

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

July 2018

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

We've had a busy spring and start to summer with many clinics, workshops, and camps and now the Clare County Fair is just about here! The majority of our members participate in the Fair and for those who are active in other areas of 4-H, I would encourage you to visit us at the fair and join us for 4-H Fun Night.

Anyone that is considering starting their own 4-H club or becoming a leader in an existing club should begin the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) during the month of August. Also a reminder that any adults that are on a 4-H board or committee need to submit their volunteer application within one month of taking the position and also need to successfully go through VSP within two months to remain active in their position. Please contact me to begin the VSP.

Good luck to all of our youth that are participating in the Clare County Fair! I will see you there!

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4-H Fun Night and Dance

On Thursday, July 26, during the Fair all 4-H families are invited to dinner at the Small Animal Tent at 6:30pm. Each family needs to bring a dish to pass based on the first letter of their last name. A-H Salad, I-Q Side, R-Z Dessert.

Chicken provided by M&M Meats and pizza provided by Sheri's Family Diner. At 7:30pm there will be games for 4-H members in the t-barn arena. From 8 to 10pm there will be a masquerade dance at the Small Animal Tent for all 4-H youth. On Sunday, July 22, all 4-H members are invited to decorate masks for the dance for a \$1 donation per a mask. Decorating will take place outside the north side of the t-barn at 7pm. Decorating supplies provided.

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4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



Test your shooting sports skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from across the state at the 2018 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament on August 4.

4-H members can participate in BB gun, air rifle, skeet, target archery and more. New to 2018, members can also compete in the hunting and wildlife division.

The tournament takes place at Blue Water Sportsman's Association of St. Clair County.

Registration is available until July 15 at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament/.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 12: Michigan 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Enhance your livestock evaluation and selection skills along with improving your communication skills as you judge eight classes at this judging contest. Register by July 2.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_ffa_livestock_judging_contest

July 18: The Great Dairy Adventure

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Learn about the dairy industry in Michigan while enjoying free ice cream! Registration is not required for this family-friendly event.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/the_great_dairy_adventure

July 31: 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Spend a day learning dining etiquette and improving your public speaking, interviewing skills and social media voice. Register by July 20.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenSpokesperson18/>

August 4: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

Blue Water Sportsman's Association of St. Clair County, Kimball

This tournament gives youth the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with 4-H members across the state. Registration closes July 15.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament/

August 1: Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

Michigan State University Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

This statewide event is now a one-day experience that will teach youth about food science, nursing, mental health and physical health. Register by July 13.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/healthcamp2018/>

August 11: 2018 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Compete in agility, obedience, rally, brace, team and showmanship classes at this annual dog show. Cloverbud classes are also available. Register by July 25.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HDogShow18/>

August 17-19: 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For youth over the age of 13, the 4-H State Horse Show lets 4-H members compete in gymkhana, dressage, trail, showmanship and more. Register by July 12.

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

August 25: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participate in driving, showmanship, pleasure, in-hand poles and more at the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show. Registration must be postmarked by July 12.

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

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

Michigan Youth Institute: Building Young Food Leaders

Author: Alex Tekip



There's no minimum age for making a difference. The Michigan Youth Institute, a yearly event held at Michigan State University (MSU), encourages students in grades 8–12 to research and share solutions to global food security issues, giving them the skills and confidence so that they can influence resolutions for such problems. "The idea of it is to engage Michigan youth as active global citizens in understanding and solving critical global challenges, especially as they relate to food security, and to provide opportunities for young people to explore academic and career pathways to

end global hunger, poverty and other interrelated challenges," said Brian Wibby, MSU Extension educator and co-director of the Michigan Youth Institute.

This year's Michigan Youth Institute took place on May 10. A total of 54 students from around the state participated in the event, which, for the first time, was split between two sites: MSU's main campus in East Lansing and the MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Students, MSU experts and facilitators at the two sites communicated via video conference. The MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, MSU International Studies and Programs, MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H and Michigan FFA sponsored the event.

Participants in the Michigan Youth Institute are asked to select a food security issue and developing country from a predetermined list. The students write an essay about how their chosen issue affects citizens in that country. They discuss their essays in roundtable format, where they engage in conversation designed to help them think deeper about their topic.

