

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

APRIL 2019

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Spring is an exciting time of year for many 4-H families as many of you are getting your project animals and the excitement starts to build for summer camps, 4-H Exploration Days, and the Clare County Fair. Don't forget that we have many resources in the office for you to help with your projects including showmanship and care guides for purchase, animal science kits available for check out, zoonotic disease learning kits for your use and more. You never know what we may have, so, if you're looking to spruce up your knowledge, just ask us what we might have available!

This month I will be out of the office and unavailable on April 5 and 8. I will be attending a conference April 23 through 25 and will have limited access to email during this time. If you need immediate assistance during either of these times, please call the MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805.

I hope to see all of our youth taking advantage of the many opportunities that 4-H provides within the county and across the state. Between SPIN Clubs, camps, Exploration Days and more, there are many fun things to be a part of in 4-H!

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4-H SPIN Club Coordinator's Message

Spring has sprung! Or has it? This SPIN club coordinator is SPIN-ning up a storm. Our first SPIN club was the Spring Break Babysitting Workshop. Another Babysitting Workshop will be coming soon! Stay tuned for updates!

Our next SPIN club is Food Preservation in May. See the flyer in this newsletter.

We need more adult volunteers to run SPIN clubs (we have the curricula and I'll help you set it up!). If you might be interested in doing a flexible 4-8 weeks or 6-8 hours SPIN club program, please contact me! More SPIN clubs are in the works, so check your emails and go to our Facebook page to stay updated.

SPINever yours,

Maggie Mieske

4-H Club

**Registration and
annual 4-H Partici-
pation Fees are
due Wednesday,
May 1, for all
youth ages 5 to 19!**

**Apply now for
4-H Great Lakes
& Natural
Resources
Camp**



The 2019 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is now accepting applications! Designed for youth aged 13 to 15, this program is held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, Aug. 4-10.

Campers explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 4: 4-H Healthy Living Showcase

Online Webinar

Learn about Michigan 4-H curriculum related to nutrition, physical fitness, gardening and mental health from the comfort of your home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-healthy-living-curriculum-showcase>

April 11: Financial Fitness

Farmington Branch Library, Farmington

Pump up your savings to meet your financial goals by learning more about stocks, bonds and investments. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/financial-fitness>

April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

MSU -Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun and educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

April 16: 4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Become a certified Junior Master Gardener during this one-day workshop comprised of both lecture and hands-on activities. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-junior-master-gardener-workshop-april-2019>

April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. This event leads to instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol and muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

April 28: Environmental Science and Citizenship

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Joining the spirit of Earth Day, learn about different environmental systems such as watersheds and wetlands and how you can make a difference in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/enviromental-science-and-citizenship>

May 11: Northern Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Palooza

Kalkaska Fairgrounds, Kalkaska

Participate in a showmanship contest and learn from experts in educational workshops focused on rabbits and poultry.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/northern-michigan-4-h-rabbit-and-poultry-palooza>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

Pledge your hands to larger service this April with the #DaretoServeChallenge!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more!

This year, members of the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council are issuing a special challenge to their fellow Michigan 4-H members, as well as volunteers, alumni and staff. They have created the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge, which seeks to inspire everyone in Michigan 4-H to do at least one thing to serve their community during the month of April. Their goal: have at least one 4-H led community service project completed in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April! Imagine how big of an impact we can have if each of us chooses to lend our hands to larger service!

Here's how it works:

1. Join with others, or work on your own, to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference.
2. Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan. This will help others find your service opportunity so they can take part, too!
3. When you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.

If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to the Michigan 4-H Foundation at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/>.

Learn more!

Visit www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge to learn more about the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge and find resources for planning your project.



Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!



From April 1 to May 15, 4-H youth, alumni, friends and supporters have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20,000 as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Simply visit <http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand> to register and show your support of 4-H. Anyone can raise their hand, even if they participated in previous years! Each hand raised (registered) before May 15 counts as a vote and the states with the most hands raised will receive a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award.

Do your part and help grow Michigan 4-H experiences for additional youth in our state! After registering, make sure to share this opportunity with other fellow 4-H supporters and ask them to raise their hands as well.



Youth:

Dawson Aldrich
Emma Bay
Kayley Ellis
Olivia Forsberg
Lilly-Rose Frehling
Kathleen Goodenow
Reagain Hartley
Erin Judge
Evan Judge
Charlotte Miller
Madison Nunn
Justine Ogg
Lane Renner
Blake Rogers
Travis Shea

Adult Volunteers:

Carol Forkum

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 1: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center
- 3: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center (Spring Break Date Change)
- 16: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Classroom 274
- 24: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center

May

- 6: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center
- 21: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 29: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

June

- 3: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 11: S'more than Camp Training, 6:30pm, Location TBD
- 18: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 19-21: 4-H Exploration Days, Michigan State University
- 25-27: Camp Clover, Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp – Weidman
- 26: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

July

- 1: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 2: Cloverbud Day Camp, RESD Magnus Center—Clare
- 16: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 17: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 22-27: Clare County Fair

CLARE COUNTY NEWS

Spring Break Babysitting Workshop

Our first SPIN club under Maggie's direction was the Spring Break Babysitting Workshop. Eight youth attended and learned how to be responsible, caring and safe babysitters. Participants agreed that CPR, the Magic Bag and role-plays were the most fun. Everyone completed and received a graduation certificate! We celebrated with pizza donated by Shari's Family Diner and Pizzeria. Congratulations, 4-Hers!

