



Clare County

4-H Family News

February 2018

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

It might be the middle of winter but we are busy! February is a very busy month for Clare County 4-H and there are many fun and educational programs for your family to be involved in. This newsletter is filled with information and flyers for upcoming events that include educational workshops, statewide events, local fundraisers and family outings like Winter Blast and the 4-H Tubing Party.

Since our last newsletter in December, we have had two SPIN Clubs form and meet. SPIN stands for **S**pecial **I**nterest and these clubs are short term, meeting for a total of 6 to 8 hours throughout 4 to 8 weeks. On page 6 of this newsletter you'll see a review of both SPIN clubs that have taken place in our county so far.

With all of the programming that we have going on my office time is going to be limited. Please continue to be patient when trying to reach me and let me know if your reason for emailing or calling is urgent. Don't forget about the 4-H Bad Weather Policy and remember to keep an eye on the Clare County 4-H Program Facebook page and your email for changes or cancellations.

Alex Schunk

4-H Program Coordinator



Winter Blast 2017



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Bad Weather Policy:

If two out of the three schools (Clare, Harrison, Farwell) close on the same day due to bad weather (snow, ice, etc.) any scheduled 4-H meeting/event will be canceled.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Save the date for the 4-H Robotics



Challenge

On March 10-11, Michigan 4-H members from across the state will gather at the Kettunen Center to participate in the 4-H Robotics Challenge.

Open to youth ages 12-16 as either individuals or a team, the event will include LEGO EV3, Junk Drawer Robotics, and VEX real-time challenges.

Registration for the 4-H Robotics Challenge will be available soon and will be due by Feb. 20.

4-H Workshops and Events

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated. Registration due Feb. 9.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project Workshop

Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.

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

February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse City

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training_grand_traverse

March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2

March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H FunFest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Capitol Experience registration now available!

All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.

Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more.

Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more!

Registration is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/> and is due by March 16.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute now accepting applications!

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI).

This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology, potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmyi>.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance roll-over information

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H'ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018. Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth_pork_quality_assurance_program_rollover_information.

New social media resource!

4-H RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY
Online Consequences

KEY CONCEPTS:
Understanding the possible consequences of sharing information online.

LEARNING & LIFE SKILLS:
• Self-Responsibility

AUDIENCE:
Age range: 13 and older
Skill Level: Beginning

TIME:
20-30 minutes

SETTING:
A room with tables and chairs

MATERIALS:
• A copy of student work packet about social media consequences such as "Social Media: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" which will be at the end of this activity for reference.
• Tablets or laptops (one per participant)
• Internet or access paper
• Handout or other large paper

BACKGROUND:
According to "Teens, Social Media and Technology Overview 2015" by the Pew Research Center, nearly three quarters of teenagers ages 13-17 have access to a smartphone. Of those teens, 62 percent report going online daily, and 71 percent say they use more than one social networking site (Facebook, 2015). These devices should all ensure that teens are contributing to their online activity. Anything digital can be stored, copied and shared, even if you intend to only share it privately.

OVERVIEW:
In this social media activity, participants will explore the various consequences youth face based on the use of information they shared online. They will explore the concept of how a single "bit" of information or a brief, quick update, snap or other action could have negative consequences. This activity pairs well with other research on responsible social media usage.

OBJECTIVES:
After completing this activity, the participants will be able to:
• Consider the possible risks of sharing information online.
• Think critically about what they choose to post and share online.

PROCEDURE:
Before the meeting:
1. Review the background information and activity directions.
2. Print off news articles of your choice for every group of two to four participants. Provide a copy for each person in the group.

4-H GROWS HERE

In this new Michigan 4-H resource, club leaders can educate youth about the impact media can have on others and themselves. Anything digital can be stored, copied and shared, even if it is only intended to be shared privately.

Teach youth the consequences of their activity online with this new lesson plan that pairs well with other previously created responsible social media usage lessons.

Download your copy at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_responsible_social_media_activity_online_consequences.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Supplies Needed

The 4-H Foodstand is in need of a **large industrial freezer**. If you know of someone who is willing to donate a freezer or work with the 4-H Council on the cost, let Alex Schunk or any 4-H Foodstand Committee member know.