The Michigan Youth Institute is part of the World Food Prize's Global Youth Institute, a three-day summit that occurs every October in Des Moines, Iowa. Selected students from the Michigan Youth Institute are chosen as delegates for the Global Youth Institute based on essay scores given by the World Food Prize board of reviewers, feedback from MSU experts during the event and their level of interest.

Although it's an honor and achievement to represent Michigan at the Global Youth Institute, the goal isn't to foster competition — it's to teach the value of meaningful, purpose-driven conversation.

"What we hope that they get out of the experience is some communication, critical thinking, and learning from other people, but in the end, being able to have a conversation with other people around topics that are important, and really delving into how can they make a difference in this whole picture of global food," said Betty Jo Krosnicki, an MSU Extension educator who co-directed the 2018 event along with Wibby.

Michigan 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training



Build your public speaking skills, learn dining etiquette and practice interviewing at the Michigan 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training on July 31.

This communications workshop is designed for 4-H members, teen leaders, ambassadors and community issue advocates that want to better themselves.

The training will be at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan. Registration is required by July 20 and available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenSpokesperson18/>.



CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Home Arts

Cleaning and arranging of booths must be done by July 13. Youth Home Arts judging will take place on Friday, July 20, from 3 to 7pm. All youth with Home Arts projects must be present to present their projects to the judges.

Fair Camping

The camping fee of \$125 is due by July 14, 2018 by cash, check, or credit card. Checks payable to the Clare County Fair, PO Box 698, Harrison, MI 48625. **Campers may go into the campgrounds no earlier than Tuesday, July 17. IF they are plugged into the electric before Saturday, July 21, they will be unplugged per the Fair Board.**

July

2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
9: 4-H Foodstand Cleaning Day, 3-9pm, 4-H Foodstand
9: Small Animal Showmanship Clinic, 7-8:30pm, Small Animal Barn
16: Goat Shaving Clinic, 7-8:30pm, Small Animal Barn
17: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
18: Foodstand Survival Training, 6pm, 4-H Foodstand
18: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
26: 4-H Fun Night and Dance, 6:30-10pm, Small Animal Tent/T-Barn
27: Cloverbud Show, 2pm, Small Animal Tent, Horse Arena, T-Barn

August

31: 4-H Award Nominations due to MSU Extension Office

September

1: Start of New 4-H Year. Volunteers and youth enroll on 4HOnline.
14: Club Year End Forms due to the MSU Extension Office
28: 4-H Award Applications due to the MSU Extension Office

4-H Foodstand and Milk Booth News

4-H Foodstand Survival Training: Wednesday, July 18, 6 to 7pm at the 4-H Foodstand. The Foodstand Committee is asking an adult representative from each club to attend this training. The adult can be a leader, volunteer or foodstand involved parent. This is an opportunity to learn about the new procedures of the Foodstand and is a time to familiarize yourself with what duties are appropriate for different ages of 4-H youth. Attendees will also get the chance to meet the Foodstand Committee members and our new manager.

Limited Sunday Menu and Hours: On the first Sunday of the Fair the Foodstand will be open for business from 10:30am to 7pm and will be serving a limited menu. Menus for Sunday and the rest of the week will be posted throughout the barns during the Fair.

Schedules: There are still a few shifts that need to be filled for the Foodstand and Milk Booth. If you have a large club or you or your family have extra time, the Committees can use your help! See the schedules in this newsletter for shifts that are open. Updated schedules will be posted throughout the barns during the Fair.

Reminders for working in the Foodstand:

- **Wear Clean Clothes— if you have been in the barn, change before working your shift**
- **Wear Closed Toed Shoes**
- **Long Hair Needs to be Up**
- **Wear a Hat or Hair Net. Hair nets will be given to everyone that doesn't bring their own hat.**

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Goat Shaving Clinic

Monday, July 16, there will be a free Goat Shaving Clinic from 7 to 8:30pm at the Small Animal Barn at the Fairgrounds. All goat exhibitors are asked to bring their goats and there will be supplies and people there to help shave them before the Fair. All fairground rules are in affect during this clinic.