Food Preservation SPIN Club

This SPIN club will be taught by MSU Extension Educators and is open to youth age 11-19 (by 1/1/19). It will take place at the Pere Marquette Library in Clare from 3:30-5pm on May 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost is \$20 current 4-H members, \$40 new 4-H members. Register by selecting Food Preservation as your club on mi.4honline.com



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4-H Exploration Days at MSU

This fun MSU pre-college program is open to youth (ages 11-19) and is taking place June 19 to 21 on the campus of MSU. 4-H Exploration Days registration goes from March 19 through April 26 with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth do not have to be current 4-H members to attend.

Half cost scholarships are available from the 4-H Council to all that attend with Clare County. Additional scholarships may be available by contacting the MSU Extension Office. The 4-H Council's goal is to have *10 youth* attend this program in 2019! Afraid you might be stuck in school due to the snow days? Talk to the leadership at your school about an excused absence. Registration books are available online, at the MSU Extension Office, and each high school in the county. More information can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

Camp Clover and Cloverbud Day Camp Registration

Registration for Camp Clover and Cloverbud Day Camp opened April 1!! For more information and the links to register, see the flyers in this newsletter.

Note that both of these camps are in partnership with Clare and Gladwin Counties and there have been changes, including location, from years past. Both counties' 4-H Councils have generously agreed to provide upfront scholarships of half of the original cost to all youth that attend these camps. You do not need to do anything to receive this scholarship, it is already applied to the registration fee.

Join the Camp Clover team!

Adults (age 20+) and teens (age 15 to 19 by 1/1/19) that are interested in being a part of the camp staff should apply to be an Adult Volunteer or Teen Counselor. This is great opportunity to increase leadership skills and make lifelong friends while leading youth through their camp experience. Counselors arrive the evening of June 24. Adult volunteers are needed to ride the bus from both drop off and pick up locations.

The 4-H Council's goal is to have *15 Counselors* and *6 Volunteers* to apply to be apart of the Camp Clover staff. **Applications are due May 1!** For more information and to apply visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19app/>

Clare County Fair News

Camping fee of \$150 due by 7/13/2019 to the Fair Office. Some lots are still available if anyone is still in need of one. Call the Fair Office at 989-539-9011.

Fair Theme is Wild West Colors Red, Yellow, White

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**Welcome to our
newest volunteer!**

Carrie Whitaker—
Resource Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunities

Adults and teens are needed to assist along the trail during the Freedom 5K Run/Walk the morning of April 27, in Harrison. If you're interested, contact Veterans Services at 989-539-3273 for details.

Farwell Schools has acquired wooded property and it could use a clean up. If you or your club would like to take part in this forest clean up, contact Alex Schunk for more details.



Clare County 4-H Fundraising Program

Plant Sale

Tentative Delivery on Friday, May 17th
Order through any Clare County 4-H Family. Orders due May 8, 2019.

10" Hanging Baskets- \$15.00 each

Boston Ferns



New Guinea Impatiens



Wave Petunias



Flats of Mixed Color Annuals- \$12.00 each

Petunias



Impatiens



Profusion Zinnias



4" Geraniums- \$20.00 a flat of 18 or \$1.25 each



Red



White

VEGGIES

\$12.00 a FLAT
OR \$1.25 a UNIT

1 Unit = 4 Plants of one variety.

CHOOSE FROM:

Slicing Cucumbers
Bell Sweet Peppers
Tomatoes: La Roma's
OR Celebrity

Order forms available online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/boards-and-committees

Everything is awesome at **CAMP CLOVER**



Hosted by the Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs

Camp Clover is an overnight summer camp that gives youth the opportunity to explore the outdoors, go fishing & swimming, learn about different cultures, have nightly campfires and s'mores, and have fun with Legos and friends and much more.

**JOIN THE
CAMP CLOVER
TEAM!**

Now accepting applications for Adult Volunteers and Teen Counselors (age 15+ by 1/1/19). For more information and to apply visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19app/>

Sponsored by: Friends of the Clare County Parks & Rec, Clare County 4-H Council, Gladwin County 4-H Leader's Council

**10AM TUES., JUNE 25 TO
4PM THUR., JUNE 27, 2019**

COLDWATER LAKE 4-H CAMP, WEIDMAN, MI
Transportation provided to and from Clare & Harrison

OPEN TO YOUTH AGE 9 TO 14 (BY 1/1/19)

Current 4-H Members: \$35

New 4-H Members: \$55 (Includes Annual 4-H Participation Fee)

For more information and to register visit
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19/>
Registration open through May 31, 2019

Questions? Looking for scholarships? Contact:

Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator, Alex Schunk, schunkal@msu.edu 989-539-7805
Gladwin County 4-H Program Coordinator, Melissa Preston, prest142@msu.edu 989-426-7741

Accommodations for persons with disabilities or special needs may be requested by contacting your 4-H Program Coordinator by June 1, to make arrangements. Request made after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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FUN TIMES TO BE HAD AT

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

Cloverbud Day Camp is a one day camp experience that includes t-shirt tie dye, fun in nature, games, singing songs, water play and more.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019
9AM to 3PM
Clare/Gladwin RESD
Magnus Center

Open to youth age 5 to 8 (by 1/1/19)
Current 4-H Members \$10
New 4-H Members \$30 (includes
Annual 4-H Participation Fee)

For more information and to register visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/cloverbuddaycamp19/>

Registration open through June 7, 2019

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