

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

July 2019

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

The Clare County Fair is almost here and there is excitement in the air! This summer has been a busy one so far with a great turn out for 4-H Exploration Days, Camp Clover, and Cloverbud Day Camp. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of these great programs, especially the volunteers, youth and adults alike, who have made everything run very smoothly!

Did you know that 4-H has an international exchange program? Currently, I am hosting Camilla who is a chaperone for youth visiting across the U.S. from Norway for four weeks this summer. Soon, another 4-H family in our county will be hosting a Japanese youth for four weeks too. If your family is interested in exchange programs, please contact me as there are opportunities to host youth and adults and there are also out bound opportunities too!

I will be spending the Fair week at the Fair and myself and other MSU Extension staff will be working in the MSU Extension Building on the Fairgrounds. Stop in and see us; we'll also have many project resources available including showmanship manuals.

See you at the Fair!

Alex

4-H SPIN Club Coordinator's Message

"Summer has filled her veins with light and her heart is washed with noon." -C. Day Lewis

Thanks to Sherry Landon and her family for taking over for me at Lake George during Hot Rods and Hot Dogs with Smile Rocks and a Make It, Take It craft! I'll be at the Clare City Park Concert on August 1st at 6 p.m. with Smile Rocks again! The Sewing SPIN club turned into a 2 day camp in July, SEW MUCH FUN. It filled up immediately and we already have a waiting list. Our first Forestry Day Camp is in August at Mid Michigan College and our agenda includes a field trip to Hartwick Pines, the Logging Museum and AJD Forestry Products plus lots of time outdoors, a raptor presentation, wood carving a hiking stick, geocaching and more. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and 4HOnline for more information on sewing workshops, a possible babysitting workshop!

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4-H Cloverbuds and Service



The youngest 4-H'ers, youth ages 5-7, aren't quite ready to participate in all the 4-H project areas and activities that older children can, but there's still plenty for them to do in 4-H! One of those activities that are perfect for any age is community service.

A newly released series of Cloverbud activities is now available online to help clubs adjust community service projects into developmentally appropriate opportunities for the littlest 4-H'ers. Access them online at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/4-h-cloverbuds-and-service.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 9: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series - 4-H Incubation Station

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth

This session will provide an overview of the life cycle and development of chickens and incubator operation in preparation for fair.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-4-h-incubation-station>

July 11: State 4-H/ FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

Participants of this event have the opportunity to enhance their skills in livestock evaluation and improve their communication, decision, and selection skills as well.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest>

July 13: Thumb Dairy Odyssey Days

Oak River Dairy, Schewaing

This hands-on youth program is for anyone ages 9-19 to come and learn about the dairy industry, explore career opportunities and strengthen skills for other 4-H events.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/thumb-dairy-odyssey-days-july-13>

July 15-19: Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days and Michigan Dairy Expo

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

This yearly event is open for youth, parents, volunteers, and industry partners to come together in one location to participate in educational contests and networking opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days-and-michigan-dairy-expo>

July 17: Great Dairy Adventure

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

A fun free event where youth can milk a cow, pet calves, enjoy free dairy events and create fun projects to take home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/great-dairy-adventure>

July 22-25: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This interactive four-day camp will provide opportunities for participants to learn about forestry and increase their understanding of forest ecosystems and how to manage them.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-day-camp>

July 22-25: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fishing Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

This special four-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect the Great Lakes. All campers will receive fishing rod with reel, tackle box, and camp t-shirt!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2019>

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



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Author: Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension

Animals exhibited at the county fair that will return to their home herds pose a significant biosecurity risk to the animals left at home. Follow these steps after the fair has ended to protect everyone.

Animals that have been exhibited during the county fair are likely near and dear to their exhibitors' hearts. After all, they spent countless hours training and preparing their animal for the show at the fair. We protect them from everything before the show season, but do we give enough thought about what happens when they go home? Each time an animal is taken out of its home environment and exhibited, there is a certain amount of risk for exposure to illness.

Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort.
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake.
 - Fever.
 - Lethargy.
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure.
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes.
 - Overall weakness.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Care of animals after the fair is critical. Exhibited animals were exposed to animals from other farms, fair goers who may not have washed their hands in between various species of animals, and potentially a lot of stress. By following these steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

For more information about fair biosecurity, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity>.