4-H Cloverbud Show

All Cloverbuds, youth 4-H age 5 to 8, have the opportunity to participate in this opportunity with animal, home arts, and record book projects. The 4-H Cloverbud Animal Show will take place during the Clare County Fair on Friday, July 27, starting at 2pm at the Small Animal Tent, moving to the Horse Arena, and then to the T-Barn Arena. This show is open to the public and an awards ceremony will take place at approximately 3:30pm in the T-Barn for all Cloverbuds participating in this animal show, home arts, and record book project. Cloverbuds need to wear their Cloverbud t-shirts which will be available to be picked up in the MSU Extension Building during Fair.

4-H Award Nominations

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 Banquet. Award nomination packets have been revised this year and should be more user friendly. Packets will be available for pick up in the MSU Extension Building during the Fair. They are due to the MSU Extension Office on August 31.

Flower Pot Contest at the Fair

All youth and adults with a connection to the 4-H program are welcome to enter a flower pot in this contest. Entries are due to the MSU Extension Building by 5:00pm on Monday of the Fair. No pre-entry is required. Forms can be filled out at entry or found on our website with more information at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/clare/clare_county_4_h

Poster Contest at the Fair

Each 4-H club can enter a poster that promotes 4-H in the Poster Contest. No pre-entry required. Posters need to be turned into the MSU Extension Building by 5pm on Monday of the Fair. Posters will be displayed in the MSU Extension Building throughout the fair and be given back at the Fall Awards Banquet. Cash prizes are given to the club winners! Forms with more information can be found on our website at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/clare/clare_county_4_h

Club Year End Forms

Each club need to complete year end paperwork which includes club profile, financials, civil rights, meeting minutes, etc. A packet will be available for each club in the MSU Extension Building during the Fair. Please pick it up there to help save on mailing cost! They are due by Friday, September 14.

Fair Check In Day

ALL animals must come in through the back gate of the Fairgrounds off of Townline Road.

Sawdust Days

Small Animal: Sunday, July 15, starting at 4pm.

Livestock: Wednesday, July 18

Horse: evening of Wednesday, July 18.

Fair Theme:

Garden



Counter clockwise from top to bottom: Clare County had 19 campers for Overnight Summer Camp with Midland County.

For Cloverbud Day Camp with Midland County, Clare had 18 campers and 3 counselors attend.

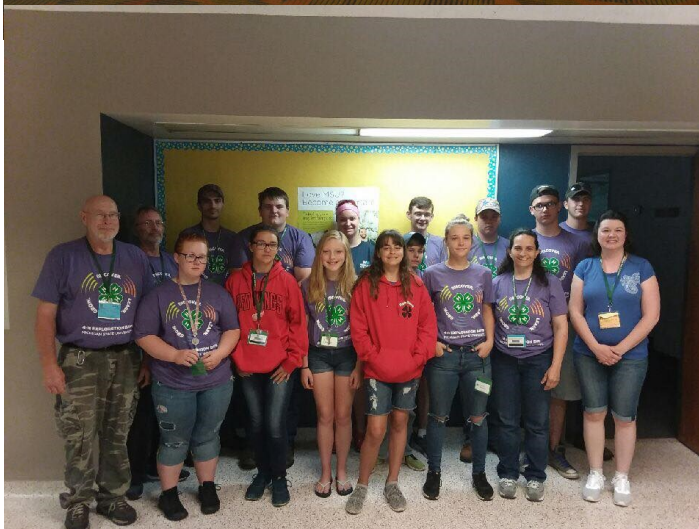
Thank you to our 7 counselors Jeffery Carncross, Sydnie Scott, Madie Nunn, Mia Fetzer, Shania Slater, Cassidy Ogg, and Kameron Haag and also to our adult volunteers Katina Price and Cindy Dietsch!



Campers at Summer Camp Blast had the chance to learn about many new things including making no sew fleece blankets to donate to the Foster Care Closet of Clare County. They also got to make junk drawer robotics cars, origami, learn about pelts and make seed balls with the DNR, learn about fishing with Jay's Sporting Goods, and sew with 4-H volunteers Donna Thompson and Margaret Price.

Clare County had a group of 6 youth attend 4-H Exploration Days at MSU. Thank you to our adult chaperones Penny Brewer, Jeff Smith and Lynnette Sheldon.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Hall and Wyatt Rowell for receiving the Clare County 4-H Higher Education Scholarships!



