

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

May 2019

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

This summer is shaping up to be a fun one for Clare County 4-H! Camp Clover and Cloverbud Day Camp are coming up quickly and we've been busy working with Gladwin County on putting the final details together. Maggie and I have been working on organizing a Forestry Day Camp that will take place in August at Mid Michigan College. This will be a great experience for youth to explore forestry as a career, learn more about trees and the environment and do some fun activities that are connected to forestry.

Many of you probably remember how we had chickens hatching at the Clare County Fair last summer. While I am planning to do that again this year, I am currently hatching at Pioneer High in Clare and Surrey Township Public Library in Farwell. On page 6 of this newsletter you'll find more information about the "Happy Hatch Day Party" at the library in Farwell. Everyone is invited to attend so bring your friends and family along too!

We are always looking for new ideas for our program! If you have an idea, I'd like to hear about it sometime!

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4-H SPIN Club Coordinator's Message

Happy May Days! Things are starting to perk up for summer programming! The RC Plane Building & Flying SPIN Club starts next week, May 7th!

Summer programs include: a new Sewing SPIN club, a Summer Garden SPIN Club, another Babysitting SPIN Workshop, maybe a Lego Robotics SPIN Club, and a few family fun days that involve painting Smile Rocks, Baby Goat Yoga, crafts and more! Stay tuned to 4-H Online and social media for details!

Many ideas are SPINNING around waiting for volunteers and participants. What programs would YOU like to see put in place this summer? Contact me to share your ideas.

SPINever yours,

Maggie Mieske

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Raise Your Hand for Michigan 4-H!



Until May 15, Michigan 4-H members, parents, volunteers, alumni and friends have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20K as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Do your part to help grow experiences for Michigan 4-H youth by voting for Michigan at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand. Even if you have previously registered, your vote still counts this year so raise your hand again to help Michigan take the lead!

Want to help further? Encourage your friends and family to raise their hands as well! Email your networks or tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experiences on social media, asking your fellow 4-H supporters for their help.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 4: Alcona 4-H Hot Shots Fundraiser Shoot

Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln

This fun event for all ages is open to the public. Purchase rounds and win prizes in three different events: Turkey Trap Shoot, Red Bird Skeet and 2-Man Flurry—5 Stand.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/alcona-4-h-hot-shots-fundraiser-shoot>

May 5: Ornithology

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Do wild birds fascinate you? Learn about wild bird calls, how to identify birds and get the chance to make bird feeders and build bird houses.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ornithology>

May 14: Michigan 4-H / FFA Meats Judging Contest

MSU Meat Laboratory, East Lansing

Show your ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats, individually and as a team for the chance to win a prize.

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

May 15: Resumes Made Easy

MSU Extension Office, LaPeer

This workshop will help teens build a resume from their classes, clubs, volunteer activities and skills, even with limited paid work experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumes-made-easy>

May 18: OCHDC Open Youth Horse Show

Oceana County Fairgrounds, Hart

Prepare your horse for show season at this youth horse show open to participants age 5 to 19. Ribbons will be awarded for first to sixth place and daily high point awards.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-ochdc-open-youth-horse-show>

May 20: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Communicating with Your Buyer

Lake City Christian Reformed Church, Lake City

Participants will learn best practices when writing buyer's letters and thank you notes in an interactive session. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-communicating-with-your-buyer>

May 28: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Preparing for Show Day

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth

Prepare yourself and your goat for fair! This hands-on session will include info on feeding, fitting and showmanship! Participants welcomed to bring their own goat to practice their skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-preparing-for-show-day>

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



Michigan 4-H to host new summer experience: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension 4-H is excited to offer a new STEM experience for this summer: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! This 5-day residential camp brings high-school aged youth to the campus of MSU, July 7-11.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! The fun doesn't stop there: at the end of camp you'll be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp. Registration information will be available soon; to receive a direct email regarding registration, please contact Christine Miller at johns832@msu.edu or 517-552-6905.

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2019-20 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2019-2020 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative, or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that's making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program, or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers.



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

Save the date for 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure



Celebrate the beginning of summer with Michigan 4-H during 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure, June 8.

Michigan 4-H youth, alumni, staff and supporters are invited to wear their 4-H gear while enjoying Michigan Adventure's park and attractions. Tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$26 per person; as an additional option, you may purchase a 4-H Day meal for \$7.

Reservations are required. Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-michigan-s-adventure>.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



Youth:

Faith Bay
John Crawford
Russell Eberhart
Brady Greene
Jaynie Hamilton
Faith Jehnzen
Thomas Lewis
Addison McConnell
Paige Richardson
Ethan Rogers
Natalie Sanford
Taylor Torzy
Wyatt Witbeck
David Wormsley
Tustyn Yarger
Grace Zelt

Adult Volunteers:

Julie Judge
Kim Langlois
AJ McInnis

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

6: Small Animal Meeting, 7pm, MMC Tech Center
21: Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm, T-Barn
22: Happy Hatch Day Party, 3:30pm, Surrey Township Library, Farwell
22: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
30: 4-H Exploration Days Orientation Meeting, 6:30pm, Clare County Building Courthouse

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 Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand

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
22-27: Clare County Fair

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4-H Council Flower and Plant Sale

The 4-H Council is holding their annual Flower and Plant which is one of their largest fundraisers each year. The club that sells the most will be awarded a **\$50 gift card towards a pizza party!** Each 4-H family is expected to sell at least four (4) items. Order forms: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/Flower%20Plant%20Sale%20Order%20Form%202019.xlsx.pdf>

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>

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Camp Clover and Cloverbud Day Camp Registration

Registration for Camp Clover and Cloverbud Day Camp close on May 31. For more information and the links to register, see the flyers in this newsletter. We hope to see a great turn out of youth from both Clare and Gladwin Counties this year! Don't forget to invite your friends, they do not have to be current 4-H members to attend! We have many fun things planned including swimming, fishing, a paint war, nightly campfires and s'mores, and the theme is LEGOS!

