

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

August 2019

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Now that we are through the busy summer season of 4-H, I would like to say thank you to everyone who plays a part in helping with camps, the Fair and everything that happens behind the scenes. With the support of many youth, volunteers, parents, friends and family, things have gone very smoothly this summer and we could not do it without everyone's help. Thank you for all you do!!

The 4-H year is winding down and the 2019-2020 4-H year will begin on September 1. This is great time to talk to your friends and family about joining 4-H! We have many year long clubs and many short term programs available with new ones starting quite frequently. If you have an idea for a 4-H club or program, Maggie and I would like to hear it!

During the month of August I will be taking some time off after the summer and will be out of the office most Friday's this month.

Enjoy the last bit of summer and good luck during the upcoming school year!

Alex

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## 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator's Message

I hope everyone had a great July and successful, fun fair season! This week was the first ever Clare County 4-H Forestry Day Camp! If you weren't able to attend, ask your fellow 4-Hers who did how much fun they had. Hopefully, there'll be another opportunity to attend next year!

In August, we have two exciting new special interest workshops, Home Alone in Lake and Sew and Go in Clare! See the information in this newsletter for details and contact me with any questions. I am attending a Drone Workshop this month and hope to bring back the knowledge and skills to have a drone club in Clare County! Let me know if you're interested! We also have potential for a wood carving and burning projects. Does that sound like a fun club? We also have someone interested in helping with sewing clubs, so I hope we'll be able to have more workshops/classes in sewing with more spots available. Stay tuned here, on our Facebook page and check 4-H Online for all the information you need!

Maggie

### 4-H Club Officer Guides



Every successful 4-H club has a good team of officers. But how do you know what your roles and responsibilities are if you've never served as an officer before?

These newly released, free downloadable resources are a great resource for youth elected to leadership positions in their 4-H club. Guides are available for the officer roles of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.

Download your "So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club" guides at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership\\_citizenship/so-you-are-an-officer-in-your-4-h-club-series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/so-you-are-an-officer-in-your-4-h-club-series) to learn more about the role your officer position plays in a successful 4-H club.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### August 6: 4-H Children's Garden Camp Monet

*Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing*

This event is for everyone, ages 7 and up. Attendees of the event will have the opportunity to spend three days creating various art projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-camp-monet>

### August 10: 2019 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

This event is for 4-H members to showcase and present their abilities with their dogs. Come and observe the agility, teamwork and showmanship of these members and dogs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>

### August 12: Super Seed Fun

*Rollins Christian Fellowship Church, Manton*

This event is open to youth, ages 5 to 7, to gain exposure to herbs and plants. The youth will be decorating pots, planting herbs, tasting food flavored with herbs and so much more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/super-seed-fun>

### August 16: State 4-H Horse Show

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Come and join us in watching the State 4-H Horse Show that brings together roughly 600 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-horse-show>

### August 19: 4-H Day Camp Summer 2019

*Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren*

This event is open for youth ages 5-12. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities in the area of STEAM and healthy living.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-camp-summer-2019>

### September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing*

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

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



## Michigan 4-H recognizes true leaders with 4-H State Awards

Nearly 100 outstanding Michigan 4-H members gathered on the campus of Michigan State University (MSU) June 20, to celebrate their accomplishments through the Michigan 4-H State Awards Recognition program. During the event, 32 youth received Michigan 4-H State Awards, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members.

