



Clare County

4-H Family News

September 2016

4-H Staff Member's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the 2016 Clare County Fair! I would like to say congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers on another successful year of 4-H! Thank you to all of the volunteers, parents, and community members who help make our program a success year after year.

September 1st is the start of a new 4-H year and as we are starting to get into this new year, now is the time to start thinking about new projects and activities. As of September 1st, re-enrollment is open on 4-H Online for all members and volunteers.

Club leaders should also be receiving their yearend packets in the mail and should start planning for the coming year. The annual Leader Training is coming up in September, and all club leaders need to plan to attend. Please read carefully through this newsletter for upcoming events and details.

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Announcements

LEADER TRAINING: Monday, September 19, at 6pm

This year's Leader Training is **MANDATORY** for all club leaders and will take place at the **Clare Gladwin RESD in meeting room A on Monday, September 19, at 6pm**. There will be light refreshments and computers will be available for leaders to re-enroll. If you are absolutely not able to attend this training there will be a make-up training Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 5:30pm at MMCC in the Superior Room. Participation Fee forms and Enrollment forms will be available at this time.

SCIENCE BLAST: Tuesday, October 4, 5-7pm at MMCC

Science Blast will be held at Mid Michigan Community College—Harrison Campus and is sponsored by MSU Extension, Clare and Gladwin 4-H, and MMCC. **Ride the Smoothie Bike, learn how bees make honey, explore the plastic and welding labs, and discover much much more!**

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FREE \$50 for all 4-H Clubs!

Each 4-H Club has a free \$50 credit towards the purchase of any resources from the MSU Extension office. Give us a call for more information on how to take a chance at this great opportunity for your club!



4-H Workshops

September 13: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417>
Your computer

September 14-16: Facilitative Leadership Workshop for Youth-Serving Professionals & Volunteers
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=EAB1845F2861118D>
Louhelen Baha'I School Retreat and Conference Center, Davison Township

September 15: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417>
Your computer

September 17-18: 4-H Shooting Sports 101
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=89CAF2D7207B424D>
Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare

October 5-6: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec>
Port Huron

October 8-9: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-regional-shooting-sports-air-pistol-training>
Demmer Center, Lansing

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-goat-workshop>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-visual-arts-crafts-sewing-and-textiles-workshop-1>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-advisory-group-retreat-1>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress
<https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress>
Atlanta, Georgia

Other 4-H Events

September 17: Michigan 4-H Poultry Expo
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=78FB376DDF5EE9F0>
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

October 2-8: National 4-H Week
Nationwide

October 5: 4-H National Youth Science Day
<http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day>
Nationwide

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4-h>

4-H National Youth Science Day: *Drone Discovery!*

Are you, or do you know, someone who wants to be part of the world's largest, youth-led science experiment? If you would like to take part in a fun, hands-on, 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) (<http://bit.ly/1HWfd7K>) is for you.



On October 5, thousands of young people from 4-H clubs, groups and school programs across the country (and around the world) will participate in *Drone Discovery*, this year's 4-H NYSD Engineering Design Challenge. *Drone Discovery* explores the science behind drones and how drones are being used to solve real-world problems. For example, rescue workers mapping damage from natural disasters, farmers determining how to increase crop yield or filmmakers looking for the perfect aerial shot all might use a drone. This experiment, designed by a Cornell University Cooperative Extension (<http://cce.cornell.edu>), will allow youth to experiment with fixed- and rotary-wing designs, explore the concept of remote sensing and dive into the world of coding for real-world drone applications. Participants will learn everything from flight dynamics and aircraft types, to safety and regulations, to remote sensing and flight control.



You don't have to be a teacher, science enthusiast or expert to be part of the fun. National 4-H (<http://www.4-h.org>) will provide everything necessary to make your 4-H NYSD event a success.



Materials for the *Drone Discovery Challenge*, including the youth (<http://bit.ly/2aVuTES>) and facilitator (<http://bit.ly/2aFBGOs>) guides, are available for download. Engineering design challenge kits (<http://bit.ly/1OIV9KM>) are available for presale at the 4-H Mall. Each kit comes equipped with all the materials necessary for 10 youth, aged 8 to 14, to complete the experiment, including instruction booklets for both youth and adult facilitators. The national sponsors of 2016 4-H NYSD are HughesNet® (<http://www.hughesnet.com>), Lockheed Martin (<http://lmt.co/1s8abOf>) and U.S. Cellular (<https://www.uscellular.com>).

Sound like fun? Then consider hosting a science day with your favorite club or group of children. You can work with your local 4-H program coordinator (<http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3>) to find out about an event near you or you can host one of your own. (If you are unable to reach a local 4-H staff member, you may email 4hscience@anr.msu.edu for more information.) Register your event on the national site (<http://bit.ly/2aApv7Y>) so that Michigan is represented.



Not sure that *Drone Discovery* will excite your group or think you are not ready to tackle this? More great science experiments are just a click away. Check out the guides and materials from past 4-H NYSD experiments (<http://bit.ly/1HWfd7K>).

