

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

October 2019

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Happy fall 4-H families!

While it is only October, the December 1 4-H reenrollment deadline will be coming up soon. Many of you have taken the time to do your 4HOnline reenrollment, but if you haven't done so yet, please do so soon. All community and project club members need to give their Participation Fee or request a scholarship through their primary club leader. Your primary club is the club that you pay your participation fee through.

I will be out of the office October 28 through November 8 attending conferences in and out of the state. I will also be taking some personal time off October 31 to November 3 to attend the National FFA Convention. Since I will be working during most of these two weeks, I will be doing my best to return emails within 48 hours, other than during my personal time off. If you need something urgent, please call the MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805.

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4-H Club 101 Webinar

Wednesday, October 19, 6:30-7:30pm

This training will review keys to a successful club meeting and how to work with youth and families who have a broad range of project areas. Learn about the different types of 4-H clubs and the roles that volunteers play within them. Tips and tricks will also be given on how to work with youth in a group setting that are many different ages from Cloverbuds to teens.

Registration extended through 10/8/2019

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/club101/>

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**4-H
scholarships
available**



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

Frugthaven Farm, Greenville

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

October 19: Teen "Chopped" Competition

Harrison City Market, Harrison

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-1>

For more 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
now accepting applications

Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#). In 2015, the [Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#) was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

[Applications](#) are now available for the [2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#). 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.



From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

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



The "[Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series](#)" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching_science_when_you_dont_know_diddly_squat_series.



Youth:

Jacob Armentrout
 Lucas Armstrong
 Jacob Brown
 Nate Carpenter
 Ava Dillion
 Mikayla Dunkle
 Jordan Green
 Ryann Hales
 Ella Hamilton
 Caitlyn Harris
 Josiah Jehnzen
 Rayshawn Jehnzen
 Jace Joly
 Frankie Krell
 Oliver Krell
 Brianna Mullin
 JR Neff
 Michael Nunn
 Jack Owens
 LilyAnn Pawlowski
 Nathaniel Stien
 Brooks Tucker
 Lincoln Warner
 Makayah Willford
 Owen Zelt

Volunteers:

Corrie Aldrich
 Erma Giem
 Katharina Jehnzen
 Ursula Jehnzen
 David Kinberg
 Tina McPhall
 Rebecca Mills

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

7: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
 15: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 19: Teen Chopped, 2pm to 6:30pm, Harrison City Market
 23: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

November

4: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
 13: 4-H Fall Awards Celebration, 6:30pm Ceremony, Brown Corners Church
 19: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

December

2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
 4: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
 8: Holiday Craft Day, 1-4pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

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Volunteers Needed for Council Committees

The 4-H Council has many committees that volunteers have the opportunity to be a part of. Committee members can consist of youth and adults. All adults must be successfully through the Volunteer Selection Process before being a part of a committee. Contact Alex or attend an overall Council meeting to sign up for a committee or to get more details.

Council Committees: Budget, Awards, Banquet, By Laws, Audit, Foodstand, Milk Booth, Fundraising, Ambassador, Holiday Craft Day, Endowment Fund, Gardening, Horse & Pony

Youth Leadership Council

A committee of youth and adults have been working to create the Clare County 4-H Youth Leadership Council (YLC) over the past months. The purpose of YLC is to provide an avenue for youth leadership and voice in the Clare County 4-H Programs through education, recreational activities, and leadership.

All youth are invited to attend the next committee meeting on Monday, October 14, at 6:30pm in the Tech Center at Mid Michigan College. The youth have decided to have doughnuts and cider at this meeting and a costume contest for everyone, adults included!

The first official business meeting for YLC will take place in November where election of officers will take place. Details for this meeting and all future ones will be communicated through the newsletter and social media.

Share your 4-H memories!

It's time for another 4-H year in review video! If you have pictures from 4-H programs, camps, club meetings, or anything you, your child, club members or volunteers have done as part of their 4-H experience, please send your pictures as an email attachment to Alex at schunkal@msu.edu. Pictures should be high resolution and be from September 2018 to August 2019. They will be put into a video that will be debuted at the Fall Awards Celebration and available on YouTube.





CLARE COUNTY 4-H

Fall Awards Celebration

Wednesday, November 13th

5:00pm-6:30pm Fun & Games

6:00pm Cake and Ice Cream

6:30pm Awards Ceremony

Brown Coners Church, Clare

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

SAVE THE DATE!



Camp Clover

JUNE 29 TO JULY 1, 2020

@ CAMP NEYATI IN LAKE, MI



Hosted by the
Clare & Gladwin
County 4H
Programs

Campers age 8 to 13
Teen Counselors age 14 to 19
Adult Volunteers age 20+
Ages as of January 1, 2020

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Teen Chopped Competition

Sat., Oct. 19, 2020

Harrison City Market

Teams will cook and be
judges by food industry
professionals from 2pm
to 5:30pm

Awards Ceremony at
6pm

Come watch the Clare
County 4-H team cook
from 2 to 3pm!

**4-H Exploration
Days @ MSU
Save the Date
June 24-26, 2020**