Silent auction items are needed for the 4-H Council Scrap and Craft Fundraiser in March. Clubs who would like to donate items should contact Donna Thompson at 989-429-0303

February

- 5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 8: Equine Health & Nutrition, 6:30-8pm, MMCC Houghton Room
- 10: Winter Blast, 10am-1pm, MMCC
- 12: Officer Roles and Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 6-8pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 13: Horse Ownership 101, 6:30-8pm, MMCC Houghton Room
- 16-18: 4-H Livestock and Vet Science Workshop, Kettunen Center
- 17: Clare and Gladwin Counties 4-H Tubing Party, 10am-Noon, SnowSnake
- 20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 26: Biosecurity Basics, 6:30-8pm, MMCC Houghton Room
- 28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

March

- 2-3: 4-H Scrap N Craft, Harrison Lion's Building
- 5: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 7: Foodstand and Milk Booth Inventory Training, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 8: 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship Applications Due
- 17: Clare Irish Festival Parade, 11am line up for float, parade starts at noon
- 20: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 21: Animal Care and Wellbeing Workshop, 6:30pm, MMCC Houghton Room
- 28: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

April

- 2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 17: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, MMCC Superior Room
- 25: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, MMCC Superior Room

May

- 1: New Club Member Enrollment Closes
- 7: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD
- 15: 4-H Livestock Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
- 23: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Location TBD

June

- 4: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand
- 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 at Michigan State University
- 26-28: Summer Camp Blast, MMCC– Harrison
- 27: 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, 4-H Foodstand

CLARE COUNTY NEWS

Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship

All current high school seniors should have received an application for the Higher Scholarship by email during the last week of January. This scholarship can be used for *any* higher education. Please apply! This scholarship is one of the many reason why the 4-H Council has many fundraisers including the Foodstand, Milk Booth, Flower Sale, and Scrap and Craft. Applications are due to the MSU Extension Office March 8.

Clare Irish Festival Parade

The Annual Clare Irish Festival Parade is on Saturday, March 17. Join us on the Clare County 4-H float and show your 4-H pride. Each family is asked to bring a bag of candy and each club is asked to make a poster representing their club and 4-H. Parade line up begins at 11am on Schoolcrest Avenue near the VFW Hall with the parade beginning at Noon. The float will return to the same location where the parade began.

4-H Exploration Days at MSU

Dates – June 20-22, 2018

Theme – *Learn, Discover, Grow*



Registration fee – \$165 (\$185 for non 4-H'ers.) This is a great bargain for a 3-day, 2-night MSU pre-college program full of experiential learning and personal growth opportunities! The Clare County 4-H Council will automatically cover half of this cost plus other scholarships may be available by contacting the MSU Extension Office. Registration books will be in during the month of February. Keep an eye on the Clare County 4-H Program Facebook page to find out when the books are in. They will also be available at all regular scheduled meetings when they are in.

4-H Council By-Law Change

i. A representative from each 4-H club must attend at least four (4) 4-H Council meetings within a 4-H year, September 1 to August 31, of the current year. The representative cannot be an overall Council officer. Failure to comply this bylaw will result in the disbandment of the club by the 4-H Youth Staff of Clare County MSU Extension.

Club	# of 4-H Council
Blue Ribbon	0
Bouncing Bunny's Galloping Goats	1
Bow Masters	1
Brushwood	4
Busy Bunny Raisers	4
Country Community Club	1
Country Neighbors	4
County Line Pioneers	1
Denim & Dust	4
Harrison Hoppers	1
Hicks N Chicks	1
Hide N Hares	3
Hill Top	2
Kountry Kidz	1
Millennium Showmen	2
North Country Trail Riders	0
Over the County Line	1
Supreme Showmen	0
Triangle	2
We Chip In	3
Young Country	4

Welcome to our newest volunteers!

Erica Drake—
Millennium
Showmen

Kailyn Brugger—
Young Country
Community

Lynnette Sheldon—
Resource Volunteer

Michelle Grover—
Resource Volunteer

Leaders, please keep an eye on your email for a survey of supplies your club has. Club kits are coming soon!

