

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

APRIL 2020

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

During this time of uncertainty many of you have been wondering if we'll have camps, Fair, and other things this summer; and I am wondering that too. Many of you are also trying to decide if you should get project animals for the Fair. I have seen many posts on social media encouraging families to really think about the reason your kids get project animals and are involved in these programs. I realize that this is a financial investment that everyone has to make, but don't forget about the life skills your child is learning while caring for and working with an animal.

None of us know what the future holds at this point but we are moving forward with summer programs. MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H have suspended all face to face programs and meetings through May 15. This means that any 4-H things that we're scheduled should be moved to an online format if can be or should be canceled and rescheduled. Anyone who would like to use the Zoom program and needs help with that, please reach out to me.

With all of this being said, I am not able to go into my office until after May 15. If you have things you need to get to me, please scan and email them if at all possible, otherwise, it will have to wait until after this date.

Stay safe!

Alex

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From Tree to Toilet Paper

Discover the science behind how toilet paper is made in this virtual learning experience. Clare County Forester Nia Becker will be joining us to teach about the timeline of toilet paper from starting as a tree to a household commodity.

Thursday, April 30, 6pm, via Zoom

Geared toward youth age 8 to 14, but open to anyone.

More information and registration coming soon!

**Save the date for
the 2020 4-H
Spartan Coding
Camp!**



In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension is excited to offer 4-H Spartan Coding Camp for the second time this summer. This five-day camp will bring high school-aged youth to the campus of MSU, June 28 - July 2.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! At the end of camp, you'll also be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further your coding skills.

Registration will be open soon. For more information, visit canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.

As novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, Michigan State University Extension remains focused on the health and wellbeing of its participants, volunteers and employees. Per university guidance, MSU Extension staff have been asked to find alternative delivery methods for all in-person activities schedule through May 15. If a virtual method is not practical, the event must be canceled or postponed until after May 15 (at a minimum).

This applies to our Michigan 4-H volunteers and youth as well. You are encouraged to move upcoming events to an online format such as Zoom or Skype. If a virtual option is not practical, please postpone or cancel in-person 4-H meetings and activities scheduled between now and May 15.

Although face-to-face programs and events will not take place through May 15, MSU Extension will continue in its mission to serve communities. Visit the [Remote Learning and Resources online space](https://canr.msu.edu/rlr) at canr.msu.edu/rlr for a collection of online offerings that can be enjoyed from home, including resources for school closure activities.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please contact your county 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming 4-H Events and Workshops

April 1 –10: Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/672412960>

Youth can enjoy a short 45-minute online lecture from animal science experts each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Topics and speakers vary each day.

April 1—3: MSU Extension's Family Yoga with Kylie

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/761734640>

Join each weekday from 9:30—10 a.m. for 30 minutes of yoga, breathing and mindfulness.

April 1, 7, 8 & 14: Credit Craze—Basics of Credit for Youth

<https://bit.ly/2y75S5n>

These short one-hour interactive webinars will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more. You'll also learn how you can use the knowledge learned to take part in the 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest!

For the full event listing of virtual events for youth audiences, visit <https://bit.ly/3dqPffl>.

4-H Renewable Energy Camp



From July 6–10, 2020, the 4-H Renewable Energy Camp will take place at Michigan State University (MSU). This five-day pre-college program is available to youth ages 13–15 who are interested in exploring ideas, research and opportunities related to renewable energy.

During this camp, the youth will visit labs that are conducting renewable energy research, renewable energy companies that think outside the box, and farms that are using renewable energy to remain profitable. The interactive camp will engage youth in experiments, questions and conversations focused on the application of solar radiation into electricity. The culmination of the week will be youth teams designing solutions for incorporating solar energy into real-life applications.

The cost for this camp is \$280 for 4-H youth. Registration is available until April 15. Learn more and apply at canr.msu.edu/4-h-renewable-energy-camp/.

Michigan 4-H #DareToServeChallenge to be issued in April as part of the national 4-H True Leaders in Service

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 again 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. Though the novel coronavirus situation may limit traditional in-person service activities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to think about ways they can lend a helping hand in their communities.



As in year's past, Michigan 4-H'ers goal for 2020 remains the same: to have at least one 4-H-led community service project in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April!

Are you ready to make sure that 4-H in your county meets the goal? Here's how you can participate:

- During the month of April, work on your own or join with others (in your home or virtually), to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference. Here are a few ideas you can do from your own home to get you started:
 - Write cards or notes to members of a senior center or nursing home who can no longer receive visitors at this time.
 - Sew masks for healthcare workers.
 - Help raise money or resources for organizations in need.
- Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan at: www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service.
- After 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 Michigan 4-H at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/donate> or <https://givingto.msu.edu>.

Save the date for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp!



The 2020 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp will be held August 2-8 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County.

Youth ages 13 to 15 will 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.