Speaking of LEGOs, we are looking for donations of any types of LEGOs for camp. If you or someone you know has an old stash they'd like to donate, please have them drop them off at the MSU Extension Office.

Note that both of these camps are in partnership with Clare and Gladwin Counties and there have been changes, including location, from years past. Both counties' 4-H Councils have generously agreed to provide upfront scholarships of half of the original cost to all youth that attend these camps. You do not need to do anything to receive this scholarship, it is already applied to the registration fee.

Garden Keepers Needed

Volunteers are needed all throughout the summer to help take care of the flowerbeds and pots at the Foodstand, Extension Building and Milk Booth on the fairgrounds. If you, your family, or club are willing to water and weed the flowerbeds throughout the summer, please contact Alex to sign up for a week. This needs to be done weekly from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Clare County Fair News

Fair Theme is Wild West Colors Red, Yellow, White

Camping fee of \$150 due by 7/13/2019 to the Fair Office. Some lots are still available if anyone is still in need of one.

Clubs that would like a booth in the Home Arts Building need to contact Donna at the Fair Office. Booths must be cleaned by Friday, July 12.

The Fair is looking for clubs to decorate barrels that will be placed around the fairgrounds to collect pop cans. Contact Donna at the Fair Office for more details if your club is interested.

Fair Office Contact Info: Phone 989-539-9011, Email ccfair9011@sbcglobal.net

**Welcome to our
newest volunteers!**

Ashley Eberhart:

Country Neighbors,

Katharina Jehnzen:

Bouncing Bunnies

Galloping Goats,

Erika Schunk:

Denim & Dust,

Kasey Whitaker:

Resource Volunteer,

Carmen Longuski:

Resource Volunteer

FISH FRY



4 to 7pm on Friday, May 24, 2019

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Clare

\$10/adult \$5/kid under 12

\$9 for takeout, Veterans & Seniors

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Millennium Showmen 4-H Club. A portion of the proceeds go to the Millennium Showmen Club.

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Happy Hatch Day Party!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 | 3:30PM

SURREY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY, FARWELL

- Kids Crafts and Activities
- Learn About Hatching Poultry
- See Recently Hatched Chicks



STOP INTO THE LIBRARY TO SEE THE INCUBATION STATION NOW
THROUGH MAY 22. CHICKS SHOULD HATCH ON MAY 22.

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Clare County 4-H Fundraising Program

Plant Sale

Tentative Delivery on Friday, May 17th

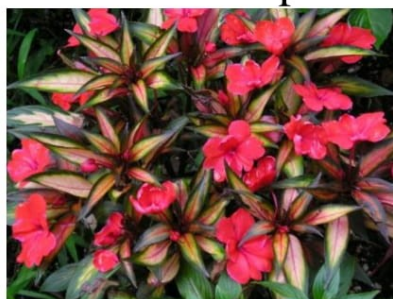
Order through any Clare County 4-H Family. Orders due May 8, 2019.

10" Hanging Baskets- \$15.00 each

Boston Ferns



New Guinea Impatiens



Wave Petunias



Flats of Mixed Color Annuals- \$12.00 each

Petunias



Impatiens



Profusion Zinnias



4" Geraniums- \$20.00 a flat of 18 or \$1.25 each



Red



White

VEGGIES

\$12.00 a FLAT
OR \$1.25 a UNIT

1 Unit = 4 Plants of one variety.

CHOOSE FROM:

Slicing Cucumbers
Bell Sweet Peppers
Tomatoes: La Roma's
OR Celebrity

Order forms available online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/boards-and-committees

Everything is awesome at **CAMP CLOVER**



Hosted by the Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs

Camp Clover is an overnight summer camp that gives youth the opportunity to explore the outdoors, go fishing & swimming, learn about different cultures, have nightly campfires and s'mores, and have fun with Legos and friends and much more.

**JOIN THE
CAMP CLOVER
TEAM!**

Now accepting applications for Adult Volunteers and Teen Counselors (age 15+ by 1/1/19). For more information and to apply visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19app/>

Sponsored by: Friends of the Clare County Parks & Rec, Clare County 4-H Council, Gladwin County 4-H Leader's Council

**10AM TUES., JUNE 25 TO
4PM THUR., JUNE 27, 2019**

COLDWATER LAKE 4-H CAMP, WEIDMAN, MI
Transportation provided to and from Clare & Harrison

OPEN TO YOUTH AGE 9 TO 14 (BY 1/1/19)

Current 4-H Members: \$35

New 4-H Members: \$55 (Includes Annual 4-H Participation Fee)

For more information and to register visit
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19/>
Registration open through May 31, 2019

Questions? Looking for scholarships? Contact:

Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator, Alex Schunk, schunkal@msu.edu 989-539-7805
Gladwin County 4-H Program Coordinator, Melissa Preston, prest142@msu.edu 989-426-7741

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FUN TIMES TO BE HAD AT

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

Cloverbud Day Camp is a one day camp experience that includes t-shirt tie dye, fun in nature, games, singing songs, water play and more.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019
9AM to 3PM
Clare/Gladwin RESD
Magnus Center

Open to youth age 5 to 8 (by 1/1/19)
Current 4-H Members \$10
New 4-H Members \$30 (includes
Annual 4-H Participation Fee)

For more information and to register visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/cloverbuddaycamp19/>

Registration open through June 7, 2019

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