CLARE COUNTY NEWS CONTINUED

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News from the Fair Office

Fair Camping: 2018

Camping deposits \$25 and will be taken at the Fair Office Oct 1– Dec 31 by cash, check, or credit card. Checks payable to the Clare County Fair, PO Box 698, Harrison, MI 48625. The fee of \$125 is due by July 14, 2018. Fair Office hours are on winter schedule, please call before coming in to make sure someone is there. 989-539-9011

2018 Fair Dates: July 23-28

Theme: Garden

Colors: Red and Yellow

Holiday Craft Day THANK YOU! This year's event was a huge success with record numbers of youth attending. We had many great comments about the event from repeat attendees. We served 8 counties and 2 states. Thank you to my committee, Mary Mathews, Tammie Armstrong, Carolyn Kinberg, Trudy Foster, Cindy Dietsch and volunteers Alex Schunk, Joanna Krell, Liz Osterloh, Nicole Shanarsky, Natalie and Madison Armstrong, and this years 4-H ambassadors that made this day a success. THANK YOU again for making this event a great one.

Donna Thompson

(Craft Day photos below)



The Gifts from the Kitchen SPIN (Short Term Special Interest) Club met for four weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Harrison City Market. Youth were able to make ornaments, pop corn garland, brownies and bean soup in a jar, and cookies. (Photos below)



The Cabin Fever SPIN (Short Term Special Interest) Club consisted of 15 youth age 5 to 12. They met during the month of January at Mid Michigan Community College and enjoyed a nature scavenger hunt, making winter crafts and pine cone bird feeders, met a forester, and roasted hot dogs and s'mores at MMCC's park area. (Photos below)



HORSE WORKSHOPS



Hosted by Clare County 4-H and Gladwin County 4-H

Free 4-H horse curriculum for
all youth participants!

HORSE OWNERSHIP 101

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

6:30-8pm

Mid Michigan Community College -
Harrison: Houghton Room

Our presenter Taylor Fabus, MSU Extension Educator, will be discussing many of the basics of horse ownership. Costs for care, facilities, and competition will be discussed. Additionally, assessing equine welfare and proper management techniques will be highlighted. Those in attendance will leave with a great knowledge on what it takes to own and care for a horse, as well as access to many free resources offered by MSU Extension and other organizations.

EQUINE HEALTH & NUTRITION

Thursday, February 8, 2018

6:30-8pm

Mid Michigan Community College -
Harrison: Superior Room

Dr. Alex Imlay of Animal Health Association in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, will be joining us to discuss a common sense approach to equine health and nutrition. Dr. Imlay will cover the importance of vaccinations and quality nutrition of your horse and pony project and also talk about how to prevent diseases. There will also be time to ask questions about any health concerns you may have about your horse or pony project.

**Cost: Free for 4-H members. \$20
for non 4-H members (includes
4-H membership)**

To Register Contact:

Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H
Program Coordinator at
989-824-0738 or

schunkal@anr.msu.edu

Melissa Preston, Gladwin County
4-H Program Coordinator at
989-426-7741 or

prest142@anr.msu.edu

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A collaboration hosted by **Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University Extension 4-H and Jay's Sporting Goods.**

Winter BLAST

FREE FAMILY FUN

Join us as we have
a day of winter fun!
Sat., Feb. 10
10 am - 1 pm

Mid Michigan Community College
Harrison Campus
1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

- **Learn** how to Geocache
- **Create** a pine cone bird feeder
- **Learn** how to snowshoe
- **Meet** a team of sled dogs
- **Make** a S'more
- **Try** your skill at the Hockey Shootout
- **Discover** life under the ice
- **Relax** with popcorn and hot chocolate
and much, much more!

Join the Clare Conservation District Forester on a
guided snowshoe hike at 1pm!
Must provide own snowshoes.



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FRIENDS OF CLARE COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION



Mid Michigan
Community College

JAY'S
SPORTING GOODS

Adults and children dress appropriately for outdoor weather conditions!

For more information (989) 539-7805 or (989) 386-6625.