2018 Clare County 4-H Food Stand Schedule

Day/ Date	6:30 - 11:00	10:30- 3:00	2:30 - 6:30	6:00 - 10:00
Sunday 8/22	Closed	OPEN on Sunday from 10:30am to 7:00pm Limited Menu		
Monday 8/23	Closed	Closed	2:00-5:00 Livestock Judging Team Travis Schunk 989-424-7521	5:00-8:00 Kountry Kidz Shelly Haggart 989-284-1888
Tuesday 8/24	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Denim & Dust Corrie Aldrich 989-429-5881	Hicks N Chicks Jamie Sanford 989-621-2203
Wednesday 8/25		Country Community David Kinberg - 989-513-4688 Bow Masters - Penny Brewer 989-621-7437 Hides N Hares Carol Forkum 802-4488	Hide N Hares Carol Forkum 802-4488	Country Neighbors Chris Ogg 231-920-0539
Thursday 8/26	Millennium Showman Erica Drake 429-1216	Busy Bunny Raisers Dana Taylor 989-802-3271	Brushwood Kately Stoike 435-3647	Brushwood Kately Stoike 435-3647
Friday 8/27	We Chip-In Elmer Mast 989-763-5686	Millennium Showman Erica Drake 429-1216	Country Neighbors Chris Ogg 231-920-0539	Bouncing Bunnies Galloping Goats Ursula Jehnzen 329-2188
Saturday 8/28	Hilltop AJ McInnis 989-339-1959		County Line Pioneers Stacie Brown 339-7757	Closed

For changes or questions please contact Chris Ogg at 231-920-0539

Foodstand Manager: Mary Yoder Foodstand Committee: Chris Ogg, Penny Brewer, Angie Clark, Cassidy Ogg

2018 Milk Booth Schedule

Day/Date	9:00-- Noon	Noon--3:00	3:00--6:00	6:00-- 9:00
Sunday 8/22	Closed	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Country Neighbors Tammie Armstrong 989-824-1835	County Line Pioneers Stacie Brown 339-7757
Monday 8/23			Hill Top AJ McInnis 588-7165	Kountry Kidz Shelly Haggart 989-284-1888
Tuesday 8/24	Millennium Showman Erica Drake 429-1216	Denim & Dust Corrie Aldrich 989-429-5881	Brushwood Shawna Dillon 621-1002	Young County Community Dottie Brugger 989-330-0957
Wednesday 8/25	Harrison Hoppers Margaret Price 989-339-8551	Busy Bunny Raisers Dana Taylor 989-802-3271	Blue Ribbon Tonya Crawford 429-5731	Bouncing Bunnies Galloping Goats Ursula Jehnzen 329-2188
Thursday 8/26	Bow Masters Penny Brewer 989-621-7437	Hicks N Chicks Jamie Sanford 989-621-2203	Millennium Showman Erica Drake 429-1216	
Friday 8/27	Hide N Hares Carol Forkum 989-802-4488	Supreme Showman Kim Langlois 989-824-3302		
Saturday 8/28	Busy Bunny Raisers Dana Taylor 989-802-3271			Country Neighbors Tammie Armstrong 989-824-1835

For changes or questions please contact Elmer Mast at 989-763-5686

Milk Booth Committee: Elmer and Ella Mast, Corrie Aldrich, Tammie Armstrong, Shawna Dillon

Garden Keeper Sign Up

Watering and weeding flowerbeds at the 4-H Foodstand, MSU Extension Building, and Milk Booth
Keep an eye on the weather during your week. Bring your own tools (bucket, garden hose, etc.)

Please check in with the Fair Office when there. 4-H Council Garden Committee members
Donna Thompson, Kim Dewey, Penny Brewer. Week is measured from Monday to Sunday.

Name

Week of May 28: Denim and Dust – Corrie Aldrich

Week of June 4: Harrison Hoppers

Week of June 11: Hicks N Chicks – Jamie Sanford

Week of June 18: Brushwood – Katery Stoike and Shawna Dillion

Week of June 25: Hide N Hares – Carol Forkum

Week of July 2:

Week of July 9: Jennifer Lewis

Week of July 16: Penny Brewer

Week of July 23: Fair Week

Week of July 30: Donna Thompson

Week of August 6: Krell Family

Week of August 13:

Week of August 20:

Week of August 27: Tammie Armstrong

Week of September 3: Kim Dewey- Busy Bunny Raisers