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly—Squat Resources Available



Four new lesson plans are available in the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series. The purpose of this series is not to teach specific content, but to teach the process of science – asking questions and discovering answers. The activities encourage young people to try to figure things out for themselves rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

New lessons in the series include “Why do some animals use camouflage?”, “Can you build a bridge out of pasta?”, “Can you move something with static electricity?” and “4-H Cloverbud Science: Exploration and discovery with young children.” To access these resources, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series>.



Youth:

Natalie Armstrong
Summer Bay
Alexandria Brown
Luke Clarkson
Wyatt Clennan
Montana Crawford
Trinity DeGeer
Isabella Dring
Lilah Ellison
Taryn Green
Brenden Hamilton
Remmy Hartley
Natalie Hilyard
Craig Humphrey
Ryan Judge
Collin Maxey
Cory Mullin
Taylor Newman
Ella Pettersch
Zayla Stoike
Allison Whitaker
Cooper Whitaker
Naomi Wormsley
Bella Young

Adult Volunteers:

Angela Clark
Scott Jehnzen
Carolyn Kinberg
Carmen Longuski
Betty Mussell
Jamie Sanford
Mary Yoder

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 1: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 2: Cloverbud Day Camp, RESD Magnus Center—Clare
- 16: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 17: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 21: Small Animal Meeting, 3pm, Small Animal Barn
- 22-27: Clare County Fair
- 22: Fun @ 4: Animal Trivia, 4pm, MSU Extension Building
- 23: Fun @ 4: Make a Smoothie by Riding a Bike, 4pm, MSU Extension Building
- 23: 4-H Fun Night, 6:30pm, Horse Arena
- 24: Fun @ 4: Goat Yoga with Elected Officials, 4pm, T-Barn Arena
- 25: Fun @ 4: Exploring Entomology, 4pm, Small Animal Barn
- 26: 4-H Cloverbud Show, 2pm, Small Animal Tent, T-Barn, Horse Arena
- 26: Fun @ 4: Pin the Cut of Meat on the Animal, 4pm, T-Barn

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Flower Pot Contest at the Fair

All youth and adults with a connection to Clare County 4-H are invited to enter our Flower Post Contest which helps beautify the barns during the week of the Fair. There is no pre-entry. Flower pots must be submitted to the MSU Extension Building on Monday of the Fair. Entry Form: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/flowerpot.contest.entryform.pdf>

Club Poster Contest

4-H Clubs are encouraged to create a poster that is completed in a club team effort and promotes 4-H. Posters will be displayed in the MSU Extension Building during Fair and cash prizes are awarded to the top three placing clubs. Entries are due on Monday of the Fair. Entry Form: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/poster.contest.entryform.pdf>

Cloverbud Show

Cloverbuds participating in the show on Friday at 2pm should get their t-shirt to wear for the show from the MSU Extension Building before that Friday. Cloverbud Show order will be Small Animal, Horse, Livestock. All Cloverbuds should attend the awards ceremony that will follow in the T-Barn.

Foodstand and Milk Booth

There are still open shift in both the Foodstand and Milk Booth. Please take a look at both schedules in the back of this newsletter. If you or your club are able to help in either one, please contact the scheduler listed on the schedule. Please remember to wear clean clothes when working in both places and to wash hands for best biosecurity practices. Everyone needs to review the Foodstand Guidelines before working in the Foodstand: https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/CLARE_COUNTY_4-H_Foodstand_Guidelines.pdf

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Fun at the Fair

Many 4-H youth have been hard at work planning fun activities for the public and 4-H families during the Fair. On page 6 of this newsletter is a calendar of events of 4-H events going on at the Fair. Youth have planned "4-H Family Fun Night" and "Fun @ 4". Fun Night is open to 4-H families and will be an ice cream social with a selfie scavenger hunt, tug of war, and kickball game 4-H'ers vs. Parents & Alumni, so, all are encouraged to attend and cheer on their team! Fun @ 4 is a new program this year that will be a fun and educational activity that is held nearly every day of the Fair. Fun @ 4 is open to the public and all ages.

Club Year End Forms

Each club will need to pick up their Year End Packets in the MSU Extension Building during Fair. There will be one packet per a club. Forms are a mandatory part of having a club. They are due Friday, September 13.

Award Nomination Forms

All adults and teens are asked to nominate 4-H youth, volunteers, parents, and community members for 4-H awards which are awarded at the Fall Awards Ceremony. Packets will be available for pick up in the MSU Extension Building during the Fair. They are due to the MSU Extension Office on Friday, August 30.