The cost for this camp is \$410 for current 4-H youth. Registration will be available soon. Learn more at canr.msu.edu/4-h-great-lakes-natural-resources-camp/.

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★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Youth:

Blake Rogers
Justine Ogg
Evan Judge
Jessica Moore
Travis Shea
Emma Bay
Charlotte Miller
Fionna Hoover
Erin Judge
Madison Nunn
Dawson Aldrich
Lane Renner
Olivia Forsberg
Reagan Hartley
Kayley Ellis

Volunteers:

Carol Forkum
Cory Sheldon
Nia Becker

Flower Sale Cancelled

The 4-H Council Flower and Plant Sale has been cancelled for this year per State 4-H leaderships request.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 1: Record Book Keeping 101, 2pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/735092844>
- 8: Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/129381804>
- 9: Clare County 4-H Orientation, 6pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/986133505>
- 21: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/457870161>
- 22: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/789290763>
- 24: Exploration Days Registration Deadline
- 30: From Tree to Toilet Paper, 6pm, Via Zoom, Registration coming soon!

May

- 1: Camp Clover Counselor Applications Due
- 13: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/359279615>
- 19: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
- 22: Youth Leadership Council Fish Fry Fundraiser, 4-7pm, Our Lady of Hope in Clare
- 27: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
- 28: Exploration Days Orientation Meeting, 6pm, Location TBD

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Using Zoom for Virtual Meetings

While MSU Extension, including 4-H, are not doing any face to face programs or meetings through May 15, we'll be using Zoom, an online virtual meeting format. Zoom can be downloaded at <https://zoom.us/download>

Tips and Etiquette for using Zoom:

- A computer or laptop is recommended. Doable by smartphone. Good internet connection or phone service is required.
- Join early – up to 5 minutes before the meeting start time
- Use a username that is recognizable to all. Please use your first and last name or something like the "Smith Family".
- If you haven't used Zoom before click the link to download Zoom prior to the day of the meeting and familiarize yourself with any features you may need to use on the day – mute/unmute microphone, stop/start video, screenshare etc.
- Have your video on unless you are experiencing connection issues
- Find a quiet space without interruptions / background noise
- Have a plain background – avoid backlight from bright windows
- Have good lighting on your face so you can be seen clearly
- Adjust your camera to be at around eye level if possible – especially take note of the angle of your laptop screen if using the built-in camera. Ensure that you have good lighting, good angle, plain background
- Mute your microphone when not talking
- Try to avoid talking over / at the same time as other participants
- Be aware you are on camera and try to avoid doing other tasks, checking emails, looking at your phone etc.

Add Your Child's Email to 4HOnline

If your family is enrolled in 4HOnline and your CHILD has their own email address, especially teens, please log in and add their email address in the *member* info spot (not the family info spot) then scroll to the bottom of the page and hit continue to save. This allows our 4HOnline emails and newsletters to go directly to your child, which also builds responsibility and personal accountability!

The screenshot shows the 4HOnline member profile page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Enrollment', 'Member Settings', and 'Trainings'. Below these, there are sections for 'Personal Information', 'Additional Information', 'Health Form', and 'Participation'. The 'Personal Information' section is highlighted with a red circle. Within this section, the 'Youth Personal Information' sub-section is also highlighted with a red circle. Below this, there is a dropdown menu for 'Select a member name...'. Further down, the 'Profile Information' section is visible, containing fields for 'Email', 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Preferred Name'. The 'Email' field is highlighted with a red circle and an arrow pointing to it. The 'First Name' and 'Last Name' fields are also highlighted with red circles. The 'Preferred Name' field is empty. A red arrow points from the 'Youth Personal Information' section down to the 'Email' field. The page also shows a 'Copy parent information from another youth record' option and a 'Required Fields' indicator.

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Camp Clover Staff Application

The deadline to apply to be a Camp Counselor at Camp Clover is coming up on May 1! Teens 4-H age 14 to 20 that are interested in being a counselor at Camp Clover this summer need to apply online. This opportunity is open to teens that are not currently involved in 4-H, too. Adults that are interested in helping with camp should contact Alex by May 1 to discuss that. More details can be found on page 11 of this newsletter and online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/campcloverstaffapp/>

4-H Exploration Days

A deposit of \$70 is due along with the registration form by April 24. Registration forms MUST be emailed to Alex by this date. Mailing the forms will not get you registered due to the closure of the Extension Office. Deposits must be postmarked and mailed to the MSU Extension Office by April 24. Checks must be made to MSU and know that they are not going to be deposited until after May 15.

