

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, Location TBD
16: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
24: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

February
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
10: Winter Blast, 10am-1pm, MMCC
17: Clare and Gladwin Counties 4-H Tubing Party, 10am-Noon, SnowSnake
20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

March
2-3: 4-H Scrap N Craft, Harrison Lion’s Building
5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

4-H Enrollment Reminder
The annual participation fee is $20 per youth or $60 per family, whichever is lowest, for any youth ages 5-19, including Cloverbuds. 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 4-H insurance.

Participation fees must be turned into club leaders and leaders will turn them into the MSU Extension Office as a whole. All returning youth and volunteers must be registered on 4HOnline and participation fees paid by December 1, 2017. Youth that do not belong to a club but are planning to attend a 4-H camp or another short term program are not required to enroll by the deadline but highly recommend to.

All adult volunteers regardless of the programming their involved in should reenroll by December 1.

Scholarships are available to families that need assistance with the participation fee. Please contact Alex Schunk, 4-H Program Coordinator with questions about these scholarships and to apply.
Welcome to our newest volunteers!

Katery Stoike: Brushwood Club

Angela Clark: Millennium Showmen

Corrie Aldrich: Denim & Dust

Fair Camping

2018 Camping reservations are $25 and will be taken at the Fair Office Oct 1–Dec 31. The fee of $125 is due by July 14, 2018. For questions regarding camping for the Clare County Fair contact the Fair Office at 989-539-9011.

2018 Fair Dates
July 23-28
2016-17 4-H Award Winners

**2017-18 Ambassadors:** Juniors: Wesley Stillion and Haley Schunk.
Intermediates: Gianna Forester and Gerald Stillion.

**Rookie of the Year:** Age 12-14 Olivia Cook and Monica McPhall

**Accomplishment Award:** Jonathan Jehnzen—Bouncing Bunnies
Galloping Goats, Olivia Shea—Brushwood, Katie Sheldon—Millennium Showmen, Gage Cingano—Over the County Line

**4-H Excellence Award:** Cory Sheldon

**4-H Overall Achievement Award:** Makayla Ogg

**Dedication Award:** Luke Coats

**I Dare You Award:** Tyler Brandt

**Senior of the Year:** Makayla Ogg

**County Awards:**
- Luke Coats—Achievement
- Travis Shea—Agriculture
- Ashley Boulis—Beef
- Tyler Brandt & Cameron McInnis—Cat
- Breanna Stillion—Cavy
- Morgan Shea—Dairy
- Cameron McInnis—Dog/Care Training
- Wesley Stillion—Goat
- Rebecca Jehnzen—Horse
- Morgan Shea—Judging
- Brianna Stillion—Leadership
- Cassidy Ogg—Plant Science
- Cassidy Ogg—Public Speaking
- Tyler Brandt—Rabbits
- Rebecca Jehnzen—Shooting Sports
- Cole Drake—Swine
- Jayden Stillion—Visual Arts

**Division Awards:**
- Home Arts – Grace Taylor
- Small Animal – Jennifer Dietsch
- Livestock – Luke Coats

**4-H State Award Nominations:**
- Vanessa Foster—Communication and Expressive Arts
- Cameron McInnis—Goat Science
- Ashley Boulis—Beef Science
- Corbin Brewer—Birds and Poultry Science
- Jeffrey Carncross—Companion Animal Science
- Luke Coats—Dairy Cattle Science
- Taryn Millhisler—Equine Science
- Makayla Ogg—Sheep Science
- Tyler Brandt—Rabbits and Cavy Science
- Cory Sheldon—Birds and Poultry Science

**4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship:** Makayla Ogg, Ashley Boulis, Holly Pummel

**Small Animal Showmen:**
- Goat—Kailyn Brugger
- Poultry—Jeffery Carncross
- Rabbit—Tyler Brandt
- Cavy—Tyler Brandt
- Dog—Tyler Brandt
- Cat—Tyler Brandt
- Overall—Tyler Brandt

**Livestock Herdsmen of the Year:**
- Beef – Makayla Ogg
- Sheep – Haley Schunk
- Swine – Travis Shea
- Dairy – Morgan Shea

**4-H Small Animal Record Keeping:**
- Junior—Lily Ficek
- Intermediate—Cameron McInnis
- Senior—Tyler Brandt

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

**Most Outstanding Small Animal Member:** Corbin Brewer

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

**Flower Pot Contest:** 6” and Small Youth: Linde Davison 1st, Tyler Brandt 2nd. 7” and Larger Youth: Grace Taylor 1st, Jennifer Dietsch 2nd, Tyler Brandt 3rd, Kayley Ellis 4th. Adult 7” and Larger: Carol Forkum

