

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

DECEMBER 2019

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

I would like to say thank you to all of our club leaders and 4-H families for being diligent in completing the re-enrollment process by the December 1 deadline. If you know of a youth who would like to join a 4-H club and they are new to 4-H, the new club member enrollment deadline is May 1, 2020.

As we go into the winter season I would like to remind everyone of our 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. Cancellations of county wide programs or meetings will be communicated via email and Facebook.

Recently, I sent an email announcement to all 4-H families about additional work I am going to be doing with Mid Michigan College for Lifelong Learning and volunteer opportunities for their staff. As a reminder, I am going to be working at Mid on Wednesdays through December. Sherry, our Office Assistant, is also here to help you with any 4-H things, specifically administrative things and 4HOnline questions.

I will be out of the office for the holidays from December 24 through January 1.

Have a great holiday season!!

Alex Schunk

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## Holiday Craft Day

Sunday, December 8, 1 to 4pm  
Jay's Sporting Goods Outback  
Room

Open to the Public

\$5 donation/crafter

See more details on page 7



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### 4-H Dog Patch Program



The Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H dog project area.

The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area. There are numerous patches available to reflect the varying disciplines in which youth can participate. In 2019, three new patches have been added; the Rally Intermediate, Rally Master and Beginning Novice.

For more information about the Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program or to order patches, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_dog\\_patch\\_program](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_dog_patch_program).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### December 3: Give Green Day

*Statewide*

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

### December 12: Start Your Own Insect Collection

*Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township*

This class will introduce collecting and preserving insects. All participants receive an insect collection box, set of pins, and leave the class with 10-20 pinned insects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/starting-your-own-insect-collection>

### December 14: Treat Yourself Workshop

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office, Benton Harbor*

A countywide project where youth will learn about chocolate and spa projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/berrien-county-4-h-treat-yourself-workshop>

### December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

*Ford Field, Detroit*

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Dec. 15 Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-19>

### December 30: 4-H Spa-Delicious Countywide Project

*Van Buren County MSU Extension Office, Paw Paw*

Learn how to make homemade body products in this fun and educational class. Each participant takes home their own bath fizzies, sugar scrub, lip balm and air freshener!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spa-delicious-countywide-project>

## Save the Date

### February 1: Michigan 4-H Winterfest

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

A crowd favorite every year, this statewide event is for youth ages 8-12. A special emphasis is placed on providing sessions that offer hands-on learning.

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

## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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2019 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

### Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich

learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition>. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu).

### What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition> or contact Kelly Stelter at [grandtke@msu.edu](mailto:grandtke@msu.edu).

**Support  
Michigan 4-H  
with holiday  
shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays by supporting 4-H while making your purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.





## NOVEMBER

### Youth:

Tyler Brandt

Cael Clayton

Rori Cook

Carrigan Giester

Harlow Haring

Mason Hileman

Mallorie Hilyard

Abigail Hosking

Kerrigan Koch

Brynlee McConnell

Syerra Mills

Kendall Parsons

Oaklee Romatz

Avery Shea

Landon Smith

Mckenna Smith

Jaley Stoike

Brailyn Tucker

Hannah West

Ben Zdrojewski

### Volunteers:

Kaleigh Boggs

Sherry Landon

Melissa Zelt

### **Bad Weather Policy:**

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## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December

2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

4: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

8: Holiday Craft Day, 1-4pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

### January

6: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, TBD

8: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, TBD

21: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

22: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, TBD

### February

3: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, TBD

8: Winter Blast, 10am to 2pm, Mid Michigan College—Harrison

18: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

26: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, TBD

### March

2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, TBD

11: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, TBD

17: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

25: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, TBD

## ADVISORY BOARD OFFICERS

### 4-H Council

President: Corrie Aldrich

Vice President: Haley Schunk

Treasurer: Lynnette Sheldon

Secretary: Dana Taylor

### 4-H Small Animal Association

President: Ursula Jehnzen

Vice President: Cory Sheldon

Treasurer: Dana Taylor

Secretary: Cindy Dietsch

### 4-H Livestock Council

President: Nate Shea

Vice President: Shelly Haggart

Treasurer: Kaleigh Boggs

Secretary: Tonya Crawford

### 4-H Youth Leadership Council

President: Cory Sheldon

Vice President: Jennifer Dietsch

Treasurer: Katie Sheldon

Secretary: Grace Taylor

Adult Advisors: Corrie Aldrich, Parker Thompson, Dana Taylor (Treasurer)



