Hello 4-H Families!

I hope you are all are enjoying your summer. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Alex Schunk, and I am currently serving as the 4-H Staff for Clare County. I am a former member of Clare County 4-H; during my 12 years I showed beef, sheep, swine, poultry and home arts projects. Outside of showing at the Fair, I enjoyed attending 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Camp, and workshops at the 4-H Kettunen Center. The 2016 Clare County Fair is quickly approaching, and I am looking forward to spending time with you all throughout the week.

**Tips for Buyer’s Letters and Thank You Notes:**

Don’t forget the importance of sending out buyer’s letters in a timely manner before the week of the Fair. Please take note of this year’s auction changes for both Livestock and Small Animal. Be sure to invite buyers to attend the buyer’s banquets. When you send a buyer’s letter to one of your previous buyers, be sure to thank them for purchasing your animal in the past!

After the Fair, you always want to thank your buyers! Thanking them in person is always a great idea so that you can hand deliver your pictures. It is also nice to give them some sort of goodies. Please review the changes for all Livestock exhibitors in this newsletter regarding buyer’s pictures, thank you notes, and receiving your auction checks, and the information about the Thank You Clinic for Small Animal exhibitors.

Good luck to all exhibitors, and Thank You to all of the volunteers for your hard work!

See you at the fair!

Alex Schunk, 4-H Staff

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**4-H FUN NIGHT: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 7pm**

Dinner is at 7pm with carnival games to follow inside the T-Barn. Dinner is provided by M & M Meats and the 4-H Small Animal Association. All families are asked to bring a dessert.

Following Fun Night activities, teens are welcomed to make “Stars and Stripes” t-shirts for the dance on Thursday. Paint will be provided by the 4-H Livestock Council but you must bring your own t-shirt.

**4-H STARS & STRIPES DANCE: Thursday, July 28, 2016**

9pm to Midnight, behind the T-Barn. Teens need to bring $3 each OR a bag of chips OR a 2 Liter of Pop. Show of your American pride by wearing your t-shirt made at 4-H Fun Night!
4-H Workshops

July 18: 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training
http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HTeenSpokesperson
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing

July 22-24: 4-H Mentoring Weekend
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E68499A13D2C7CE3
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

July 14: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
http://bit.ly/1qnHdVu
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 18-22: 4-H Dairy Days
http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/ANS_Youth_/DD_entry_information_16_CRX.pdf
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 20: 4-H Robotics Challenge
https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county_programs/robotics-challenge
Barry County Fair, Barry Expo Center, Hastings

July 22: State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 31-August 6: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
http://bit.ly/1Xn5uTU
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=DB6531563678F88A
Shaw Hall, Michigan State University

August 6: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0F81A177D96
Centerline of Calhoun County, Bellevue

August 13: State 4-H Dog Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 19-21: State 4-H Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 27: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
South Barn, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Events Coming Soon or With Nearing Registration Deadlines

4-H Robotics Challenge

If you love robotics or have county robotics teams, showcase your engineering skills in a two-hour, real-time robotics (LEGO advanced Mindstorms and Junk Drawer) design challenge. Teams will design, build and program a robot to complete challenges.

Who: 3- to 5-member robotics teams (aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2016). At least 1 team member must be an enrolled 4-H member.

When and Where: July 20, Barry County Fair, Barry Expo Center, Hastings

Registration: As a team, select the challenge and division you want to participate in. Complete and return the Team Roster Form (http://bit.ly/1XZBz19) with the registration fee ($20 per team) to the Barry County MSU Extension Office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/barry) by July 1.

Sources of More Information*
- Challenge website (https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/county-programs/robotics-challenge)
- Robotics Team Packet (http://bit.ly/1tudxmK)

4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

Tell the world about the amazing things Michigan 4-H members are doing! Workshop includes: social media, creating dynamic messages about 4-H, planning for an interview and practicing public speaking.

Who: Enrolled 12- to 19-year-old (as of January 1, 2016) 4-H members, and adults providing transportation.

When and Where: July 18 (East Lansing) and August 22 (Mackinac City)

Cost: $15 per person

Registration: Online (http://bit.ly/IWRz3Og) by the deadline given on the web site.

Sources of More Information*
The training website (http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6DA24872D3A15726)

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

Sometimes referred to as the “4-H State Shoot,” this event allows Michigan 4-H shooting sports members the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition.

Who: 9- to 19-year-old, as of January 1, 2016, Michigan 4-H members, enrolled in a shooting sports group.

When and Where: August 6, Centerline of Calhoun County, Bellevue

Cost: $30 per person

Registration: Online (http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3214D0FE1A77D96) by July 13.

Sources of More Information*
- Tournament website (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament)

National 4-H Congress

This five-day educational gathering includes workshops on topics such as leadership development, character education, workforce preparation, science and technology, and communication-skills development.