Hosted by [Michigan State University Extension](#), the awards ceremony was held at the [Huntington Club at Spartan Stadium](#). Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 20 award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2019 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Riley Wallace of Sanilac County (junior) and Andy Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior).
- **Bird and Poultry Science:** Rhea Lyn Waycaster of Washtenaw County (junior) and Hunter Delahanty of Grand Traverse County (senior)
- **Civic Engagement:** Ella Kritzman of Sanilac County (junior).
- **Companion Animal Science:** Darlene Mattson of Berrien County (senior).
- **Consumer and Family Science:** Devyn Lusardi of Menominee County (junior).
- **Dairy Science:** Irene Nielson of Ingham County (junior) and Miriam Cook of Clinton County (senior).
- **Environmental and Earth Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior).
- **Equine Science:** Cody Skinner of Mecosta County (junior) and Carley Bullinger of Ingham County (senior).
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Jaydyn Lusardi of Menominee County (junior) and Abby McNamara of St. Joseph County (senior).
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Parker Johnson of Menominee County (junior).
- **Goat Science:** Bryant Janetzke of Ionia County (junior) and Jacie King of St. Joseph County (senior).
- **Leadership and Service:** Micaela Gerborkoff of Houghton County (junior) and Grace Schmidt of Livingston County (senior).
- **Personal Development and Workforce Development:** Khamani Potts of Oakland County (junior).
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Gwyneth Glombowski of St. Clair County (junior) and Sydney Gladding of Kent County (senior).
- **Sheep Science:** Emma Tebo of Menominee County (junior) and R. Levi Couch of Monroe County (senior).
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (junior) and Katherine Erickson of Dickinson County (senior).
- **STEM:** Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (junior) and Joel Basar of Washtenaw County (senior).
- **Swine Science:** Rachel Eggleston (junior) and Emily Mead (senior) of St. Joseph County.
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Blake Towne of Van Buren County (junior) and Brittany Perry of Kent County (senior).
- **Group Award:** North Branch Finish Line Swine Club; Natasha Bickel, Isaac Conley, Ian Conley and Jonah Haskins of Lapeer County.

In addition to a physical award, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division also receives a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by the generous donations of the Michigan 4-H State Award Recognition program sponsors: Reyes Adent Family Foundation, Battle Creek Kennel Club, Branch County 4-H Leaders' Council, Thomas H. Cobb Shooting Sports Fund, Ingham County 4-H Council, Kent County 4-H Council, Lapeer County 4-H Council, Menominee County 4-H Foundation, Michigan Cattlemen's Association, Michigan Pork Producers, Michigan Rabbit Breeders Association, Michigan Sheep Producers Association, Monroe County 4-H Council, Shiawassee County 4-H Council, Richard J. and Mary Ann Sullivan Dunn Memorial Endowment Fund, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association, Washtenaw County Livestock and Dairy Committee, Howard Zindel Memorial Endowment Fund and other contributors.

## Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception



Are you a new or returning Michigan State University student? Come join MSU Extension on September 3, for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. The reception will last from 5:30 —7:00 p.m..

Come for your chance to interact with other 4-H alumni and enjoy a free dinner of pizza and pop! MSU Extension staff will be on hand as well.

For more information visit, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>.



### Youth:

Madison Armstrong  
 Jacob Crawford  
 Rosie Davis  
 Cerae Dejongh  
 Tommy Dewey  
 Quinn Drake  
 Gianna Forster  
 Josh Gould  
 Kelsie Haley  
 Connor Heaven  
 Jackson Heyboer  
 Jonah Jehnzen  
 Cameron Kellogg  
 Taylor Kleinhardt  
 Jane Krell  
 Ruby Mathews  
 Shanna McPhall  
 Mason Miller  
 Jace Montney  
 Kayla Newman  
 Cassidy Ogg  
 Greyson Poynter  
 Haley Schunk  
 Heidy Schunk  
 McCoy Schunk  
 Aiden Scott  
 Sydnie Scott  
 Carsen Vanbuskirk  
 Tyler Veit  
 Avayah Willford  
 Hannah Wormsley

### Volunteers:

Shawna Dillion  
 Erica Drake  
 Katery Stoike

## CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

30: Award Nomination Forms due to the MSU Extension Office

### September

1: 2019-2020 4-H Year Begins. Youth and Volunteers begin enrolling on 4HOnline

9: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

13: Club Year End Forms due to the MSU Extension Office

17: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

25: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

### October

7: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

15: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

19: Teen Chopped, TBD, 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

19: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

### 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

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### Seeking 4-H AmeriCorps Member for Clare and Gladwin Counties

The 4-H AmeriCorps Member will be responsible for delivering SPIN club programming, family engagements, and/or day camp programs to area schools and/or community partners in both Clare and Gladwin counties.