**4-H Volunteers Milestone Awards:**
- 5 Years of Service: Kaleigh Boggs, Marybeth Denton, Trudy Foster, Julie Judge, Heather Kinberg, Parker Thompson
- 10 Years: Josette Given, Mary Mathews
- 15 Years: Jaenea Brooks
- 30 Years: Jeff Smith

**Friend of 4-H:** Harrison Sportsman Club and Steve Hippler of Schwan’s Food

**4-H Parent of the Year:** Keith Haag and Lynnette Sheldon

**Alumni of the Year:** Joanna Krell and Teresa Coats

**4-H Leader of the Year:** Lori Cameron and Trudy Foster

**2016 4-H Club of the Year:** Busy Bunny Raisers
Holiday Craft Day

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 Painted Napkin Holders
- Rule Christmas Trees
- Michigan String Art
- Card Coasters

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, grandparents, teachers and/or siblings. Public welcome.

Refreshments will be provided. No RSVP needed. All youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Sponsored by:
Clare County 4-H Council

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Holiday Gifts From the Kitchen
4-H SPIN Club

Come join in the fun! Each week create a new gift for the Holiday Season!

Any Youth Ages 8-15

Meeting Themes

Dates include: Tuesdays, November 28th Ornaments
Tuesday, December 5th Popcorn
Tuesday, December 12th Jars
Tuesday, December 19th Cookies

Time: 3:30 to 5:00 pm

- All meetings are held at the Harrison City Market Kitchen, Harrison, MI 48625. Youth can meet at Harrison Hillside flagpole and walk over with an adult after school.
- The cost is $30 for non 4-H members* and $10.00 for current 4-H members. The payment can be paid at the first club meeting. Payments can be cash or checks payable to MSU.
- To register call MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805 to sign up. E-mail address will be required to finish enrolling online.

Questions?
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Space is limited to 10 youth!

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* $20 4-H Membership includes insurance and eligibility for other 4-H events and scholarships.
Michigan 4-H Day
at the
Breslin Center
January 20, 2018

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

When: January 20, 2018. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 2:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 4:00 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
Michigan 4-H Embryology Program Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Objectives:
- Learning how to properly incubate eggs,
- Explore the West Virginia Cooperative Extension Beginning of Life curriculum,
- Utilize best practices for embryology and youth development;
- Bringing a new, exciting program to your local community!

Registration:
Register online at https://events.anr.msu.edu/baycountyembryology/

Cost:
$30.00 per person—includes all training materials and lunch

Find out more…
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270, ockertka@anr.msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

January 8, 2018
Bay County Fairgrounds,
800 Livingston Street,
Bay City, MI 48708

The Michigan 4-H Embryology Program Staff and Volunteer training is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

Classes:
Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by AREA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

Other events during the show:
» Breed ID Contest
» Educational Poster Contest
» Judging Seminars
» Club Informational Booths
» Supply Vendors
» Scholarship Silent Auction

Cost:
$3.00 per class

Who can participate:
Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2018). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
For more information, event catalog, and online pre-registration, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitshow18/

January 27, 2018
MSU Pavilion,
East Lansing, MI

On-site registration
begins at 8:30 a.m.

Online Pre-Registration
available at https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitshow18/

The Michigan 4-H Rabbit
and Cavy Show is
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4-H Exploration Days
2017 Impact Report

Exploration Days is a three day campus-based pre-college program that is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Youth participants stay on campus in MSU residence halls and attend action-filled classroom and field trip sessions on a wide variety of topics, including animal science, business & entrepreneurship, international language & culture, performing & visual arts, and science, engineering, & technology.

Nearly 2,000 youth attended Exploration Days in 2017. Post-event evaluations revealed that participating youth gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving, and communication. Youth also reported feeling more prepared to attend college.

- 90% of youth feel more independent
- 91% of youth built time management skills
- 84% of youth feel more prepared for college
- 73% of youth are now interested in attending MSU

“4-H Exploration Days has helped me get the feel of a college life. Being responsible for... being on time to class gave me a huge idea on how college will be like in my future.”

“[Exploration Days] helped me get out of my comfort zone and be more independent.”

“Coming in here, I was set on another college, but after seeing the gardens, trails, and all the buildings, I can see myself going here in the future. MSU STOLE MY HEART!”

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Youth who participate in Michigan 4-H pre-college programs are more likely to go to college: 68% of youth who participated in Exploration Days between 2009 and 2016 enrolled in college within six months of finishing high school. That’s 14% higher than the Michigan average!

Contact: Laura Potter-Niesen, Educational Program Events Coordinator, (517) 432-2963, potterla@msu.edu
## 2017-18 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

### 4-H SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION
*(1st Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm)*

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### 4-H COUNCIL
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**4-H Horse matters are discussed at 4-H Council meetings.**

### 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
*(3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 pm)*

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*Please Note: Some meetings have location changes due to room availability and date changes due to holidays/fair.  Updated 8/15/17*