

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

FEBRUARY 2020

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

This month we have two events that are fun for the whole family. Winter Blast is a free event on February 8 that offers many indoor and outdoor winter activities for all ages. The popular annual 4-H Tubing Party at Snow Snake is also coming up on February 15. 4-H families are invited to attend both events and bring their friends along for the fun. More details can be found on the flyers in this newsletter.

Spring will be here before we know it and many 4-Hers will be getting their animal projects if they haven't already. Don't forget that 4-H record keeping books can be found on our website and should be started when you take possession of your animal or when you start your home arts project.

To stay informed with everything that is happening in 4-H, be sure to like "Clare County 4-H Program" on Facebook and follow @clarecounty4h on Instagram.

Hope to see you at Winter Blast and the Tubing Party!

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Bad Weather Policy:

If two out of the three schools (Clare, Harrison, Farwell) close on the same day due to bad weather (snow, ice, etc.) any scheduled 4-H meeting/program will be canceled.

Higher Education Scholarship



High School seniors enrolled in Clare County 4-H for two or more years are encouraged to apply for the Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship. Applications are due March 5, 2020, and can be found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../fil.../Higher%20Ed%20App%202020.pdf>

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**Keeping Kids Safe:
Resources for
caregivers of youth
ages 0-17**



This resource series introduces key concepts and age-appropriate activities for youth ages 0-17 that can be used by parents and caregivers to help protect children and teens from child sexual abuse. In addition, these factsheets share ways to help youth build skills and knowledge that will reduce their risk of being victimized.

Four factsheets exist in this series: Ages 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 and "the Downside to Sharenting." To access or learn more about these resources, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/creating-safe-environments/for-parents-caregivers>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 6: 4-H Books for Cooks SPIN Club

Collins Elementary School, Houghton Lake

This event, for youth ages 6-12, engages participants in reading a book and then cooking food from the book. This is the first of a four-week SPIN club series.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-books-for-cooks-spin-club>

February 15: 4-H Tubing Party

Snow Snake Mountain, Harrison

4-H families and their friends can enjoy tubing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$11 per person. Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-tubing-party-2>

February 22: Youth Officer Training

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

This event is for all 4-H and non 4-H members who are an officer or wish to become one. Learn about officer roles and parli-pro; includes snacks and door prizes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-officer-training>

March 3-4: Project FISH Workshop

MSU Natural Resources Building, East Lansing

Teachers, educators and volunteers are invited to two days of "Place-Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education." Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, a fishing rod and reel and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children in the classroom or in an after-school setting. Registration deadline: February 21; cost is \$75 per person.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/project-fish-workshop>

March 6: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-kent-county>

March 7: 4-H Dog Youth & Adult Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth ages 8-19 and adult volunteers who help in the dog project area are invited to learn more from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dog-youth-adult-workshop>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of 20 grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 15-18, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The four-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan State Capitol, meetings with state legislators, and time to find and strengthen one's voice in the legislative process. During the program, youth are supported by highly qualified peer leaders and MSU Extension staff as they work in small teams to develop real world solutions to challenges in agriculture, civil rights, education, environmental quality, human health, technology and other public policy issue topics.

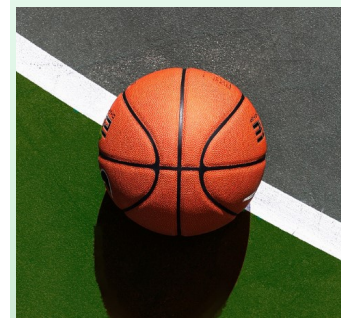
While directly observing Michigan's state government in action, and through participation an immersive legislative simulation, 4-H Capitol Experience participants develop a valuable and solid understanding of the state's legislative process. Attending the program strengthens participants ability to speak up on issues that matter, and to make a positive difference as active and engaged citizens in Michigan.

Hotel lodging, local transportation, materials, chaperone supervision, and most meals are included in the registration fee, which is \$360 for currently registered Michigan 4-H members (\$380 for non 4-H members). Contact your [local 4-H Program Coordinator](#) to learn about scholarships that may be available in your county to cover some, or all, of the 4-H Capitol Experience registration fee.

Registrations must be completed online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/capitolexperience2020/> by February 9 in order to participate. To find out more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on March 1! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State. Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking, fun and food with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.



Youth:

Hezekiah Bear
Kynlee Carr
Hosanna Evans
Colt Giester
Adalyn Gray
Brayden Humphrey
Rebecca Jehnzen
Mekayla Keelean
Olivia Kleinhardt
Addison McPhall
Bailey Mills
Colby Nash
Gunner Poynter
Mitchell Randle
Nolan Riggs
Gavin Schunk
Kolton Swartz
Sydney Swartz
Wesley Waite
Brevyn Willford
Ben Wood

Volunteers:

Penny Brewer
Tonya Crawford
Caleb Rowell
Dana Taylor
Donna Thompson
Cindy Veldt-Dietsch

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

8: Winter Blast, 10am to 2pm, Mid Michigan College—Harrison
15: Tubing Party, 10am to 12pm, Snow Snake Mountain—Harrison
18: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
26: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

March

5: 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship Applications due
11: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
17: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
25: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

April

21: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Good Outback Room
22: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

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Disbandment of 4-H Small Animal Association

At the 4-H Small Animal Association meeting on January 6, it was voted on and passed that this group will dissolve as of that meeting date. It is the intent that the 4-H Youth Leadership Council will now be the group providing educational opportunities for youth in the small animal project areas. Note that this does not affect the organization of any 4-H clubs or the Clare County Junior Small Animal Association (CCJSAA).

