

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

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## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Happy New Year, 4-H families! Winter is proving to be almost as busy as the summer time in 4-H land. This month alone we have many fun things planned including a fieldtrip that will get us on the road and discovering new things. I encourage everyone to take part in these activities as 4-H is a diverse year around program.

Below you will notice a posting for a 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator. With the help of local match funding, we are exciting to be expanding our program by hiring an AmeriCorps member. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends and if they are the right fit, encourage them to apply.

A reminder that I am in the office full time Monday through Friday now. My schedule does vary depending on when I have meetings and programs scheduled. I will do my best to continue to include the days I plan to be out of the office in this monthly newsletter.

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## Wanted: 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator

The 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator will be responsible for delivering SPIN club programming in area schools and/or community partners in Clare County.

Tasks will include: Planning and organizing 10 4-H SPIN (special interest) clubs with volunteers that focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) topics and utilize the 4-H SPIN Club guide, planning worksheet, and record of finances.

More details: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/4-H%20STEAM%20Corps%20Position%20Description%20HT.pdf>

All interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Alex Schunk at [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu) by January 13, 2019.

## 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.**

**Save the date  
for the 4-H  
Alumni Tip-Off  
Reception!**



On Feb. 24, Michigan 4-H alumni will gather to celebrate 4-H with other alums from across the state at the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and drinks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before enjoying a women's basketball game at the Breslin Center.

Organized by Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Tip-Off event takes place before 4-H Day at the Breslin, for which free tickets are available.

More information about the Alumni Tip-Off event is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>. For free tickets to the 4-H Day at the Breslin, contact your local MSU Extension office.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**January 10 : 4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training**

*Online Webinar*

This training is geared toward 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4>

**January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training**

*Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor*

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-washtenaw-county>

**January 18-19: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference**

*Crowne Plaza, Lansing*

This networking event builds show management skills and fulfills the yearly seminar requirement for Michigan 4-H horse judges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>

**January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-ingham-county>

**January 26: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show**

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and spectators are welcome!

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019-state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

**February 1-2: Michigan 4-H Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest**

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Participants will have the opportunity to judge high quality Quarter Horses and deliver a set of reasons after learning more about evaluating horses from Extension experts.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judging-workshop-practice-contest>

**February 1: 4-H State Award Deadline**

*Online*

Submit your State Award application on time for careful review by the selection committee. The application may take several weeks to finalize, so be sure to get an early start.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards>

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

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension. Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



**Save the date  
for the Michigan  
4-H Robotics  
Leaders  
Workshop!**



Enhance your engineering skills at the hands-on, 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop, March 16-17, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin!

The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a 4-H robotics club.

Participants will be introduced to and learn basic robotic skills, as well as explore different types of robotic projects within LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, LEGO Wedo and Junk Drawer Robotics.

Learn more at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_robotics\\_leaders\\_workshop\\_2019](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019).

## Citizenship Washington Focus registration available

Registration for the 2019 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program, taking place June 22-29, is now available. Program participants learn about the nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring historical sites in Washington, D.C. The cost of the 2019 4-H CWF program is \$1,500 and includes all meals (except seven meals in transit), lodging and transportation. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/> to register.



2018 Capitol Experience participants interacting with resource people.

## Now recruiting for 4-H Capitol Experience 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is now recruiting for 2019 participants! This annual statewide program, occurring March 17-20, helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

More than 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

Attendees will leave the program having a great understanding of the responsibilities of a citizen, be able to identify different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities, and know potential careers in public policy.

Cost for this event is \$360 and includes most meals, lodging and materials. For more information, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/).



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BIRTHDAY!

