

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

June 2018

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

We are now into the busiest time of the 4-H year! Please take the time to read through this newsletter and take a look at the events calendar for upcoming county programs and meetings. The Clare County Fair is quickly approaching which is a fun time of year for many of our 4-H families.

It's also camp season! During the month of the June, I will be out of the office from June 18 to 29 for Cloverbud Day Camp, Overnight Camp, and Summer Camp Blast. If you need to contact me during this time, please send me an email and I will try my best to get back to you in a timely manner, otherwise, please call the MSU Extension Office for assistance.

I appreciate everyone's understanding and patience during this very busy time of year.

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4-H Livestock Bake Sales

The 4-H Livestock Council Fundraising Committee has schedule two upcoming Bake Sale Fundraisers. Funds raised will go to support livestock educational opportunities, the dance during the fair, 4-H Fun Night and more. All livestock families are asked to donate baked good to either bake sale. Donations need to be dropped off at the beginning of the bake sale and will be sold by donation. Anyone interested in volunteering their time at the Bake Sale should contact Corrie Aldrich or Melissa Green.

Sunday, June 10, 12 to 5pm at Jay's Sporting Goods

Saturday, June 20, 10am to 3pm at Jay's Sporting Goods

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Michigan 4-H State Goat Show



Begin your show season with the 2018 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show on Saturday, June 23, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

Bring your goats to compete in showmanship, breed, pack and driving classes.

Check in begins Friday, June 22 at 6 p.m., and closes at 9 a.m. the following morning.

Registration is available until June 15 for youth, sponsors and camping. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/goatshow2018/> to learn more or register.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 9: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon

Ticket purchases for this fun event can be made until the day of. There will be a catered lunch for an additional charge.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_michigans_adventure_2

June 10: Animal Science Anywhere Workshop

Kalkaska County Annex Building, Kalkaska

Learn more about the science and life skills involved in animal and veterinary science projects. This workshop is designed for youth ages 12 to 19 years old.

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

June 16: Thumb Dairy Odyssey Days

Deluur Dairy, Deckerville

Explore what a field rep does on the farm, discover how a cow perceives the world around it, and learn how to get your cow ready to show. Register by June 14.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/thumb_dairy_odyssey_days_3

June 23: 2018 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show

MSU Pavilion South Barn, East Lansing

Kick off the show seasons and exhibit your goats at the 2018 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show. Registration is due by June 15.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_michigan_state_4_h_goat_show

June 23: Shiawassee 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

Participate in obedience, rally, showmanship and agility classes at the Shiawassee 4-H Dog Show. Register by June 20 to qualify for the early registration discount.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee_4_h_dog_show_1

June 25-28: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

Participate in this four-day camp to learn about Michigan forestry. Learn how to identify trees, take forest measurements, use a compass and more. Register by June 8.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_forestry_day_camp

July 7: 4-H Gymkhana Fundraiser Horse Show

Horseman's Association, Centreville

Ride in this open gymkhana show while raising money for the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council. Register by June 24 to waive an office fee.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_gymkhana_fundraiser_horse_show

July 20-22: 2018 Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp

Clear Lakes Education Center, Manistique

Enjoy an unforgettable camp experience that helps youth meet friends from all over the region, try new activities, and learn new skills.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_upper_peninsula_4_h_camp

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

Upcoming changes to Michigan 4-H Age Policy



Starting Sept. 1, youth ages 8 to 19 will be eligible to enjoy the full Michigan 4-H experience.

Beginning September 1, 2018, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy will change to reflect a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members will be 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of the program year as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5-7.

This policy change is being implemented by MSU Extension after lengthy consultation with early childhood and Michigan 4-H

youth development staff, as well as careful consideration of research regarding youth and competition. Furthermore, it will move Michigan 4-H into alignment with counterparts across the country, including National 4-H.

As always, age appropriateness and safety will remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H will continue to support minimum age limits for certain learning environments that may not be appropriate for children 8 years of age. Additionally, individual county 4-H programs with MSU Extension will also retain their right to determine the beginning age for 4-H involvement within that county.

For more information on the 4-H Participant Age Policy, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_participant_age_policy1. For questions regarding the Cloverbud age, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_cloverbud_frequently_asked_questions.

2018 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

Are you interested in nutrition, food science, physical fitness, personal safety and sports science? Attend the 2018 Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp for your chance to explore these exciting fields, related careers, and tour research facilities at Michigan State University (MSU).

This three-day pre-college program takes place at MSU and is open to volunteers and youth ages 13-19. Youth will work together in teams to develop a plan that addresses health issues within their community and explore various health-related career fields.



The 4-H Health and Food Science camp is designed for 4-H members who are passionate about nutrition, food science, physical fitness, and sports.

Registration is available until June 8 at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_health_food_science_camp/.

4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure



On June 9, kick off summer by joining 4-H members across the state in a day of fun at Michigan's Adventure.

From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9, Michigan 4-H youth are invited to grab their swimwear and 4-H t-shirts to participate in the 2018 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure.

A catered meal will be provided from 2 to 3 p.m. for an additional cost. There is a fee for standard car parking and oversized vehicles, however full size buses park for free.