Officer Roles and Parliamentary Procedure Workshop

DATE & TIME:

Monday, February 12,
2018
6-8pm

LOCATION:

Mid Michigan
Community College—
Harrison: Superior
Room (Upstairs above
SOAR Center)

COST:

FREE! Dinner Included

HOW TO REGISTER:

RSVP by February 8 to
Clare County 4-H
Program Coordinator,
Alex Schunk 989-539-
7805 or email
schunkal@anr.msu.edu
OR to Gladwin County
4-H Program
Coordinator, Melissa
Preston 989-426-7741
or email
prest142@anr.msu.edu



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- 4-H members age 13 and up who are looking to add leadership roles to their 4-H experience
- 4-H members age 13 and up who currently hold an officer position in a club, association or Council or are considering holding an officer position in the future.
- 4-H adult volunteers who currently hold an offer position on an association or Council or are considering holding an officer position in the future.

DESCRIPTION:

Leadership skills training for youth and adults who have been elected as officers or who are looking to become officers in the future.

- What do each of the officer jobs include?
- Who can help their meetings be more efficient and fun?

Discover the basics of leadership and resources to help you on your journey!

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Clare and Gladwin County

4-H Tubing Party

Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 10am to Noon
at Snow Snake Mountain in Harrison



- Cost: \$11 a person. Due at time of event. Cash or credit card.,
- Open to 4-H families and their friends
- Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes (Snow Snake rule!)
- All participants must have a liability form signed by a parent or guardian. Forms available through MSU Extension.
- Meet 15 minutes early to pay for tickets.

Questions? Contact Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-539-7805 or Melissa Preston, Gladwin County 4-H Program Coordinator at 989-426-7741

SNOW SNAKE DAILY TUBING RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand and acknowledge that snow tubing is a HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY and that my and/or the Minor's participation in snow tubing and use of Snow Snake's tubes and Tubing Park has many risks and dangers which may result in personal injury, paralysis or death, including, but not limited to: collisions with walls/sides of the tubing runs, with other tubers or bystanders or other structures or debris in or near the Tubing Park area and run-out area; the chance of falling out of the tube; injuries sustained while using the conveyer lift system, negligence of other participants, and negligence on the part of Snow Snake, its agents, servants and employees. I realize that injuries during participation in tubing activities are a common occurrence and that snow conditions vary constantly in the tubing park because of weather changes and snow tubing use. I acknowledge and understand that the snow tube and any other equipment provided and/or used during tubing is provided AS IS and acknowledge that NO WARRANTIES are being extended to me and/or the Minor with respect to any aspect of snow tubing.

In consideration of Snow Snake allowing me and/or the Minor to tube, use Snow Snake's related equipment, area facilities and parking areas, I expressly assume and accept any and all risks and dangers associated with my and/or the Minor's participation in tubing and other activities at Snow Snake. **In further consideration, I agree to Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnify and Defend** Snow Snake, its employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, including claims or suits brought by the Minor, including but not limited to: allegations of negligence, including the negligence of Snow Snake, its employees and agents, breach of contract, breach of any statutory duty or other duty of care and breach of express or implied warranty. I further agree to **Indemnify, Hold Harmless and Defend** Snow Snake, its employees and agents from any and all costs or expenses, without limitation, which Snow Snake sustains as a result of, related to, or alleged to be related to my or the Minor's participation in tubing or other activities available on Snow Snake premises.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEM. I HAVE MADE NO FALSE REPRESENTATION TO SNOW SNAKE REGARDING MY NAME OR AGE.

Each person over the age of 17 must print name and sign.

Parents or Guardians of children under the age of 18 must print minors name and sign.

Name	Age	Signature (Parent/Guardian signature if under 18)	City	Date	

CLARE COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

BIOSECURITY BASICS

BIOSECURITY IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING TO PRACTICE IN ORDER TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR ANIMALS HEALTHY! IN THIS SESSION PRESENTED BY KATIE OCKERT, MSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR, YOU WILL LEARN BASIC BIOSECURITY PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES THAT YOU CAN USE BOTH AT HOME AND AT EXHIBITIONS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF DISEASES.