4-H Great Lakes And Natural Resource Camp

There was one teen from Clare County that attended this camp at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle from July 31—August 6, 2016. Campers have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This is a really fun MSU pre-college program.

4-H FALL AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual 4-H Fall Awards Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016. It will be held at the Loins Club Building on the Fairgrounds starting at 6:30pm. All 4-H families are invited to attend this night of recognition for all of the people that make this program possible!



Embrace your inner scientist!



COUNTY NEWS

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A group of volunteers are needed to clean up Clare County 4-Hes portion of the highway the week of September 24—October 2. This is a great opportunity for clubs to do a community service project! Please contact the MSU Extension office to coordinate a date and time.



Do you or a youth member you know want to represent Clare County 4-H by becoming an ambassador?

Sign up at the MSU Extension office before September 29, 2016!

2016-17 4-H ENROLLMENT

4-H Clubs should plan an enrollment meeting in October/November to ensure reenrollment forms and participation fees are turned in by **December 1st**. Participation fees are \$11 per member OR \$12 for all members enrolled in a horse project. The additional \$1 or \$2 covers the cost of accidental insurance for each 4-H member. **Money must be turned into your 4-H club leader.** Leaders are to then turn money into the MSU Extension as a 4-H Club. MSU Extension will not be collecting money for re-enrollment from individuals or families. Checks can be made payable to MSU and should be dated no more than 30 days prior to the time of payment to the MSU Extension office. Re-enrollment is open from September 1—December 1. Members new to 4-H as of this year have until May 1, 2017 to enroll.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship: Open to those who will be college freshmen in the Fall 2016 and have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship: Six scholarship recipients will be awarded \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Open to 4-H members who are high school seniors.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TOURNAMENT

This year MSU changed the 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament from Blue Water Sportsman's Club back to Centerline of Calhoun County. There were 478 youth that participated in this year's Tournament. We had two Youth represent Clare County at the Tournament. They were Wyatt Burmeister and Jonathan Kinberg.

Wyatt has been in the 4-H Archery program for 5 years. This year, he participated in the 3-D Target class for his competition. He used his Hoyt bow and shot a 104. Jonathan has been in the 4H Muzzleloader program for 1 year. This year, he participated in the Traditional Muzzleloader class for his competition. He used a Traditions Crockett .32-Caliber Percussion Rifle and shot a 20. Both boys are excited on how they did this year and can't wait until next year.

Next year's tournament will again be held at Centerline of Calhoun County and will be held around the first weekend of August. Be sure to check Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Shooting Sports website for updates about exact time for the 2017 State Shoot.

-David Kinberg



FAIR FOLLOW UP

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE 4-H FOOD STAND AND MILK BOOTH?

Profits from the 4-H Food Stand and Milk Booth are used to support a wide variety of programming for the 4-H program in Clare County. The funds generated from both of these fundraisers during the week of the Clare County Fair, plus other fundraiser throughout the year, help many members attend **4-H Exploration Days** and **4-H Camp** through scholarships. Did you know that those same funds also help support our youth members through **college scholarship opportunities** each year? The fundraisers for the 4-H Council also help our program put on **educational clinics**, the **Fall Awards Banquet** and the **Cloverbud show** at the fair. With all of this being said, it is **very** important to have a good volunteer turnout when it comes to the Food Stand and Milk Booth.

Every club is required to work at least one Food Stand and one Milk Booth shift during the week of the fair and it is also a big help to volunteer at Cleaning and Cooking Day before the fair. **If you have any input or ideas on either the Food Stand or Milk Booth, please attend the 4-H Council meetings, especially the September and October meetings.**

*This year we had a few clubs that went above and beyond and covered more than just one shift to make sure both concessions stayed open! Kudos to the members of those clubs that helped make that happen, thank you! Thank you to the **Food Stand Committee** and also **Trudy Foster** for all of the time and dedication put into not only the Food Stand, but also the Milk Booth! Thank you to our kitchen manager, **MaryEllen Caldwell**, for all of her hard work during the fair!*

2016 CLARE COUNTY FAIR SPONSORS

Chemical Bank
Clare Area Kiwanis Club
Clare Hometown Chiropractic
Clare Rotary Club
Fair Salvage Company
Farm Bureau- Kleinhardt Insurance Agency
Gene's Power Equipment
Hardy Insurance
Harrison Lumber Do-It Center
Heckman Electric
Heintz Propane
Isabella Bank
Kyle's Mfg Co
MacLean's Mercantile / Harrison Flower Shop
Marine Automated Doc Systems (MADS)
Maureen M. Gierucki D.D.S.
McConnell Farm Supply
McDonald Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram Clare

McNeilly Rentals
Meijer
Mercantile Bank
Michelle Ambrozaitis, Prosecuting Attorney
Mid Michigan Community College
Mid Michigan Health
Nevill Supply
Northern Commercial Real Estate
Northern Logistics/Surrey Point
Ram Rodeo
RWP - Robotic Welded Parts, Inc
S & S Collision
Snow Snake Ski & Golf
Steve O'Day Enterprises
Waste Management
Weldon Commercial Concrete
WGDN 103.1 Country

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Flower Pot Contest Winner

Carol Forkum
7" & Larger Pot-Adult

Poster Contest Winner

Busy Bunny Raisers

Buyer Thank You's and Pictures

Don't forget the importance of getting a thank you and pictures to your buyers and trophy sponsors. Please be aware of the new CCJLA rule concerning this topic. It is also a great idea to send a thank you to anyone that helps make our program and county fair possible.