To attend, you must RSVP (available up to the date of the event) and wear 4-H attire when purchasing your tickets the day of. To RSVP, visit <https://www.miadventure.com/play/events/4-h-day>.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Welcome to our newest volunteer!

Melissa Larsen—
Resource Volunteer

Garden Keepers Needed

Clubs, families, or individuals are needed to water and weed the flowerbeds at the 4-H Foodstand, MSU Extension Building, and Milk Booth at the Clare County Fairgrounds.

Volunteers are needed weekly through Memorial Day and Labor Day. The schedule for garden keepers can be found in this newsletter. If you would like to sign up please contact Alex Schunk or a member of the Garden Committee.

June

- 4: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 6: 4-H Overnight Camp Orientation at Camp Neyati, 6pm, Clare County Building Courthouse Meeting Room A
- 13: Small Animal Showmanship Clinic, 7-8:30pm, Small Animal Barn
- 18: 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp, Camp Neyati in Lake
- 18: 4-H Overnight Summer Camp Counselor Training, Camp Neyati in Lake
- 19: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 19-22: 4-H Overnight Summer Camp, Camp Neyati in Lake
- 20-22: 4-H Exploration Days, Michigan State University
- 22: Small Animal Showmanship Clinic, 7-8:30pm, Small Animal Barn
- 27-29: Summer Camp Blast, MMCC— Harrison
- 27: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand

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 Association Meeting, 6:30pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 18: Foodstand Survival Training, 6pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 18: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 24: 4-H Fun Night, Time TBD, Clare County Fair
- 27: Cloverbud Show, 2pm, Small Animal Tent, Horse Arena, T-Barn



100 youth and adults attended the 4-H Livestock Showmanship Clinic on Saturday, May 19. Karen Percival, livestock judge, taught participants about beef, sheep, swine, and dairy feeder showmanship. Thank you to the 4-H Livestock Council for sponsoring this clinic and to Chris Ogg for organizing.

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Summer Camp Blast

Wednesday, June 27 through Friday, June 29, at Mid Michigan Community College in Harrison. This 3 day, day camp is open to 25 youth age 7 to 11. Each day will include a different topic including junk drawer robotics and engineering with origami, meeting the DNR and discovering pollination, learn about fishing with Jay's Sporting Goods, participate in a community service project for the animal shelter and also sew pillow cases. Scholarships provided by the 4-H Council to cover half of the registration cost. More information and registration: <https://www.midmich.edu/departments/corporate-continuing-education/lifelong-learning/personal-interest/summer-blast-2018>

Adult volunteers are needed to help with sewing day on Friday, June 29 from 9am to 3pm. Adults need to have successfully gone through the Volunteer Selection Process. A couple of teens are also needed for all three days to be counselors. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Alex Schunk by June 15.

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. All Cloverbuds should have received a letter and form in the mail during the month of May with more information about this. 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.

CLARE COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Fair Forms

Fair forms can be found in the Fairbook. They are due Friday, June 22, by 4pm to the Fair Office. If they are being mailed they need to be postmarked by this date.

Home Arts

Donna at the Fair Office needs to know which clubs want a booth in the Home Arts Building this year. 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. Sites are still available for this year.

Livestock

Livestock Sawdust Day: Wednesday, July 18

Small Animal

Auction forms are due to Ursula Jehnzen by July 1. Small Animal Sawdust Day: Sunday, July 15, starting at 4pm.

Horse

Horse Sawdust Day: evening of Wednesday, July 18.

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Plant and Flower Sale Follow Up

Congratulations to the members of the Busy Bunny Raisers Club on selling the most items during the plant and flower sale! They will be receiving their prize of a gift card for a pizza party from the 4-H Council.

Foodstand Survival Training

Join the Foodstand Committee on **Wednesday, July 18, at 6pm** at the Foodstand. This is a chance for everyone to get a walk through of the Foodstand and to learn about how many people are needed for a shift, what jobs are appropriate for each age, learn about the new menu and meet the committee and new manager. Every club should plan to send at least one leader or adult.

*In support of the Clare County
4-H Livestock Council*



Bake Sale

AT JAYS SPORTING GOOD
SUNDAY JUNE 10, 2018

12PM TO 5PM

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

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Bake Sale

AT JAYS SPORTING GOOD
SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2018

10AM TO 3PM

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

SUMMER CAMP BLAST

JUNE 27, 28 AND 29

9 AM TO 3 PM

MID MICHIGAN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
HARRISON CAMPUS



OPEN TO 25 YOUTH AGE 7 TO 11

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.MIDMICH.EDU/DEPARTMENTS/CORPORATE-CONTINUING-EDUCATION/LIFELONG-LEARNING/PERSONAL-INTEREST/SUMMER-BLAST-2018](https://www.midmich.edu/departments/corporate-continuing-education/lifelong-learning/personal-interest/summer-blast-2018)



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 Stoikey and Shawna Dillion

Week of June 25: Hide N Hares – Carol Forkum

Week of July 2:

Week of July 9:

Week of July 16: Penny Brewer

Week of July 23: Fair Week

Week of July 30:

Week of August 6:

Week of August 13:

Week of August 20:

Week of August 27:

Week of September 3:

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