

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

JANUARY 2020

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

I hope everyone has been having a great holiday season!

While 2020 is just beginning, planning for this year has been well underway. I am excited for many of the fun opportunities that are being planned for this summer including a trip to Mackinac Island that the Youth Leadership Council is planning. I have also been working with Gladwin County to plan Camp Clover, our overnight summer camp that is scheduled for June 29 to July 1.

As many of you are aware, I recently began splitting my time between MSU Extension and Mid Michigan College. Starting this month I will be working at Mid on Tuesdays, and as programs begin there, I will be adding a bit more time to my schedule for those responsibilities. To be efficient with my time, I will be focusing on Mid work while at my office there and 4-H work while at my office in the Extension Office. Please keep this in mind when reaching out to me for 4-H things. Also, don't forget that Sherry Landon, Extension Office Assistant, is here to help too.

Happy New Year!

Alex Schunk

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**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.



## Winter Blast

Save the Date

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**10am to 2pm**

Mid Michigan College—Poet Family Outdoor Education Center

**FREE Family Fun!**

Snowshoeing, make a s'more, winter craft, cross-country skiing, fat tire biking, disc golf and more!



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**2019 Michigan 4-H  
Animal Science  
Sportsmanship  
winner**



Michigan 4-H congratulates Caleb Hall, of Shiawassee County, on being named the 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year!

Hall received nine nominations, and that in itself is an incredible accomplishment. Their nomination letters were accompanied by an enthusiastic letter of support from Nikki Hersch, Shiawassee County 4-H program coordinator.

The nominators shared stories of leadership, mentorship to other 4-H youth, determination and passion for his animal projects, and his bright personality. Additionally, Hall was awarded Shiawassee County's John & Joan Spindler Sportsmanship Award in 2019. Congratulations Caleb!

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**January 6: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy**

*Online webinar*

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/ResumeCover/>

**January 7: 4-H State Award Program Overview Teen/Parent Training**

*Online webinar*

This training will provide 4-H members/teens with an overview of the 4-H State Awards Program, as well as review the application and deadlines.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-award-program-overview-teen-parent-training-january>

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**January 15: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

*St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, Centreville*

YQCA is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 18.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals-yqca-st-joseph-county-01-15-20>

**January 31: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop**

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join this Friday evening judging workshop followed by a practice contest on Saturday morning! The workshop will feature three classes and an opportunity to give oral reasons. This is an approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-horse-judging-workshop>

**February 1: 4-H Benefit Clinic**

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join us for an annual clinic, with a day full of clinics in the classroom and arena.

Topics will include showmanship, trail, and barrel racing.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic-1>

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



## MSU Extension to launch new portal for volunteers in 2020

In early 2020, MSU Extension will launch Volunteer Central, a statewide volunteer management database and screening system. Volunteers are the core of many MSU Extension programs and the most essential partners MSU Extension has. As such, the organization has made a major investment into Volunteer Central in an effort to improve processes for both staff and volunteers. In the new system, volunteers will enjoy improved features including easy-to-read dashboards and a one-stop application process, among other advantages.

A unique feature of Volunteer Central is that each volunteer will have their own unique online account and profile. Unlike 4-H Online, family profiles will not be permitted. This is necessary to protect the confidentiality of each volunteer and the integrity of data in the system. In preparation for the launch of Volunteer Central, those who currently share an email address with another 4-H volunteer should make plans to create a separate email address for each shared user. For those who may need help with this task, holiday time with family, friends and neighbors is a great opportunity to ask for assistance in this area.

Once you have created a new email address, please either:

1. Log in to 4-H Online and add the newly created email address to the volunteer with whom it should be associated; or
2. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator and share the newly created email address and the volunteer with whom the account should be associated.

The email addresses in 4-H Online and shared with 4-H program coordinators will be used to create access accounts for current volunteers in Volunteer Central. In the coming weeks, look for additional information about Volunteer Central and when current volunteers will have access to the system. In the meantime, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

## 4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, March 1, at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.). Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.



**NEW THIS YEAR:** 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Use the [ticket link \(https://fevo.me/34iKclr\)](https://fevo.me/34iKclr) to claim as many free tickets as desired. Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. After filling out all the information on the screen, click "CONFIRM." You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan tickets off your phone at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.

## 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you making plans to apply for a 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award? Take note of the exciting changes to this year's program!

- The awards program will be held on Wednesday evening of 4-H Exploration Days.

- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9.

- This will open up the opportunity for all State Award delegates to attend both first and second half sessions at 4-H Exploration Days.

- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Learn more and apply at: [extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards](https://extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards).



### Youth:

Christian Bay  
 Jeffrey Carncross  
 Rylee Carncross  
 Baileigh Carpenter  
 Gage Cingano  
 Gianna Cingano  
 Molly Crawford  
 Linde Davison  
 Devin DeGeer  
 Liberty Dillon  
 Lilyanna Ficek  
 Samuel Hampton  
 Broderick Hoover  
 Aydrion Iserhoth  
 Cameron McInnis  
 Hayley Neff  
 Lane Ogg  
 Gabe Pettersch  
 Ella Rogers  
 Cory Sheldon  
 Logan Spears  
 Lillian Waldron

### Volunteers:

Kasey Whitaker

**Welcome to our  
 newest volunteers!**

**Roberta Kuhlman:**  
 Resource Volunteer

**Carolyn Wegener:**  
 Sandy Shores Resort  
 Youth Club

## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

6: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129  
 8: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129  
 21: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room  
 22: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

### February

3: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129  
 8: Winter Blast, 10am to 2pm, Mid Michigan College—Harrison  
 15: Tubing Party with Gladwin County, 10am to 12pm, Snow Snake Mountain—Harrison  
 18: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room  
 26: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

### March

2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129  
 11: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129  
 17: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room  
 25: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

## CLARE COUNTY NEWS

### Clare County Fair News

Fair dates: August 3-8, 2020

Campsites are available. Call the Fair office at 989-588-9011 if you are interested in one.

Fair Office Winter hours are very limited please call before coming in.

### New Clubs

We are pleased to welcome two new 4-H clubs to Clare County! The Broken Arrow club is led by Carmen Longuski and it's project areas include horse and pony, dogs, rabbits, and livestock. The Sandy Shores Resort Youth Club is led by Carolyn Wegener and is focused on providing youth opportunities for the families that reside at Sandy Shores Resort during the summers.

### 4-H Exploration Days @ MSU

Exploration Days is a 3 day, 2 night camp like experience on the campus of MSU June 24 to 26. It is open to youth age 11 to 19 and they do not need to be a current 4-H member to attend! There will be more than 200 sessions on and off campus to choose to attend. Scholarships available. For more information: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)

### Camp Clover

Camp Clover has moved locations and we are going back to Camp Neyati in Lake! This camp is hosted by Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs and is open to youth campers age 8 to 13, teen counselors and adult volunteers age 14+. Camp is held June 29 through July 1 with counselors arriving the evening of June 28. This year's camp theme is Adventure Around the World. Stay tuned for more details!







# 4-H TUBING PARTY

Hosted by the Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020  
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 Clare County 4-H at 989-539-  
7805 or Gladwin County 4-H at 989-426-7741

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# 2020 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 2020 Fairbook Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until **Thursday, March 5, 2020.**

The entry rules are as follows:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 8 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 137th Clare County Fair
  - That the dates of the fair are August 3 - 8, 2020
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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