The Youth Leadership Council held their first business meeting on November 21, at which time they elected officers and put by-laws in place. Officers are pictured.

By-Laws for each of these boards can be viewed at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare\\_county\\_4\\_h/boards-and-committees](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/boards-and-committees)

## CLARE COUNTY NEWS

### Brushwood Community Service Project

For our community service, the Brushwood 4-H club spent time helping out at the Harvest Dinner at the Church of the Nazarene in Beaverton. The church provides this meal once a month and it is free for any community member to attend. Our club was very happy to help out with this dinner because we know how important it is to help those in need. We helped set up the tables, serve the food and clean up. It was a lot of fun to help the community and make the people happy.

Submitted by: Taylor Newman— Secretary, Ava Dillon-Deputy Secretary



### Teen “Chopped” Competition

Three local teams competed in the Teen “Chopped” Competition at the Harrison City Market in October. Clare County 4-H had a team competing, Cory and the Chicks, who won the Most Creative category!



### Fair News

Camping deposits for 2020 Clare Co Fair are being taken now through December 31, 2019. Deposit is \$25 with the balance of \$150 due by July 25, 2020.

You can mail a check to Clare Co Fair PO Box 698, Harrison, MI 48625 or if you would like to put it on a credit or debit card please call the fair office at 989-539-9011 and leave your name and number and Donna will call you when she is in the office with limited winter hours.

If you will not be coming to the fair in 2020 the office will need to know that lot is available you can not just give the lot to someone else.

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★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

### DECEMBER

#### Youth:

Marlee Clark  
Mason Clark  
Cole Drake  
Madison Forfinski  
Annelie Gray  
Randon Iserthoth  
Taryn Millhisler  
Bryce Mills  
Gage Mills  
Aubree Montney  
Brooklyn Parsons  
Hunter Romatz  
Tucker Rowell  
Gavin Stein  
Jesse Tucker  
Breez Yarger

#### Volunteers:

Joanna Krell  
Melissa Larsen  
Nelson Mieske  
Parker Thompson

# FALL AWARDS CELEBRATION REVIEW

## 2018-19 AWARD WINNERS

### ROOKIE

8-11 Connor Heaven Hill Top 4-H  
12-14  
Sam Wormsley Hide N Hares  
Mekayla Keelean Hill Top 4-H  
15-19 Naomi Wormsley Hide N Hares

### ACCOMPLISHMENT

Lena Renner Denim & Dust  
Jaley Stoike Brushwood  
Syerra Mills Busy Bunny Raisers  
Katie Sheldon Millennium Showmen  
Justine Ogg Country Neighbors  
Mariah DeGeer Clover Communications

**EXCELLENCE:** Jennifer Dietsch

**OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT:** Tyler Brandt

**I DARE YOU AWARD:** Cassidy Ogg

**KEY CLUB:** Cassidy Ogg

**SENIOR OF THE YEAR:** Tyler Brandt

### DIVISION

**Small Animal:** Gianna Forster

**Livestock:** Dawson Aldrich

**Home Arts:** Cory Sheldon

### COUNTY AWARDS

**Beef Science:** Brailyn Tucker

**Companion Animal Science:** Jennifer Dietsch

**Dairy Science:** Hayley Neff

**Goat Science:** Grace Taylor

**Birds and Poultry Science:** Grace Taylor

**Leadership and Personal Development:** Jeffrey Carncross

**Rabbits and Cavy Science:** Rylee Carncross

**Sheep Science:** Logan Young

**Swine Science:** Jane Krell

**DEDICATION:** Dawson Aldrich

**CLUB OF THE YEAR:** Denim & Dust

### 4-H COUNCIL HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Cassidy Ogg  
Dallas Witbeck  
Mitchell Hoskey

### LIVESTOCK RECORD KEEPING

**Swine:** Judged by Sonya Novotny of Michigan Farm Bureau  
Beginner: Easton Waite, Intermediate: Rylee Carncross, Advanced: Jeffrey Carncross

