4-H Program Coordinator’s Message

Happy Fall! If your club is looking for a unique meeting idea, consider visiting a pumpkin patch or apple orchard during this fall season. There are also many fun activities that clubs can do together during this season including carving/painting pumpkins, raking leaves as a community service project, baking pies, go on a hay ride, and so much more!

The 4-H year may have just begun, but we already have many things planned for the coming year. Make sure to checkout the calendar of events and the flyers to take advantage of these opportunities. There are many 4-H activities coming up that I hope to see many of our 4-Hers at including Science Blast and the Annual Fall Awards Banquet.

I will be in and out of the office a lot between October 23 through November 3 due to a conference and meetings. The best way to reach me during this time will be by email and I will do my best to get back with you in a timely manner.

Alex Schunk
4-H Program Coordinator

Annual Clare County 4-H Fall Awards Banquet

**Who:** You! Everyone involved in the Clare County 4-H Program is welcomed and encouraged to attend!

**What:** A potluck dinner and night of celebration to recognize all of our members, volunteers, and club’s hard work over the past year.

**Where:** Harrison Lion’s Building, Clare County Fairgrounds

**When:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 6:30pm

More information to follow via email and the Clare County 4-H Facebook page.
4-H Workshops

October 12: 4-H Club 201—Building Bridges
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

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 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training
Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

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

Other 4-H Events

October 4: MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/msu_national_youth_science_day_at_the_childrens_gardens
Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens, East Lansing

October 6: Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge
Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest
MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_national_youth_science_day_afterschool_program
Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

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

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to Michigan 4-H and the youth who participate in our programs, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. These awards are patterned after the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards and are designed to provide an opportunity to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers on the state, regional and national level.

The two categories of awards include Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, for a current or former 4-H volunteer who has served 4-H'ers for ten or more years, and the Volunteer of the Year, for currently serving volunteers that have served for less than ten years at the county or state level.

Nominees are selected on the following criteria:

- Evidence of positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision making, problem solving, meeting challenges and mastery.
- Dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program.
- Innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
- Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
- Innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth-serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
- Demonstrating a professional attitude, character and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer.

Winners and honorable mentions from the pool of nominations will be announced in November of 2017 and will receive a personalized plaque. The most qualified candidates will be forwarded to the National 4-H Council for consideration for regional and national recognition. Those awards are announced in February 2018 and April 2018, respectively.

The nomination process requires nominees (or their nominators) to work with their local 4-H program coordinator to complete a nomination form, a resume and assemble three letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating an outstanding volunteer in your community for the Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards, contact your local 4-H program coordinator. All nomination materials must be submitted by October 1, 2017.

Volunteer Journalist Wanted

Do you or someone you know in the 4-H have an interest in journalism? We are currently looking for a teen or adult volunteer to write occasional 4-H articles for the newspaper and other news outlets. Contact Alex Schunk if you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity.
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.

4-H Holiday Craft Day is scheduled for December 2. We are in need of Christmas cards and calendar pictures that are 8x8 for some of the craft activities. If you would like to donate either of these items please drop them off at the MSU Extension Office.

4-H Enrollment Reminder
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. 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. Scholarship 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 the Clare County 4-H program. 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.
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 with this bylaw will result in the disbandment of the club by the 4-H Youth Staff of Clare County MSU Extension.

Honor Clubs

The 4-H Council has adopted a new recognition program that all clubs are able to participate in in hopes that clubs will become more involved in the 4-H program. The Honor Club System will allow clubs to gain points by turning in paperwork on time, nominating people for awards, attending state 4-H events, participating in county 4-H things, and much more! The 4-H Council plans to reward clubs that make it to gold, silver, and bronze status. Each leader should have received an email with more information regarding the Honor Club system. The guidelines and form can also be found on everyone’s 4HOnline profile.

Clare County 4-H Ambassadors

Youth age 9 to 19 are encouraged to apply for the 4-H Ambassador Contest. Ambassadors are given the opportunity to represent Clare County 4-H throughout the 4-H year by attending parades, events, and other happenings in the community. Applications are due October 20 and the mandatory interview will take place on October 22. If you know of youth that are a great candidate for an ambassador position, contact Alex Schunk at the MSU Extension Office or Sherry Landon at slandons@charter.net for more information and an application.
Annual Leader Update Meeting

Thank you to all of the volunteers that attended the Leader Update Meeting in September! We had 16 clubs present at this meeting and volunteers were treated to dinner and 4-H giveaways. Our guest presenters worked with volunteers on an interactive parliamentary procedure activity, everyone shared club ideas and activities that 4-H members and volunteers can participate in throughout the state, country, and internationally.

Join the Clare County Agriculture Society (Fair Board)

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Fair Board they are accepting new members until October 13. The $25 annual membership fee is due at this time. The meetings take place every second Tuesday of the month.