FAIR FOLLOW UP

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4-H FUN NIGHT

The evening of food and fun was sponsored by the **4-H Small Animal Association** and once again, **M & M Meats** donated their time and the chicken for the dinner. Thank you for making this night a success!



4-H STARS AND STIPES DANCE

Thank you to the **4-H Livestock Council** for providing the paint for the dance t-shirts and for supplying a portion of the meal. Also, a big thank you to **Sound Productions** for allowing us to use their DJ equipment and **Trudy Foster** for the awesome decorations!

4-H CLOVERBUD SHOW

Great job to all Cloverbuds who displayed Home Arts and showed their Livestock and Small Animals at the Clare County Fair! Thank you to those volunteers that helped judge (**Cindy Dietsch, Carol Forkum, Erin Roland, Kaleigh Boggs, and Teresa Coats**) and those who helped with ribbons and awards (**Vanessa Foster, Faith Jehnzen, and Johnathan Jehnzen**) and the volunteers who worked one on one with the Cloverbuds and helped out during the shows.



Picture counter clockwise, left to right: Kynlee Carr, Ava Dillion, Kaleigh Boggs; Erin Roland and Mikayla Dunkle; Mikayla Dunkle, Justine Ogg, Heidi Schunk, Kynlee Carr, Hayley Neff, Brayden Humphrey, Ezra Bear, Luke Armstrong, Mariah DeGeer, JR Neff, Ava Dillion. (Not Pictured Summer Bay and Christian Bay); Brayden Humphrey

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CLARE COUNTY BUDGET

With the recent news about funding concerns regarding MSU Extension in Clare County, I wanted to give everyone an update and let them know what is happening in the 4-H world. MSU Extension is still working with the Clare County Board of Commissioner to discuss funding for the October 1st budget year. The next meeting for the Board of Commission is September 6th at 9:00 am and it is important to continue to show the commissioners our support for 4-H and MSU Extension programming in Clare County. If you haven't had a chance to talk to your county commissioner, please do so soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at the MSU Extension office.

Michelle Neff, Clare County MSU Extension Educator



Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Nomination Form

Due October 1st, 2015

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ YOUTH or ADULT (circle one)

Years enrolled in 4-H: _____ Youth's Date of Birth: _____

Project Area(s) Involved in: _____

Nominator's Information

Name: _____ 4-H Volunteer Leader? (circle one) YES or NO

Address: _____

Email: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

County Approval

Nominator Signature Date

County Staff Signature Date

Be sure the following are included:

- Nomination Form
- Nomination Letter
- Letter of Support from County Staff

One Youth & one Adult MI 4-H Sportsperson of the Year will be chosen for 2015.

Please send completed nomination packet to:

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Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Nomination Letter

You may use this form or type on a separate sheet. Please limit to one page.

Things to remember: Use this letter to describe why this individual is deserving of the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year. Include how the individual exemplified the MI 4-H definition of a good sport by demonstrating respect for animals, respect for opponents, respect for the traditions of the sport, and respect for others.

2016-17 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00pm Mandatory Leader Training at Clare-Gladwin RESD
 Makeup Leader Training on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 5:30pm MMCC Superior Room

4-H SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION / CCJSAA

(1st Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm)

September 12, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
October 3, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
November 7, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
December 5, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
January 9, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
February 6, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
March 6, 2017	County Building Room A
April 3, 2017	County Building Room A
May 1, 2017	*TBA
June 5, 2017	*TBA
July 10, 2017	*TBA

4-H LIVESTOCK COUNCIL / CCJLA

(3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 pm)

September 20, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
October 18, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
November 15, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
December 2016	-----NO MEETING-----
January 17, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
February 21, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
March 21, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
April 18, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
May 16, 2017	*TBA
June 20, 2017	*TBA
July 18, 2017	*TBA

4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION/CCYEA

(2nd Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm)

September 14, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
October 12, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
November 9, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
December 2016	-----NO MEETING-----
January 11, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
February 8, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
March 8, 2017	County Building Room A
April 12, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
May 10, 2017	*TBA
June 14, 2017	*TBA
July 12, 2017	*TBA

4-H COUNCIL

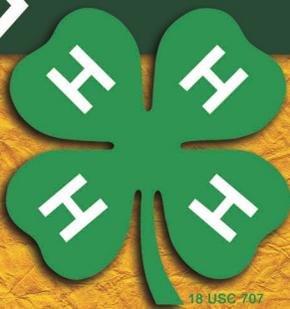
(4th Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm)

September 28, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
October 26, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
Combo Nov/Dec 7, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
January 25, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
February 22, 2016	MMCC- Superior Room
March 22, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
April 26, 2017	MMCC- Superior Room
May 24, 2017	*TBA
June 28, 2017	*TBA
July 19, 2016	*TBA

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

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