Who: 4-H members aged 15 to 19.

When and Where: November 25-29, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia

Registration: Counties identify their delegates. Interested 4-H members should contact 4-H staff in their local MSU Extension office (http://bit.ly/1u09E3).

Cost: The cost (including airfare, registration fee, lodging, a tour, baggage fees, snacks, most meals, two shirts and a photograph) is approximately $1,500 per person.

Sources of More Information*
- The Congress Facebook page (http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH)
- Previous delegations to Congress: (http://bit.ly/1u0U1q6), (http://bit.ly/1FMTFz6).

*4-H staff in your local MSU Extension office (http://bit.ly/1u09E3)
SAWDUST DAY
Saturday, July 16 at 9:00 am.
All families are expected to participate! Please bring any tools, wheel barrows or other items that will help to get the barns ready for the fair. There will be no sawdust going into the T-Barn on this day due to the new gates being put up for pigs.

HOME ARTS
Youth Home Arts judging will be Friday, July 22, 2016, from 3-7pm. During judging parents will not be allowed in the Grandstand judging area. Home Arts Building will open at 1pm that day for youth to come tag projects early. Tags can be picked up at the Fair Office starting July 18th.

4-H Clubs can decorate and make changes to their booth from July 7-15th. The building will also be open on Sawdust Day from Noon to 3pm. There will NOT be any cleaning, painting, etc. on judging day.

Volunteers are needed to help clerk on judging day. These volunteers can be teens and/or past 4-H’ers. Call the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 if you are interested in helping.

CLOVERBUD SHOW
Home Arts will be shown on Friday, July 22, from 3-7pm in the Grand Stand judging area. Home Arts Cloverbuds will also be recognized at the awards ceremony in the T-Barn after the animal shows.

Animals will be shown on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 3pm. Show will start at the tent next to the Small Animal Barn, then go to the Horse Arena and finish in the T-Barn with the Award Ceremony to follow.

All Cloverbuds need to wear their Cloverbud t-shirts for the show on Friday, July 29, which will be handed out closer to the fair.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS
OVERALL: JEANIA CANAL 429-2547
BEEF: SHAWN ARMSTRONG 709-6031
DAIRY: JAVIAN/TERESA COATS 965-2581
GOAT: URSULA JEHNZEN 329-2188
HOME ARTS: ANGIE MEYLAN 802-9254
HORSE: RUSS BRUGGER 330-0957
POULTRY: DAVID KINBERG 513-4688
RABBIT/CAVY: CAROL FORKUM 802-4488
SHEEP: JOANNA WITBECK 329-6644
SWINE: KEITH HAAG 429-6291

If you or someone you know has been involved in the Clare County Fair for many years, the Clare County Fair Board is looking for old photos and memorabilia to display. These items can be turned into the Fair Office and Donna will copy printed items for you. The Fair Board’s goal is to eventually start a museum at the Fairgrounds.
CAMPING

Balance of $125 is due on Saw Dust Day, July 16. After that date campers will be charged a $25 late fee per a site. If you plug your camper into the electric before Saturday, July 23, you will be charged $25 per a day per a site. Campers can start coming in on Monday, July 18. (Superintends can bring campers in on Saturday, July 16). For questions call the Fair Office at 989-539-9011.

AWARDS

Don’t forget that there are many awards that are chosen throughout the year and the week of the fair for members and volunteers. Some of these awards include Herdsman of the Year, Golden Pitchfork, Best Decorated Barn/Club, Club of the Year, Leader of the Year, Image Award, etc. With this being said, working together to keep the barns clean, making sure animals have proper feed and water, and keeping a smile on your face are important! You never know who one of the judges for these awards may be! Any eligible 4-H’er may also nominate people for select awards.

Leaders: Award packets will be available for pick up in the MSU Extension Building during the fair. If you do not pick them up, they will be mailed after the fair.

FAIR CHECK IN DAY

Reminder that all animals MUST be brought in through the back entrance of fairgrounds off of Townline Road. They also need to be checked at the gate near the campgrounds before entering the fairgrounds. NO animals will be allowed thru the front gate!

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

CHECK IN DAY

On Sunday, July 24, all animals must be checked in from 8am to 4pm. They also are required to be brought in through the back entrance of the Fairgrounds off of Townline Road.

AUCTION

The Small Animal Auction will immediately follow the Livestock Auction which begins at 10am on Saturday, July 30. The Small Animal Buyer’s Banquet will begin at 2pm.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

All clubs are required to attend four (4) Small Animal meetings to be able to sell at the fair.

THANK YOU CLINIC

After the fair there will be a Thank You Clinic for all Small Animal members that sold animals at the fair. This will help provide a time for exhibitors to pick up buyer’s pictures and to write thank you cards. The date and time will be provided soon.

