

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

March 2019

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Spring is just around the corner and with that comes the start of a very busy time of year for many 4-H families. Planning for summer programming is well underway and I hope to see many of our youth and adults alike become involved in programs such as summer camps and 4-H Exploration Days.

There is often a misconception that youth need to be in a 4-H club to attend our camps, Exploration Days, Kettunen Center workshops and other similar programs, however, that is not the case. Anyone can attend these programs by paying the 4-H Participation Fee when they register for specific programs. The 4-H Participation Fee is only charged to youth once during the 4-H year. This gives youth access to possible scholarships and many other 4-H experiences just like club members get.

With all this being said, Spring is a great time to start talking to your family and friends about all of the great opportunities 4-H has to offer — while we are strong in animal projects, 4-H has many additional opportunities!

Alex Schunk

Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator

Clare County 4-H and MSU Extension would like to welcome Maggie Mieske as the 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator. SPIN clubs are short term SPecial Interest clubs that will focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). This AmeriCorps position requires local match funding which was contributed by the Clare Rotary Club and the Clare County 4-H Council.

Maggie, her husband, and dogs reside in the McBain area on their farm where they raise goats. When her children were involved in 4-H, she volunteered for 4-H and the Missaukee Youth Show. She has many years of experience as an educator, previously worked for CMU and has taught and traveled abroad. Maggie is looking forward to working with the youth and families of Clare County and hopes to have a positive impact on their lives.

Maggie's regular office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 4:30. She can be reach by phone at the MSU Extension Office or by email at [mieskema@msu.edu](mailto:mieskema@msu.edu)

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Maggie Mieske

**Registration  
available for the  
4-H Animal &  
Veterinary  
Science Camp**



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign**

*Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan*

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

**March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art>

**March 26: 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Training**

*Muskegon County MSU Extension Office, Muskegon*

This training is designed for both 4-H members and volunteers who want to learn more about parliamentary procedure and how it can be used in their 4-H clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/muskegon-county-4-h-parliamentary-procedure-training>

**March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign**

*Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan*

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

**April 7: Mission to Mars**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars>

**April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo**

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

**April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

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

## Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



*Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator*

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

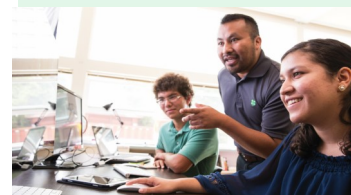
### Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comeingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal\\_science/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal_science/).

## 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.



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### Youth:

Serenity Baldrige

Seth Baldrige

Silas Bear

Garrett Cingano

Emma Davison

Mia Fetzer

Randall Hall

Zachary Hall

Jonathan Jehnzen

Bradin Maxey

Jordan McPhall

Michael McPhall

Monica McPhall

James Mullin

Sage Parsons

Lena Renner

Shania Slater

Gabriel Steele

Greg Steele

Breanna Stillion

Bailey Taylor

Evan Thayer

Addison Wittig

Hayden Wood

### Adult Volunteers:

Melissa Green

Shelly Haggart

Matt McPhall

Chris Ogg

## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

4: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, Clare County Building Courthouse Basement Room A

11: Special Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center

19: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Cafeteria

27: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Clare County Building Courthouse Basement Room A

### April

1: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center

16: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Classroom 274

24: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MMC Tech Center

### May

6: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center

21: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

29: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

### June

3: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand

11: S'more than Camp Training, 6:30pm, Location TBD

18: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

19-21: 4-H Exploration Days, Michigan State University

25-27: Camp Clover, Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp – Weidman

26: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

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### Clare Irish Festival Parade

Everyone involved in 4-H is encourage to take part in the Clare Irish Festival Parade on Saturday, March 16. The parade line up begins at 10am with the parade starting at 12pm. Line up will be on Wilcox Parkway near Shamrock Park. Look for the Northern Logistics truck.

*Every family is asked to bring a bag of candy and every club bring a poster representing their club. We'll have a float for people to ride.*

Adults and teens are needed to pass out candy. Feel free to bring walkable animals, just bring a pooper scooper (Parade rule)!



### Archery

Denim & Dust and Hides & Hares clubs have been taking advantage of archery at Clare Rod & Gun Club. Archery is on Thursday from 7-8:30 until spring break for a small fee.



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### 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! Join about 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan June 19 to 21 on the campus of MSU. 4-H Exploration Days registration goes from March 19 through April 26 with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth do not have to be current 4-H members to attend.

Scholarships are available from the 4-H Council to all that attend with Clare County. Additional scholarships may be available by contacting the MSU Extension Office. The 4-H Council's goal is to have *10 youth* attend this great program in 2019! Afraid you might be stuck in school due to the snow days? Talk to the leadership at your school about an excused absence. Registration books will be out soon. More information can be found at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)

### Camp Clover

This overnight summer camp is hosted by the Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs and is open to youth campers age 9 to 14 (by 1/1/19). This camp is being held at Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp in Weidman June 25 to 27. Bussing will be provided to and from Clare and Gladwin. This year's camp theme is Legos! The fun activities include swimming, nightly campfire with s'mores, paint war, Lego activities, arts and crafts and much more. More information will be released soon. The 4-H Council's goal is to have *30 campers* from Clare County attend overnight camp this year!

### Join the Camp Clover team!

Adults (age 20+) and teens (age 15 to 19 by 1/1/19) that are interested in being a part of the camp staff should apply to be an Adult Volunteer or Teen Counselor. This is great opportunity to increase leadership skills and make lifelong friends while leading youth through their camp experience. Counselors arrive the evening of June 24. Adult volunteers are needed to ride the bus from both drop off and pick up locations.

The 4-H Council's goal is to have *15 Counselors* and *6 Volunteers* to apply to be a part of the Camp Clover staff. Applications are due May 1! For more information and to apply visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19app/>

### Cloverbud Day Camp

This camp is being held Tuesday, July 2, at the RESD Magnus Center by the Clare and Gladwin 4-H Programs. Cloverbud Day Camp is open to youth age 5 to 8 (by 1/1/19) and they do not have to be current 4-H members to attend. The day will include an exploration of activities including tie-dye, nature crafts, singing camp songs and much more. More information will be released soon. The 4-H Council has a goal of *25 youth* from Clare County attending this camp!

### Win a full ride scholarship to camp

Stop by the 4-H/MSU Extension table at the Mid Michigan Farm and Garden Show at the Gladwin Arena on March 24 or the Paula Pirnstill Memorial Health and Safety Fair at Farwell High School April 20 to have your name entered to win your choice of a scholarship to Camp Clover or Cloverbud Day Camp. Open to youth and adults. Do not have to be in 4-H to enter.

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### **Home Arts and Livestock Record Books now available online!**

Prizes will be awarded to Cloverbuds and first place winners.

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and-committees](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/boards-and-committees)

### **4-H Teen Leadership**

Teens are encouraged to complete a Teen Leader project throughout the 4-H year. Every teen who completes a leadership project will be recognized at the annual awards celebration.

Leadership guides can be downloaded at [https://  
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hip](https://www.canr.msu.edu/re-sources/4_h_teen_leaders_hip)

### **Higher Education Scholarship**

Open to 4-H members that are High School seniors. Up to 3 \$500 scholarships can be awarded. Applications are due Thursday, March 7.

