



Clare County

# 4-H Family News

February 2019

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

After very cold weather and many snow days, I am hoping we are able to get back into the swing of things in February. This is a great time to start planning upcoming 4-H projects and to begin things like record keeping books. All creative youth should check out the flyer in this newsletter for the Fair Board's annual Fair Book Cover Contest.

Do you have cabin fever? Join 4-H families at Winter Blast and the 4-H Tubing Party this month to beat the winter blues! Both events are sure to be a fun time for the whole family. Flyers with more details for both Winter Blast and the Tubing Party can be found in this newsletter.

Summer will be approaching quickly and with the warmer weather comes summer camps! Be sure to "like" or "follow" the [Clare County 4-H Program](#) Facebook page for updates on camps and other future programs.

Enjoy the snow while it is here!

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## Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship

Clare County 4-H High School Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship. Three winners can be chosen for this scholarship and winners will receive \$500 to put towards any higher education.

*Please take note of the 4-H Council meeting attendance requirement.* "Must attend at least one overall 4-H Council Meeting which are regularly held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month." The next Council meeting is on Wednesday, February 27, starting at 6:30pm in the Tech Center Building at Mid Michigan College in Harrison.

Applications are due on Thursday, March 7, and are now done electronically! Click on this link to view additional requirements and to complete the app: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA1AxayRnnk5TGBlkXgUpBsST\\_6pHntKfnFVZpr7dX\\_Q-oiQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA1AxayRnnk5TGBlkXgUpBsST_6pHntKfnFVZpr7dX_Q-oiQ/viewform)

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## New Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide



Michigan 4-H cavy showmen now have a new resource! The Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide contains objectives and guidelines for the 4-H participant in cavy fitting and showing contests.

Information covered in the resource includes feeding, care, handling and conditioning. The bulletin provides full color, step-by-step instructions with photo illustrations for completing the contest examination. Also included is a cavy showmanship scorecard.

Download your free copy today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/cavy-fitting-showmanship-member-s-guide-4h1345>.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### February 2 : 4-H Benefit Clinic

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Learn more about form, function, improving patterns and lead changes from experts Brian Bannerman, September Croel and Karen Waite during this day of interactive sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic>

### February 15-16: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from experienced veterinarians and others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

### February 16: Michigan 4-H at the Griffins

*VanAndel Arena, Grand Rapids*

Come out to VanAndel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins! A portion of each ticket will support Michigan 4-H programming.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-at-the-griffins>

### February 16-17: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

### February 23: 4-H Teen and Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Conference

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

Attend this conference to explore topics such as horse judging, equine first aid, and veterinary care for horses. Information shared will assist leaders in youth development and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

### February 23-24: 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Teens attending this workshop will learn how to teach an educational lesson to other youth in their local community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-leaders-in-action-workshop>

### February 24: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

*MSU Spartan Stadium, East Lansing*

The Michigan 4-H alumni community is invited to an alumni reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>

### February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

*MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing*

Show your Michigan 4-H pride while cheering on the MSU Women's Basketball team during this annual event.

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

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/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 9, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



Occurring in two locations, East Lansing and Marquette/Chatham, attendees 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 twenty 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.

### Start planning your 4-H Exploration Days adventure!



A fun summer favorite for Michigan 4-H'ers across the state, plans are well underway for the 2019 4-H Exploration Days! This signature MSU precollege program, to be held June 19-21, allows youth to stay on the campus of Michigan State University while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay. In addition to enjoying fun and learning on campus, attendees build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult.

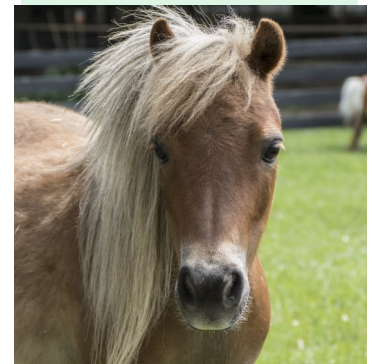
The event features more than 200 session choices. Begin planning your stay when the 4-H Exploration registration books become available mid-February! Topics include animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international

language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology.

Use the registration book to make your top session selections in advance of registration opening on March 12 (also be on the lookout for session age restrictions). Sessions will fill up quickly and all registration information is due to your county's MSU Extension office at the end of April, although specific dates vary.

For more information, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/).

### Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines now available



The new Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines allow Michigan 4-H mini showmen to understand the rules governing their shows. It is also a great resource for leaders and show managers, as well as 4-H members!

Included in the document is information for all classes, including: jumper, hunter, costume, driven dressage, gymkhana, pole bending and more.

Download your free copy today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf).

## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

### Youth:

Hezekiah Bear  
Caleb Brown  
Kynlee Carr  
Olivia Cook  
Hosanna Evans  
Colt Giester  
Bailey Gilroy  
Adalyn Gray  
Casen Haggart  
Brayden Humphrey  
Rebecca Jehnzen  
Olivia Kleinhardt  
Colby Nash  
Mitchell Randle  
Nolan Riggs  
Gavin Schunk  
Morgan Shea  
Gerald Stillion  
Kolton Swartz  
Sydney Swartz  
Hailey Thompson  
Wesley Waite  
Brevyn Willford  
Dallas Witbeck  
Ben Wood

### Adult Volunteers:

Tonya Crawford  
Dana Taylor  
Donna Thompson  
Cindy Veldt-Dietsch

### February

4: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center  
9: Winter Blast, 11am-1pm, Mid Michigan College– Harrison  
16: Tubing Party, 10am-12pm, SnowSnake Mountain– Harrison  
19: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center  
27: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center

### March

4: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, TBD  
19: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center  
27: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, TBD

### April

1: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center  
16: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center  
24: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center

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### Winter Blast

Free family fun on Saturday, February 9, from 10am to 2pm at Mid Michigan College in Harrison. Geocaching, ride fat tire bikes, snowshoe, make s'mores, campfire cooking, hockey shootout, scavenger hunt, bring a sled for SLEDDING and more! Concession stand will be available for lunch and snacks. See flyer for details.

### Clare and Gladwin 4-H Tubing Party

Saturday, February 16, 10am to 12pm at SnowSnake in Harrison. Cost \$11/person due at time of event. Open to 4-H families and their friends. Must be 36 inches to ride the tubes. Participants must have a liability form signed by a parent or guardian: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/tubingrelease.19.pdf>

### 4-H Exploration Days at MSU

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually. 4-H Exploration Days registration goes from March 12 through April 26, but don't delay, session assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration books will be available the middle of February online and at the MSU Extension Office. More information [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)

### 4-H Discovery Trip

In January we had 29 youth and 9 adults attend the trip to the IQ Hub at AgroLiquid, Green and White Swine Show, State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show, and the MSU Dairy Store. Thank you to the 4-H Council and the IQ Hub for sponsoring the transportation for this trip!



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. 9**  
**10am-2pm**

**Mid Michigan College**  
**Harrison Campus**  
1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

- **Learn** how to Geocach
- **Ride** a fat tire bicycle
- **Create** a pine cone bird feeder
- **Learn** how to snowshoe
- **Make** a S'more
- **Try** your skill at the Hockey Shootout
- **Bring** a sled to join others on the hill
- **Relax** with popcorn and hot chocolate  
*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.



Clare and Gladwin County

# 4-H Tubing Party

Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 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 Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-539-7805 or Melissa Preston, Gladwin County 4-H Program Coordinator 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 |  |
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# 2019 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 2019 Fairbook Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until **Thursday, March 7, 2019.**

The entry rules are as follows:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 9 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 136th Clare County Fair
  - That the dates of the fair are July 22-27, 2019
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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