ZOONOTIC DISEASE PREVENTION

Students from MSU will be presenting a hands on program on how to prevent zoonotic diseases on Sunday, July 24. It is open to all 4-Hers and they will be covering all species of animals. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

4-H HEARTLAND SHOW

Congratulations to those who competed at the 4-H Heartland Show which was held at the Clare County Fairgrounds on June 18, 2016! Also, thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with this event!
LIVESTOCK NEWS

WEIGH IN TIMES: Sunday, July 24
Swine: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (Noon)
Beef and Dairy Feeders: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Sheep: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

AUCTION
The Livestock Auction will begin at 10am on Saturday, July 30. The Livestock Buyer’s Banquet will be a breakfast buffet from 9am-12pm.

RECORD KEEPING
Mandatory record books are due at weigh in. They will have calculators available so exhibitors can finish their calculations after they find out the final weights of animals.

CHANGES TO PICTURES AND THANK YOU PROCESS.
Attention all livestock members:
Due to the ongoing issue with buyers not getting their pictures and thank you, the following rule is now in place.

All leaders will pick up their club member’s pictures. Leaders MUST keep track of pictures and thank you’s being delivered. Each member must have their buyer sign the CCJLA form when hand delivering. The form must then be returned to their leader. If mailing your picture and thank you, it must be done by certified mail and the receipt given to your leader. Leaders will keep track of who has thanked their buyers. All proof of delivery must be turned in to the CCJLA Treasurer by your leader before any checks will be mailed. Buyers MUST be thanked by December 1st of fair year or $100.00 will be deducted from the member’s auction check.

This may seem strict but it’s been a very big issue for years. Our buyers support our children so incredibly and they deserve to be shown proper appreciation!
Thank you for your understanding. -CCJLA COUNCIL

HORSE NEWS

CHECK IN DAY
Horses can be brought into the Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 24, from 8am to 4pm. All animals must enter through the back entrance of the Fairgrounds off of Townline Road. Remember to bring your original coggins papers.

2016 Fair Dates:
July 25-30
Fair Theme:
Family Game Night
Fair Colors:
Red, Yellow, and Blue

4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES
July 11th 7pm at Food Stand—SMALL ANIMAL
July 13th 7pm at Announcers Stand—HORSE
July 20th 7pm at Food Stand—4-H COUNCIL
July 24th 2pm at T-Barn—LIVESTOCK
July 24th 6pm at Horse Arena Bleachers—HORSE
July 24th 7pm at Small Animal Barn—SMALL ANIMAL
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For changes or questions, please call TRUDY PESTER at 989-330-1941 or PENNY BREWER at 989-621-7479.
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I WANT YOU To Prevent Zoonotic Disease

Zoonotic Disease Prevention Programming

- Fun one hour session!
- Interactive case study presentations.
- Increase your understanding of “One Health” and zoonotic diseases.

Taught by MSU Extension, you’ll learn what YOU need to know to prevent zoonotic disease outbreaks in your home, barn and community!

July 24, 2016
2:30 – 3:30 pm

Livestock T-Barn
Clare County Fairgrounds
418 Fairlane Rd
Harrison, MI

Questions?
Alex Schunk
MSU Extension-Clare County
(989) 539-7805

Create your own FREE Pathogen Prevention Packages!
Packages include everything you need to practice good biosecurity, no matter where you are!

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4-H POSTER CONTEST

- No Pre-entry
- Open to each 4-H Club
- Poster must promote 4-H to youth and/or adults on 22” x 28” poster board.
- Poster must be created by club team effort or by one or two club members.
- Bring posters to MSU Extension office on the Fairgrounds from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday of the Fair for judging at 6 PM
- Posters will be displayed in the MSU Extension office on the Fairgrounds until the last Saturday of the Fair and given back at Fall Awards Banquet.
- Cash prizes will be given to the club administrative volunteer at the Fall Awards banquet.

Prizes are as follows:

1st Place - $25.00
2nd Place - $15.00
3rd Place - $10.00

Club Name ____________________________________________

Leader ___________________________ Phone Number ___________

Poster Description ____________________________________________

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Club Name ____________________________________________

Club Leader ____________________________________________
4-H FLOWER POT CONTEST

* NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

* OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS

* ENTRY DEADLINE IS MONDAY OF FAIR BY 5:00 PM

CLASSES:

0926       6” AND SMALLER POT- YOUTH
0928       7” AND LARGER POT- YOUTH
0925       6” AND SMALLER POT-ADULT
0927       7” AND LARGER POT- ADULT

NAME ______________________ PHONE NUMBER ______________________

CLUB NAME _____________________________

CLASS NUMBER (SEE ABOVE) _____________

LOCATION ON FAIRGROUNDS (Draw map on back if not easy to find) ______________

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DESCRIPTION _________________________________

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