### Youth:

Christian Bay  
Jeffery Carncross  
Rylee Carncross  
Baileigh Carpenter  
Gage Cingano  
Gianna Cingano  
Ethan Cook  
Molly Crawford  
Linde Davison  
Devin DeGeer  
Lilyanna Ficek  
Samuel Hampton  
Mitchell Hoskey  
Aydrian Iserhoth  
Cameron McInnis  
Hayley Neff  
Lane Ogg  
Gabe Pettersch  
Cory Sheldon  
Bruce Torzy

### Adult Volunteers:

Crystal Walters

## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

7: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center  
15: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center  
18: Board Games & Chill, 3:30-6, Pere Marquette District Library– Clare  
22: Youth Brainstorming Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center  
23: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center  
26: 4-H Discovery Trip, 8am-5:30pm, IQ Hub, AgroLiquid, MSU Animal Shows

### 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

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### Holiday Craft Day Thank You

Thank you to all that came to the 2018 Holiday Craft Day. We had 6 crafts enjoyed by 47 participants this year. Thank you to the 4-H ambassadors: Grace Taylor, Jennifer Dietsch and Allison Whitaker that helped. A huge thank you to my committee and volunteers. Mary Mathews, Tammie Armstrong, Natalie & Madison Armstrong, Cindy Dietsch, Rebecca Jehnzen, Carolyn Kinberg, Liz & Kharisma Osterloh, Lynette Sheldon, Harrison NHS students. This event doesn't work without all of you.

Thanks again, Donna Thompson

(Photo by Mariah DeGeer of the Clover Communications Club. Pictured: Carrie and Allison Whitaker.

### Wood & Crafters Club

The members of this club have been meeting frequently to work on their wood projects. Pictured are Josiah Jehnzen, Cory Mullin, Rebecca Jehnzen and Johnathan Jehnzen.



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### Board Games & Chill

Teens are invited to come hangout at the Pere Marquette Library in Clare on Friday, January 18, from 3:30-6pm. Bring your friends! Teens do not have to be in 4-H to attend and there is no registration for this free event. Stop in and leave as you please. Many games will be ready to play and there will be popcorn!



### Youth Brainstorming Night



We want to hear our 4-H members thoughts and ideas! When? Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30pm. Where? Mid Michigan College Tech Center in Harrison. Parents, drop your kids off and pick them up an hour later. Don't worry about dinner, pizza will be provided! Age 8 to 19.

### 4-H Discovery Trip

Youth age 8-19 are invited to attend this one day fieldtrip where we will discover the IQ Hub at AgroLiquid in St. Johns, spectate the Green and White Swine Show and State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show at MSU and stop for a sweet treat at the MSU Dairy Store. The trip will take place on Saturday, January 26, from 8am to 5:30pm. Bus transportation will be provided to and from Clare. Must be preregistered by January 20. More information and registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/discoverytrip/>

### 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!

Volunteers are needed to lead the pinecone bird feeder making and making first aid kits. No experience necessary and supplies will be provided. This will make a great community service project. Two volunteers (adults or teens) are needed for each station.



### 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>



**Legos Needed:** Our overnight summer camp theme is Legos! If you or someone you know has used Legos they would like to donate to 4-H, we could use all kinds, shapes, sizes!

### Summer Camps Save the Dates

#### Camp Clover

June 25-27

Coldwater Lake 4-H  
Camp— Weidman

Open to youth age 9 to  
14 (by 1/1/19)

Overnight camp themed  
Legos

Adult volunteers and  
teen counselors age 15  
to 19 will be needed.

Hosted by Clare and  
Gladwin County 4-H  
Programs

#### Cloverbud Day Camp

July 2

Clare Gladwin RESD  
Magnus Center

Open to youth age 5 to  
8 (by 1/1/19)

Hosted by Clare and  
Gladwin County 4-H  
Programs

#### Forestry Camp

Planning for late  
summer 2019.


Multiday day camp  
open to youth age 12 to  
15 (by 1/1/19)








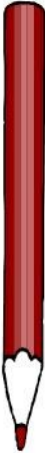
# 2019 Fairbook Cover Contest



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:

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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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