Tasks will include:

- Planning and organizing 20 4-H SPIN (special interest) clubs with volunteers that focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) topics and utilize the 4-H SPIN Club guide, planning worksheet, and record of finances
- Engaging between 90 and 100 new youth in 4-H SPIN club programming
- Recruiting, screening, and training 20 volunteers to serve as club leaders, to provide guest programming, or to otherwise support 4-H SPIN Clubs and associated activities
- Hosting quarterly family engagement nights
- Collecting data and submitting reports to the Site Supervisor (s) and to the 4-H STEAM Corps Program Manager

### **COMPENSATION**

Members will receive a living allowance of \$13,992 to be distributed bi-weekly throughout their service term as well as student loan forbearance for qualified loans. Upon successful completion of service, an education award in the amount of \$5,920 will be issued. Members will serve 40 hours/week.

All interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Alex Schunk at [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu) or Melissa Preston at [prest142@msu.edu](mailto:prest142@msu.edu) by **Friday, August 30, 2019**. For a complete position description visit <https://jobs.mitalent.org/job-seeker/job-details/JobCode/10036516>

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

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## Club Year End Forms

All club Administrative Leaders should have received their Club Year End Packet. Year End Forms are due Friday, September 13, to the MSU Extension Office.

## 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. Nominations are due to the MSU Extension Office on Friday, August 30. Nomination forms can be found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/2019%20County%20Award%20Nominations.pdf>

## Record Books

Record books that were not picked up during the Fair can be picked up at the MSU Extension Office during business hours or by appointment. Books will be brought to the Fall Awards Celebration and it will be assumed that those that are left after that time are not wanted by the author. It is recommended to keep record books from each year and combine them with current year ones to show progress of your projects.

## 4-H Ambassador Sign Up

Youth 4-H age 8 to 19 are eligible to apply to become a Clare County 4-H Ambassador for the 2019-2020 4-H Year. Ambassadors represent the 4-H program throughout the year at community events, parades, lead pledges at 4-H events and assist with the Fall Awards Celebration. Youth that are interested should let Alex Schunk or Sherry Landon know. Those interested will go through an application and interview process.

## Send in your 4-H Pictures

With the end of the 4-H year in sight, its 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 or club members have done as part of their 4-H experience, please send your pictures to Alex at [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu). Pictures should be high resolution and be sent via email as an attachment.



## Reenrollment starts September 1!

The new 4-H year will begin on September 1 and the reenrollment process begins. All returning youth and volunteers must be on 4HOnline and youth participation fees paid by December 1, 2019. Participation fees or scholarship requests need to be made through your club leader. Youth only taking part in short term programs such as SPIN clubs or camps can choose to pay fees/request scholarships through the office or may wait until their program of their choosing is open for registration. For more information about enrollment, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare\\_county\\_4\\_h/join-4-h](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/join-4-h)

**Welcome to our  
newest volunteers!**

**Nia Becker:**  
Resource Volunteer

**Matt Sand:**  
Resource Volunteer

## **Clare County 4-H Youth Leadership Council**

Many 4-H youth and volunteers have been hard at work for many months in forming a Youth Leadership Council. Soon, meeting dates will be announced and we hope to see our all of youth attend these meetings. The working purpose of the group: Built on the foundation of the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles, the purpose of this council is to provide an avenue for youth leadership and voice in Clare County 4-H Programs through education, recreational activities, and leadership.