Irish Festival Parade

All 4-H families are invited to be apart of the 4-H float in the Clare Irish Festival Parade on Saturday, March 14. The parade begins at Noon and float riders and walkers can begin arriving at 11am. Clubs do not need to make a poster this year, but families/clubs are asked to donate parade candy. Youth are welcome to hold a stuffed animal that represents their 4-H project on the float, or bring a walkable animal or rideable horse but you must supply your own pooper scooper! (Parade rule). Thank you to the Country Neighbors Club for organizing the float this year!

Clare County Fair News

- Fair dates: August 3-8, 2020
- Campsites are available. Call the Fair office at 989-588-9011 if you are interested in one.
- Accepting entries for the cover of the Fair Book. More details on the flyer in this newsletter. Entries are due March 5.
- Fair Office Winter hours are very limited please call before coming in.

A collaboration hosted by Mid Michigan College,
Michigan State University Extension 4-H and Jay's Sporting Goods.



Winter BLAST

FREE FAMILY FUN

Join us as we have
a day of winter fun!

Sat. Feb. 8
10am-2pm

**Mid Michigan College
Harrison Campus**

POET FAMILY OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

The Winter Blast activities this
year include: snowshoeing,
ice fishing demo, cross
country skiing, fat tire biking,
winter craft activity, disc golf,
making s'mores...
and much, much more!



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Adults and children dress appropriately for outdoor weather conditions!

For more information (989) 539-7805 or (989) 386-6625.



**GLADWIN COUNTY 4-H
PRESENTS**



LIVESTOCK NUTRITION CLINIC

**Saturday February 8th, 2020
Starting at 10 AM**

MSU Extension Office 555 W Cedar Ave Gladwin MI, 48624

Join us as Nick Babcock,
4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science Educator
Will be discussing the nutritional needs of livestock.
Clinic will cover the following species
beef, sheep, swine, goats & poultry

Afterward we will take a tour of the Feed Store to see the process
that goes into feed development for livestock.

Transportation not provided

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4-H TUBING PARTY

Hosted by the Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020
10AM TO NOON

AT SNOW SNAKE MOUNTAIN IN HARRISON



Cost: \$11 a person. Due at time of event.
Cash or credit card.

Open to 4-H families and their friends
Participants must be 36" tall to ride the
tubes (Snow Snake rule!)

All participants must have a liability form
signed by a parent or guardian. Forms
available through MSU Extension.

Meet 15 minutes early to pay for tickets.

Questions? Contact Clare County 4-H at 989-539-
7805 or Gladwin County 4-H at 989-426-7741

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SNOW SNAKE DAILY TUBING RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand and acknowledge that snow tubing is a **HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY** and that my and/or the Minor's participation in snow tubing and use of Snow Snake's tubes and Tubing Park has many risks and dangers which may result in personal injury, paralysis or death, including, but not limited to: collisions with walls/sides of the tubing runs, with other tubers or bystanders or other structures or debris in or near the Tubing Park area and run-out area; the chance of falling out of the tube; injuries sustained while using the conveyer lift system, negligence of other participants, and negligence on the part of Snow Snake, its agents, servants and employees. I realize that injuries during participation in tubing activities are a common occurrence and that snow conditions vary constantly in the tubing park because of weather changes and snow tubing use. I acknowledge and understand that the snow tube and any other equipment provided and/or used during tubing is provided AS IS and acknowledge that NO WARRANTIES are being extended to me and/or the Minor with respect to any aspect of snow tubing.

In consideration of Snow Snake allowing me and/or the Minor to tube, use Snow Snake's related equipment, area facilities and parking areas, I expressly assume and accept any and all risks and dangers associated with my and/or the Minor's participation in tubing and other activities at Snow Snake. **In further consideration, I agree to Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnify and Defend** Snow Snake, its employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, including claims or suits brought by the Minor, including but not limited to: allegations of negligence, including the negligence of Snow Snake, its employees and agents, breach of contract, breach of any statutory duty or other duty of care and breach of express or implied warranty. I further agree to **Indemnify, Hold Harmless and Defend** Snow Snake, its employees and agents from any and all costs or expenses, without limitation, which Snow Snake sustains as a result of, related to, or alleged to be related to my or the Minor's participation in tubing or other activities available on Snow Snake premises.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM. I HAVE MADE NO FALSE REPRESENTATION TO SNOW SNAKE REGARDING MY NAME OR AGE.

Each person over the age of 17 must print name and sign.

Parents or Guardians of children under the age of 18 must print minors name and sign.

Name	Age	Signature (Parent/Guardian signature if under 18)	City	Date	



2020 Fairbook Cover Contest

The Clare County Fair Board is looking for your help! So, sharpen your pencils, crayons, markers or colored pencils and get out your clean sheets of paper and submit your entry for the 2020 Fairbook Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until **Thursday, March 5, 2020.**

The entry rules are as follows:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 8 to 19.
2. All entries must be camera ready, on white paper.
3. All entries must be on 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch paper with one inch white border.
4. All entries must include the following information:
 - That this is the 137th Clare County Fair
 - That the dates of the fair are August 3 - 8, 2020
5. Each entry must have the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, and 4-H Club and/or school written on the **back**.
6. **Entries should depict some phase of Clare County Agriculture and/or Fair Scenes and be the original work of the 4-H member or student.**
7. The winner will have their artwork on the cover, receive a \$50 cash prize, and an armband for one day of midway rides. The three runners up will receive an armband for one day of midway rides as well.

Entries can be delivered to the MSU Extension office at 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625. For questions, please call (989) 539-7805.

The Clare County Fair Board is responsible for the judging of these entries.

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