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

MI 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Training

December 2 & 3
Lost Lake Woods Club
8-5 both days

If you are interested in teaching youth in the shotgun project, this training is where you need to start!

Training will be a mixture of discipline-specific and youth development training needed to start working as an MSU Extension volunteer.

Cost:
$75 per person includes meals, snacks and training materials.

Deadline to register Monday, November 20.

Lodging available onsite for $50/night

If you would like more information, contact Les Thomas at 989-734-5479.
A collaboration hosted by *Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University Extension* and 4-H of Clare and Gladwin Counties.

**science BLAST 2017**

**FREE FAMILY FUN**

Join us as we explore **a night of science**!

**Thurs., Oct. 5**

5pm - 7pm

*Mid Michigan Community College*

**Harrison Campus**

1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

- Make a smoothie by riding a bike
- Introduce yourself to SimMan and see what makes him tick
- Learn how bees make honey
- Create a 3-D drawing in the air
- Discover the world of plastics
- Learn about entomology
- Be a part of science experiments
- Check out the Mentos Geyser

and much, much more!

**PARENTS: Bring your children kindergarten and older!**

For more information, call *(989) 539-7805.*

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*Mid Michigan Community College*
MICHIGAN 4-H
National Youth Science Day

DATE & TIME:
October 4, 2017
4 p.m.—7 p.m.

LOCATION:
MSU 4-H Children’s Garden

We are giving away FREE science experiment kits to 3 visiting families and you’ll be able to nominate your school for an extra large science experiment kit! We’ll select at least one winning teacher!

YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND STUDENTS!
Come explore the beautiful MSU 4-H Children’s Gardens and participate in hands-on experiments! MSU students, come discover what science resources are available to you: student groups, research opportunities, and classroom support. Indoor activities planned as well, so event is rain or shine! No need to register, all are welcome.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:
- Aeronautics (drones, rockets, and airplanes)
- Engineering (junk drawer robotics, Rube Goldberg machines)
- Environmental science (water bugs hunting and water filters)
- Animal science (skeleton building)
- And more!

FEATURED GROUPS:
Michigan 4-H MSU Create 4 STEM
And more!

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JUDGED OBSTACLE COURSE

October 8th, 2017
Registration 8:00-9:00am
Open Arena 9:30-9:50
show to start by 10:00am
at the Gladwin County Fair Grounds

Come test your horsemanship skills as you maneuver through 15+ obstacles. Obstacles may consist of multiple components. You will be judged on team work, horsemanship and correctly completing each obstacle safely. Moving through the course quickly and accurately receives higher points (Walk Trot Canter = WTC  Walk Trot only = WT)
You may show multiple horses in multiple divisions. You may not take the same horse through the course with multiple riders.

Classes and fees
1. Novice In hand	WT	$10
2. Novice	WT	$10
3. 20 and over	WTC	$15
4. 15-19 years old	WTC	$15
5. 11-14 years old	WTC	$15
6. 10 yrs and under	WT	$10

-Negative coggins required
-Novice In hand = lead your beginner horse through
-Class 1 may only ride in Novice class 2
-Novice = beginner horse or beginner rider
-Participants 18 and under helmet required; helmets encouraged for adults
-During open arena riders may walk around obstacles, but not through them
-Ages are by Jan 1st, 2017
-You may attempt each obstacle no more than 3x then you must move on to the next.
-Pay out to top 5 riders in each class. 50% payback
-The arena will remain open after the show for riders to practice.
-Show coordinators and Gladwin County Fair are not responsible for lost /stolen items or accidents.

Proceeds will go to Farm Central 4H Club and
to support Gladwin County Fair Horse Program
For more information you may call Gwen 989-429-1542
DATE & TIME:  
October 27-30, 2017

LOCATION:  
Lansing, Michigan & Chicago, Illinois

COST:  
$300 (includes lodging, transportation, most meals, tour, and museum admission)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:  
Michigan youth ages 13-19 years old (age as of 1/1/18)

DESCRIPTION:  
Whether you grew up on a farm or not, chances are there is a career opportunity waiting for you in the agriculture industry. Jobs in the agriculture field include technology, business, natural resources, plants and animals.

The 4-H Agriculture Career Tour and Chicago trip will include tours and speakers from various agriculture businesses highlighting potential career possibilities for young people to explore. The itinerary may include marketing, shipping, processing, regulatory, or retail facilities. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to visit a Chicago museum and the “MAG Mile”.

HOW TO REGISTER  
Register online by October 16, 2017  
https://events.anr.msu.edu/agcareerchicago/

CONTACT:  
Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-648-2515

SPONSORS:  
4-H Commodity Carnival grant funded by National 4-H Council and CME Group

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# 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.*

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