Record Books

Record books for Home Arts, Livestock, and Horse & Pony projects can be found on our website. Please take a close look at directions for each and when they are due as each are a little different. https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/boards-and-committees

Fair News

Sawdust day will be July 16th. Livestock and Horse at 6pm. Small Animal at 4:30pm.

NEW this year: As in the past, when bringing animals to the Fair on Sunday, they must be brought in from the back entrance on Townline Road. Check in starts at 8am on Sunday and all animals must not be past the first gate/check in point near the campground before 8am. Those past that gate at 8am will be required to go to the back of the line.

Camping fees are due by July 13th. Campers can be brought to the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 18, and cannot be plugged into electric until Saturday, July 20, otherwise you will be charged a fee per the Fair Board.

Club projects: Club can paint Trash Barrel or Pop Can Barrels for the Fairgrounds which will be available for pick up anytime after June 15th. They are due back to the fair office by July 20th.

Youth Home Arts Judging will be Friday July 19, 3-7pm

Fair theme is Western

**Welcome to our
newest volunteers!**

Tina McPhall:
Resource Volunteer

Cory Sheldon:
Resource Volunteer

Tony Wood:
Resource Volunteer

T-Shirt Sale



T-shirts with the above design will be for sale in the MSU Extension Building during the Fair. \$12/shirt. Limited adult and youth sizes available.

4-H @ THE CLARE COUNTY FAIR

Calendar of Events



Monday, July 22

4pm | Fun @ 4: Animal Trivia, MSU Extension Building

Tuesday, July 23

8:00am-6:00pm | Scavenger Hunt sponsored by *Clare County Farm Bureau*. Stop into the MSU Extension Building anytime during this time to get a trivia page and receive a free ice cream treat when completed.

4:00pm | Fun @ 4: Make a Smoothie by Riding a Bike, MSU Extension Building

6:30pm | 4-H Family Fun Night, Horse Arena, 4-H Family Invite Only. Ice Cream Social, Selfie Scavenger Hunt, Tug of War

8:00pm | 4-H'ers vs. Parents & Alumni Kickball Game, Horse Arena

Wednesday, July 24

4pm | Fun @ 4: Goat Yoga with Elected Officials, Livestock T-Barn. Arrive early for registration

Thursday, July 25

8:00am-6:00pm | Scavenger Hunt sponsored by *Clare County Farm Bureau*. Stop into the MSU Extension Building anytime during this time to get a trivia page and receive a free ice cream treat when completed.

4pm | Fun @ 4: Exploring Entomology, Small Animal Barn

Friday, July 26

2:00pm | 4-H Cloverbud Show, Small Animal Tent, Horse Arena, Livestock T-Barn

4:00pm | Fun @ 4: Pin the Meat Cut on the Animal, Livestock T-Barn



4-H Foodstand

Located on the Midway

Hours:

Sunday 4pm-8pm, Limited Menu

Monday-Friday 7am-9pm

Saturday 7am-6pm

Breakfast served 7am-10:30am
Lunch/Dinner served 10:30am-Close

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Open Daily
8am to 7pm
Next to the Small
Animal Barn

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4-H Milk Booth

Located near the Horse Arena

Hours:

Sunday Noon-9pm

Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm

White & Chocolate Milk, Ice Cream Sandwich,
Fudge Bar, Popsicle, Drumstick, Ice Cream Bar,
Toffee Bar, Ice Cream Cookie



2019 Clare County 4-H Food Stand Schedule

Day/Date	6:30 – 11:00	10:30 – 3:00	2:30 – 6:30	6:00 – 10:00
Sunday 7/21	Closed	Closed	Open on Sunday from 4:00 – 8:00 pm Limited Menu Kountry Kidz Shelly Haggart 989-284-1888	
Monday 7/22	OPEN	OPEN	Denim & Dust Corrie Aldrich 429-5881	OPEN
Tuesday 7/23	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Hicks N Chicks Jaime Sanford 989-621-2203	Triangle Julie Judge 517-881-6001
Wednesday 7/24	OPEN	Bow Masters Country Community David Kinberg 989-513-4688 Clover Communications Sherry Landon	Hide N Hares Carol Forkum 588-1046	Country Neighbors Christine Ogg 231-920-0539
Thursday 7/25	Millennium Showmen Erica Drake 429-1216	Bouncing Bunny's & Galloping Goats Ursula Jehnzen Wood & Crafters Ted Dittenber 407-785-8025	Brushwood Katery Stoike 989-435-3647	Over The County Line Melissa Zelt 246-0374
Friday 7/26	Show Sticks & Spurs Michelle Krell 240-0730	Millennium Showmen Erica Drake 429-1216	Country Neighbors Christine Ogg 231-920-0539	Busy Bunny Raisers Donna Thompson 989-539-3966
Saturday 7/27	Hilltop A.J. McInnis 588-7165	OPEN	County Line Pioneers Matt McPhall 989-506-2385	Closed
For changes or questions please contact Carrie Whitaker at 989-339-7246 or carriejwhitaker@gmail.com				
Food Stand Manager: Mary Yoder		Food Stand Committee: Carrie Whitaker, Ivan Yoder, Ted Dittenber		