Clockwise starting from top: Camp Clover Campers; Camp Clover Staff; Cloverbud Day Camp Campers and Staff; Cloverbud Fair Participants; Sew Much Fun volunteers and participants with their pillow and bag creations; Dr. Jeff Dwyer, MSU Extension Director, visited the Clare County Fair during his tour of District 6; the Whitaker Family with their 4-H Exchange Delegate, Honoka, from Japan.



Clare County 4-H presents

# Sew & Go Workshop

## Friday, August 16th

### 10 am to 4 pm



**Pere Marquette Library,  
185 E 4th St, Clare**



**Bring a sack  
lunch!**

**Time to go back to school soon!**  
**Are you up to the challenge of designing and sewing  
your own book bag or string backpack in one day?**  
**Show off your mad sewing skills to your friends!**  
**Snacks, fabric, sewing machines &  
SEW much fun are provided.**  
**You may also bring your own sewing machine.**  
**This workshop is led by certified  
sewing instructor, Tina McPhall.**



**This project is for older youth with some basic sewing experience.**

**Open to youth 11-19 years old as of 1-1-19**

**COST: FREE to current 4H members. \$20 one time membership fee for new members.**

**Ask for available scholarships.**

**Register at [mi.4Honline.com](http://mi.4Honline.com) and select  
SEW AND GO WORKSHOP as your "club."**

**Deadline to register: August 12th.**

**Questions?**

**Contact Maggie Mieske**

**Clare County 4-H SPIN Club**

**Coordinator/4-H STEAM Corps**

**989-539-7805 or email: [mieskema@msu.edu](mailto:mieskema@msu.edu)**



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Clare County 4-H presents:  
**HOME ALONE Workshop**  
**AUGUST 14th, 10 am to 4:30 pm**

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**Garfield Township Hall**  
**9348 Terry St, Lake Station**

Learn how to stay home alone, be responsible, safe and confident! Have fun playing games & role playing Home Alone scenarios while learning home, fire and kitchen safety, First Aid, making healthy foods and snacks, getting along with siblings, boredom busters and MORE! Our Safety Squad includes: an EMT, a firefighter, a Sheriff's Deputy and the Director of Clare County Emergency Management!!



Registration open to youth 11-19 years old (as of 1-1-19) AND 8-10 years old (as of 1-1-19) may register to attend ONLY with an older sibling also registered and attending.



**Bring your own sack lunch. Snacks, drinks & FUN provided.**

**Cost: Due to a generous anonymous donation, NEW MEMBER FEES for the HOME ALONE workshops are FREE to the first 10 to register! FREE to 4-H members.**

**Register early at [mi.4Honline.com](http://mi.4Honline.com) and select HOME ALONE IN LAKE as your club.**

**Questions? Contact: Maggie Mieske @**

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## 2019-20 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

### **4-H SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm)**

September 9, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
October 7, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
November 4, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
December 2, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
January 6, 2020	To Be Determined
February 3, 2020	To Be Determined
March 2, 2020	To Be Determined
April 6, 2020	To Be Determined
May 4, 2020	To Be Determined
June 1, 2020	To Be Determined
July 6, 2020	To Be Determined

### **4-H COUNCIL**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm)**

September 25, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
October 23, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
November 2019	----- NO MEETING -----
December 4, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
January 22, 2020	To Be Determined
February 26, 2020	To Be Determined
March 25, 2020	To Be Determined
April 22, 2020	To Be Determined
May 27, 2020	To Be Determined
June 24, 2020	To Be Determined
July 22, 2020	To Be Determined

### **4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm)**

September 17, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
October 15, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
November 19, 2019	Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
December 2019	-----NO MEETING-----
January 21, 2020	To Be Determined
February 18, 2020	To Be Determined
March 17, 2020	To Be Determined
April 21, 2020	To Be Determined
May 19, 2020	To Be Determined
June 16, 2020	To Be Determined
July 21, 2020	To Be Determined

\*Please Note: Some meetings have location changes due to room availability and date changes due to holidays/fair.

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