**Sheep:** Judged by Mollie Hogg of MSU Extension  
Beginner: Jackson Heyboer, Intermediate: Haley Schunk, Advanced: Grace Zelt

**Feeder Steers:** Judged by Dan & Jeanie Fitzpatrick of Country Side Beef

Beginner: Hayley Neff, Intermediate: Grace Taylor

**Beef:** Judged by Dan & Jeanie Fitzpatrick of Country Side Beef  
Beginner: Mitchell Randle, Intermediate: Taylor Newman, Advanced: Shania Slater

**HORSE & PONY RECORD KEEPING:** Judged by Mollie Hogg of MSU Extension

Beginner: Isabella Dring, Intermediate: None, Advanced: Aubree Myers

**HOME ARTS RECORD KEEPING:** Kynlee Carr

### HERDSMAN AWARD

Beef – Tommy Dewey

Sheep – Logan Young

Swine – Jeffrey Carncross

Dairy – Dallas Witbeck

**IMAGE AWARD:** Swine

**SMALL ANIMAL MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER:** Jeffrey Carncross

### POSTER CONTEST

1<sup>st</sup> Country Neighbors

2<sup>nd</sup> Busy Bunny Raisers

3<sup>rd</sup> Brushwood

### FLOWER POT CONTEST

6" Pot and Smaller- Youth: 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Wormsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Addison Wittig

7" Pot and Larger – Youth: 1<sup>st</sup> Syerra Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gage Mills, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bryce Mills

7" Pot and larger – Adult, 1<sup>st</sup> Tina McPhall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Forkum

**FRIEND OF 4-H:** Gateway Refrigeration, Loren and Julie Cole and Norm Yoder

**ALUMNI OF THE YEAR:** Carol Forkum and Ashley Eberhart

**PARENT OF THE YEAR:** Carrie Whitaker and Shawn Armstrong

### MILESTONE YEARS

5yrs- Tammie Armstrong, Tonya Crawford, Sherry Landon, Dana Taylor, Jody Zelt, Melissa Zelt

20yrs- Betty Mussell

30yrs- Carol Forkum

### 1 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Josiah Bear, Nia Becker, Louise Bryant, Ted Dittenber, Ashley Eberhart, Katharina Jehnzen, Carmen Longuski, Tina McPhall, Nelson Mieske, Caleb Rowell, Mathew Sand, Alex Schunk, Erika Schunk, Carrie Whitaker, Kasey Whitaker



# Holiday Craft Day



JAY'S Sporting Goods  
Outback Room  
8800 S Clare Ave  
Clare, MI

**December 8, 2019**  
**1pm to 4pm**

Cost:

A suggested donation of \$5.00  
per crafter to cover supplies

Projects Include:

Jean Pocket Angel  
Birdseed Feeder  
Sewn Holiday Card  
Stick Photo Frame  
Salt Dough Snowman  
Felt Gnome

Sponsored by:  
Clare County 4-H Council



Come have fun and enjoy some family time before the holiday rush begins! Youth will make gifts to give to parents, grand-parents, teachers and/or siblings. The activities provided will also make great projects to display at your local Fair.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Refreshments will be provided. No RSVP needed.

All youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult or teen.

For more info contact Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-539-7805 ext. 5622 or e-mail [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu)

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting MSU Extension-Clare County at (989) 539-7805 one week prior to the event to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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