2019 Milk Booth Schedule

Day/Date	9:00-- Noon	Noon--3:00	3:00--6:00	6:00-- 9:00
Sunday 7/21	Closed	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Country Neighbors Chris Ogg 231-920-0539	County Line Pioneers Stacie Brown 339-7757
Monday 7/22	Hides N Hares Cindy Dietsch 989-802-4377	Busy Bunny Raisers Mariam Lowery 423-361-3016	Hill Top AJ McInnis 588-7165	Kountry Kidz Shelly Haggart 989-284-1888
Tuesday 7/23	Millennium Showman Erica Drake 429-1216	Denim & Dust Corrie Aldrich 989-429-5881	Brushwood Shawna Dillion 621-1002	
Wednesday 7/24		Busy Bunny Raisers Dana Taylor 989-802-3271	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Bouncing Bunnies Galloping Goats Ursula Jehnzen 329-2188
Thursday 7/25	Bow Masters Penny Brewer 989-621-7437	Hicks N Chicks Jamie Sanford 989-621-2203	Millennium Showman Erica Drake 989-429-1216	Show Spurs Michelle Krell
Friday 7/26	Hides N Hares Carol Forkum 989-802-4488	Kountry Kidz Shelly Haggart 989-284-1888	Triangle Julie Judge 517-881-6001	We Chip In Caleb Rowell
Saturday 7/27	Busy Bunny Raisers Dana Taylor 989-802-3271			Country Neighbors Chris Ogg 231-920-0539

For changes contact: Corrie at 989-429-5881

Milk Booth Committee: Corrie Aldrich, Shawna Dillion 989-621-1002 or Kately Stoike 989-435-3647

Register today for this exciting, fun & interactive day camp!

4-H FORESTRY CAMP

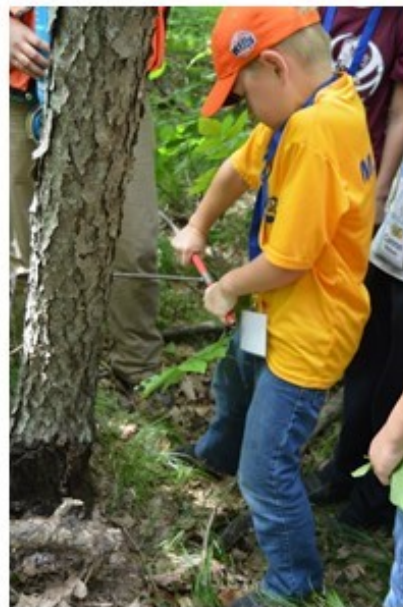
AUGUST 5-7, 2019



Open to youth ages 9-15 (by 1-1-19) interested in learning more about forestry, forest ecosystems and management. Includes your own personalized hard hat and hiking stick of your own design plus a string pack from Mid Michigan College!



Ask about local family camping & lodging opportunities!



Get ready to learn:

- Tree identification
- Forest measurements
- Careers
- Compass and GPS basics/geocaching
- Field trip to Hartwick Pines/Logging Museum and AJD Forestry Products in Grayling
- Wildlife Recovery Association raptor presentation
- Forest health (insects, disease, invasive species, wildlife populations)
- Wood carving and burning arts

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Join us!!

August 5-7, 2019 in Clare County on the campus of Mid Michigan College, 1375 S Clare Ave, Harrison, MI 48625 in the RAD building Room 102
Time: 9 am to 4 pm Mon-Wed (no overnights)
Please bring a bag lunch each day!

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Information & Registration:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/forestrydaycamp19/>

Cost: \$30 to current 4-H members/
\$50 new members

Scholarships available

Registration deadline: July 26th, 2019

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