The Clare County 4-H Council provides scholarships to cover half (\$110) of the registration fee, plus there are \$40 scholarships available first come first served to youth that are attending this program for the first time. Registration closes April 24. More details and the registration form can be found online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

New Club Member Enrollment Deadline

The new club member enrollment deadline was set as May 1 each year. The 4HOnline deadline will remain as May 1. Due to the current world situation, the payment of 4-H Participation Fees have been extended to June 1. The MSU Extension Office is not able to take any form of payment through May 15. If you mail a check or scholarship form it will be held until we are back into the office. Normally youth are not "active" until 4HOnline registration AND participation fees have been paid. Youth must be in "pending" mode on 4HOnline to participate in 4-H programs through June 1, after June 1, both 4HOnline and fees must be paid. Those that are "pending" in 4HOnline as of May 15 will begin to receive notices that their fee or scholarship request is due by June 1. Through June 1, everyone that is "active" or pending" on 4HOnline will receive email communications. After June 1, your Participation Fee must be paid to receive email communication and to participate in any kind of 4-H activity.

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Save the Date for summer camps!

Registrations coming very soon.



Cloverbud Day Camp

Tues., June 17

9am-3pm

4-H Ages 5 to 7

Beaverton Church of the Nazarene and Ross Lake Park Splash Park



Camp Clover

Mon., June 29 10am to 5pm Wed., July 1

4-H Ages 8 to 13

Camp Neyati in Lake



Forestry Day Camp

TBD in July

Mid Michigan College—Harrison

Clare County 4-H Orientation



Families new to Clare County 4-H or those looking for a refresher are encouraged to join this online webinar to learn about the program and the many opportunities that are offered throughout the year.

Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 PM

Join by downloading the Zoom app and then click on this meeting link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/986133505>

Computer or tablet recommend, doable by smartphone. Good internet connection or phone service required.

Meet the staff, learn about the program's structure and who are partners are, hear about opportunities for youth and volunteers that happen year around locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally, plus much more!

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GLADWIN COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

Want to get your buyers to remember your
letter over the dozens of other letters

Make Yourself Unforgettable

Writing your best buyer letter!
This workshop is taught by Bev
Przystas Extension Educator and
will focus on the finer points of
writing a successful buyer letter

Wednesday April 8th
via zoom online meeting app from
10:00 am-10:30 am

Instructions for Zoom connection will be sent after
registration. If you have questions please contact
Melissa Preston at prest142@msu.edu



Registration for this program at: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/
Makeyourselfunforgettable/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Makeyourselfunforgettable/)

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Livestock Learning

Online Series

Starts April 9th at 7 p.m.

Join Us every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. for a different topic. Pre-Register to receive the meeting link!

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We have some amazing guest speakers coming to talk including a staff from Sullivan's Supply, a Livestock Judging team coach, a board member from MJLS and many more!

Check out this link for the schedule and registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/OnlineLivestockLearning/>



“Adulting 101”

Free Online Class for 11th and 12th graders

DATE & TIME:

April 9 at 2 p.m.

Budget and Credit

April 16 at 2 p.m.

Rent Smart

April 23 at 2 p.m.

Cooking 101

April 30 at 2 p.m.

Household Tasks

LOCATION:

Virtual: join a live Zoom
webinar from home

COST:

Free

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Older youth (11th and 12th Graders)

DESCRIPTION:

Learn some quick tips that will help you navigate life and college.

Budget and Credit: Explore the basics to keep your finances in order.

Rent Smart: What to look for when you rent.

Cooking 101: Tips and tricks for easy cooking.

Household Tasks: The right way to iron, make beds, sew a button, set a table, and other helpful hints.

JOIN ONLINE:

Download the Zoom app and click this meeting link:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/257448955>

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Capturing Our New Normal:

A Michigan Teen Photo Project

*Sharing the stories of our lives in this new time
through our eyes
...and our photos*

Teens in this project will use photography to answer questions, express themselves, and bring awareness to their communities about the issues affecting them during this unprecedented time.

We will meet via Zoom, as well as use an online classroom to share photos and ideas

Open to teens ages 13+ anywhere in Michigan

**Register at
events.anr.msu.edu/photovoice
to join**



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Youth who participate in the project will be guided by experienced staff members from Michigan State University Extension's Children and Youth Institute. Our staff will lead and facilitate small groups of youth (8-10 youth per group) who will meet weekly April 13 - June 1, 2020 using the online Zoom meeting platform.

During our weekly Zoom meetings, youth participants will learn basic photography skills and form relationships with other teens from across Michigan. Access to a digital camera is not required, youth will be able to participate in project successfully using the camera on a smartphone.

Registration is now open for the Capturing Our New Normal: A Michigan Teen Photo Project. Participants can register now through April 12, 2020 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/photovoice/>



JOIN THE CAMP CLOVER TEAM!

**CAMP STAFF TRAINING JUNE 3, 6 TO 9PM
COUNSELORS ARRIVE TO CAMP EVENING OF JUNE 28
CAMP OPERATES FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 1, 2020**

**CAMP NEYATI IN LAKE, MI
HOSTED BY THE CLARE AND GLADWIN COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS**

**TEEN COUNSELORS AGE 14 TO 20
AGE AS OF 1/1/2020**

Applications Due May 1

Application and More Information can be found at:

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