

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

OCTOBER 2020

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

While the past six months have been like no other, this fall is shaping up to be a busy one! This newsletter has details about many upcoming 4-H things, plus I have many other things in the hopper for the very near future. If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in a program lately, I would like to challenge all of the youth in our county to register for at least one upcoming program!

Join me in celebrating National 4-H Week October 4-10! Show your 4-H pride by decorating a window in your family's home for a chance to win a 4-H baking bundle—details are on page 5. This is also a great time to dig out and display your 4-H Grows Here yard signs from this summer!

I am continuing to work from home, but will be in the office on October 13 and 27.

Happy fall!

Alex Schunk

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## Clare County 4-H Fundraising Campaign

During the month of October we will be running the Clare County 4-H Fundraising Campaign. With our community's support we can expand access to educational and leadership opportunities for young people in Clare County.

With the cancellation of many face-to-face programs, including major fundraisers, due to COVID-19, we have not had the opportunity to fundraise this program year. 100% of donations will come directly to Clare County 4-H for use towards educational programs.

Are you or someone you know ready to support this cause? Visit <https://givingto.msu.edu/crowdpower/clare-county-4-h>

**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: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

**4-H Events and Workshops**

**October 5: MSU Tollgate Farm Secret Life of Trees Interactive Weekly Series**  
*Online*

Explore the secret life of trees in this 5-week series that occurs each Monday. Interact with MSU Tollgate Farm staff, visit the fields and gardens, engage in STEM challenges, learn how we are a part of the same ecosystem as the trees and how we can give back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-secret-life-of-trees-interactive-weekly-series>

**October 6: 4-H Jedi Training for Teens**

*Online via Zoom*

Do you have what it takes to harness the force and become a guardian of peace and justice? Find your inner harmony with this 5-week series that will occur each Tuesday.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-jedi-training-for-teens>

**October 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Follow The Nutrient Trail Interactive Weekly Series**

*Online*

Follow the nutrient trail of consumers, producers and decomposers as you meet Tollgate's goats, chickens and worms during this 5-week series that occurs each Thursday. Students will interact with staff and question, hypothesize, experiment, analyze data, conclude and question again through hands-on STEAM challenges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-follow-the-nutrient-trail-interactive-weekly-series>

**October 10: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop - An Intro to Coding**

*Online via Zoom*

Students will spend four days (weekends of October 10-11 and 17-18) learning how to code and develop an application to solve a technical problem that they define. This workshop is for any high school students of all coding skill levels and experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshops-an-intro-to-coding>

**October 12: Adulting 101**

*Online via Zoom*

The exciting Adulting 101 series is offered to high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This 3-week series will occur each Monday and cover Interviews for Success, Household Tasks, and Making a Spending Plan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-fall-series-mondays>

**October 17: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Ultimate Grilled Cheese**

*Online via Zoom*

Participants, ages 5-19, will learn how to make Ultimate Grilled Cheese Sandwiches using low and non-fat ingredients. Participants will receive the recipe two days in advance.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-ultimate-grilled-cheese>

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

## National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 4 - 10

For the 78th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 4-10. The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.



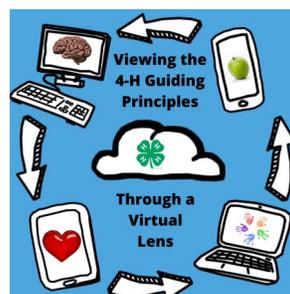
With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country. In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

To help bring awareness to the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to celebrate National 4-H Week in their communities. A few ways to do that while maintain safe social distancing include:

- Share how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community.
- Show your 4-H pride by wearing your 4-H apparel on Wednesday, Oct. 7, the official 4-H Spirit Day.
- Write an op-ed for your local paper to tell your Michigan 4-H story or submit it to MSU Extension for the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers series](#).
- Decorate an [Opportunity4All sign](#) and share your pictures and captions of what opportunity means to you using the hashtag #Opportunity4All on social media.
- Use a [National 4-H Week Zoom background](#) on your virtual meetings.

## Guidelines for Positive Youth Development Virtually

As Michigan 4-H staff, volunteers and youth continue to practice safe social distancing, 4-H programs have moved online and many 4-H clubs are connecting virtually. To help both 4-H staff and volunteers view the 4-H Guiding Principles through a virtual lens, MSU Extension recently developed "Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development: Virtual Programming Focus." This resource is a great tool for adults interacting with 4-H'ers to review as they consider the best ways to optimize 4-H programming for the online world.



View the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development online at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus).

## Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) from Oct. 7-18.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

### Youth:

Caitlyn Harris  
Frankie Krell  
JR Neff  
Mikayla Dunkle  
Amelia Martin  
Ella Hamilton  
LilyAnn Pawlowski  
Brooks Tucker  
Nate Carpenter  
Oliver Krell  
Aubree Myers  
Lindsey Ashley  
Jordan Green  
Lucas Armstrong  
Michael Nunn  
Owen Zelt  
Jacob Brown  
Josiah Jehnzen  
Rayshawn Jehnzen  
Marley Allbee  
Ava Dillon

### Volunteers:

Erma Giem  
David Kinberg  
Nate Shea  
Roberta Kuhlman  
Corrie Aldrich  
Katharina Jehnzen  
Rebecca Mills  
Ursula Jehnzen

### OCTOBER

- 4: National 4-H Week Window Decorating Contest Deadline  
5: Award and Ambassador Applications due to the MSU Extension Office  
14: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92281204285> Passcode: youth  
28: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/99785808036> Passcode: council

### NOVEMBER

- 1: Pictures from 2019-2020 4-H year due  
10: Clare County 4-H Fall Awards Celebration, 7pm via Zoom [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_86Fu0SVer8-6FHPRaWNI2g](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86Fu0SVer8-6FHPRaWNI2g)  
11: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92281204285> Passcode: youth

### DECEMBER

- 2: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98210170048> Passcode: council  
9: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92281204285> Passcode: youth

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### Virtual Exchange with Wisconsin

Clare, Gladwin and Isabella County 4-H programs will be holding a virtual exchange program with three counties from Wisconsin. This free SPIN club will be youth lead and will be open to youth 4-H age 12 to 19. It is going to take place every other Tuesday evening from October 8 to December 17. More details are on page 7 and you can register at <https://forms.gle/EfDBvUvz7ZvHFC3z5>

### Thanksgiving Activity Kits

Thanksgiving themed activity kits will be available soon! There will be a limited number of kits available for a low cost, so keep an eye on your email for details. Kits will include thanksgiving themed crafts and science activities. The activities will make great Home Arts projects for next year's Fair!

### 2021 Camp Clover

Save the dates for Camp Clover, June 28-20, 2020, at Camp Neyati in Lake! This will be open to all youth campers 4-H age 8 to 13 and counselors 4-H age 14 and up, plus adult volunteers!

### Disbandment of 4-H Livestock Council

On September 22, the Clare County 4-H Livestock Council voted to disband the group and put their funds into the Clare County 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The Youth Leadership Council will now assume responsibility of organizing livestock educational programs for Clare County 4-H.

### Clare County Fair News

Next year's Fair dates: Jul 26 to 31, 2021

Interested in joining the Clare County Agriculture Society (Fair Board)? Cost is \$25 and open from September 1 to October 9. Contact the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 for more details.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

# WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST

1. Decorate a front window of your family's home that shows your 4-H spirit.
2. Email a picture of the window to [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu) by Oct. 4th. Please do not include people in the picture. One entry per a household.
3. Be entered into the Facebook voting contest that runs Oct. 5-9 on the Clare County 4-H Program page.

**Top 3 families win 4-H baking bundles!**  
Open to all current Clare County 4-H families.



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# AWARD AND AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS DUE MON., OCT. 5

TURN INTO THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAIL - POST  
MARKED BY OCT. 5, DROPPING OFF, OR SCAN & EMAIL

Due to the awards ceremony being in a virtual format this year, please **email a headshot like photo of nominee to [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu)** If you were nominated for multiple awards, you may submit more than one photo. Pictures may include your projects or be from 4-H programs. No selfies, please.



# VIRTUAL EXCHANGE CLUB

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 4-H AGE 12 TO 19 FROM  
CLARE, GLADWIN & ISABELLA COUNTIES

Virtual Meetings With Youth From Wisconsin 4-H

First Exchange Meeting via Zoom:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 7PM TO 8PM**

We have a fun opportunity for you to learn more about youth involved in 4-H in another state! If you are a youth who is 4-H age 12 to 19, join us for a virtual exchange with 4-H youth from Wisconsin. You will have the opportunity learn more about their state, their 4-H program, how they are different, and similarities in their 4-H program. Each youth will have an opportunity to lead an icebreaker, whole group discussion, breakout room, or the reflection over the 6 Zoom meetings. Planning will begin at the first meeting.

Register by  
Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

<https://forms.gle/hFabPvR9jYwsT8dy7>

Meeting information will  
be sent out prior to the  
first meeting.



## MEETING WISCONSIN

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# SHARE YOUR 4-H MEMORIES!

Share your photos from the 2019-2020 4-H Year  
(Sept. 1 to Aug 31) for them to be featured in the  
Clare County 4-H Year in Review video.

Emails photos as an attachment to [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu)

Please keep in mind, that while some of the things you may have participated in this summer are similar or related to 4-H, Michigan 4-H does not support in person things from March 18, 2020 to present. Pictures taken after March 18 should show only one youth or those that reside in the same household.

Some ideas for the type of pictures to submit:

- Any meetings, events, or programs that took place before March
- Working with animals or creating projects at home
- Participating in any 4-H virtual programs



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# Annual Fall Awards Celebration

NOVEMBER 10, 2020  
7PM VIA ZOOM

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://MSU.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/  
WN\\_86FU0SVER8-6FHPRAWNI2G](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86FU0SVER8-6FHPRAWNI2G)

All Clare County 4-H families are invited to join us for the Annual Fall Awards Celebration! We'll start the celebration with some fun family trivia, watch the 4-H year in review video and then we'll award many deserving youth, adults and community members with awards!

Everyone is welcome to attend, but you must register to get the Zoom details! [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_86Fu0SVer8-6FHPRaWNI2g](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86Fu0SVer8-6FHPRaWNI2g)