**MID MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HOUGHTON ROOM (NEXT TO CAFETERIA)
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018
6:30-8PM**

RSVPs not required but appreciated. For questions or to RSVP contact Alex Schunk, 4-H Program Coordinator, at the Clare County MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805 or email schunkal@anr.msu.edu



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Clare County 4-H Council

Event funds will support Clare County 4-H Program

5th Annual 4-H SCRAP & CRAFT

March 2-3, 2018

Friday 6 pm - 12 am
& Sat. 8 am - 9 pm

Harrison Lions Club

On Clare County Fairgrounds

417 Fairlane Harrison, MI

Questions?

Donna Thompson
(989) 429-0303
djt66rt91@yahoo.com

Join us for a fun and relaxing time away with friends scrapbooking & crafting in Harrison, MI.

Registration and payment due by March 6th.

Registrations after this date will be filled until full.

If you have a small group that you would like to be seated near, indicate the names and we will do our best to assign everyone to tables near/next to one another, however we can only guarantee seating with your person indicated.

Pre-Paid Admission Includes:

- Continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, dessert & refreshments
- Free Gift
- Door prize drawings
- Vendors on site

Little Extras \$\$:

- Silent Auction
- Neck/Shoulder Massages
- Make-n-Takes



Youth ages 12 to 19 are welcome at a \$15.00 rate if accompanied by a fully paid adult guest.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be received in writing by email, fax or mail. Cancellations less than 1 week prior to the event or 'no shows' will not receive a refund of any monies.

Substitutions are welcome.

If you are able to fill your spot with another guest, please make arrangements between yourself and that person for the exchange of the money.



4-H Scrap & Craft Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

Email (Note: only used for event confirmations & updates) _____

Need Electricity

Special Dietary Needs _____

Sitting With _____

Group Name _____

I understand that the scrapbook equipment (including the die cutting machine, punches and other equipment at the event), may cause injury if not used correctly & carefully. I agree and hold harmless, Clare County 4-H Council, Clare County Agricultural Society, Harrison Lions Club, Donna Thompson, for any injuries sustained as a result from the use of the equipment which has been provided for my use during the event. The Clare County 4-H Council will be held harmless against any loss, expenses, damages and liabilities in the event of injury or accident that may occur or has occurred at the 4-H Scrap & Craft Day. The Clare County 4-H Council will not be held responsible for damages, lost or stolen items. By attending this event, you consent to the use of photos in which you may appear. By registering for this event, you agree to this disclaimer.

Sign up for:	1/2 Table	Whole Table
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday	\$30.00	\$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday only	\$25.00	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth age 12-19	\$15.00	\$15.00
TOTAL PAID \$		_____

Method of Payment

- Check made payable to 4-H Council
- Cash / Money Order

Mail completed form to:
Clare County 4-H Council
Attention: 4-H Scrap & Craft
PO Box 439
Harrison, MI 48625



Livestock Nutrition Workshop

DATE & TIME:

Monday, March 19,
2018

6:30pm

LOCATION:

Mid Michigan
Community
College—Harrison:
Houghton Room
(Next to Cafeteria)

COST:

FREE!

Registration not
required but
appreciated. For
question or to register
contact Clare County
4-H Program
Coordinator, Alex
Schunk 989-539-7805
or email
schunkal@anr.msu.edu



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

4-H members, volunteers and their families
wanting to learn about the proper nutrition for
livestock projects including swine, cattle,
sheep and goats.



DESCRIPTION:

Our presenter, Brian Hines is from Quincy, Michigan and serves as a Sunglo National Account Manager while servicing the Eastern US and Midwest. Brian and his wife, Donna, and two girls, Cailyn and Payton, run a 15 sow show operation and show at NJSA national events. His past experience includes: National Swine Registry Fieldman, Michigan State University Extension Livestock Agent, and he has been in the feed industry sales for many years. Brian's hobbies include feeding and raising hogs for show with his family and judging shows for over 28 years and in 21 states.

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Animal Care and Well-Being

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, March 21,
2018

6:30-8pm

LOCATION:

Mid Michigan
Community College—
Harrison: Houghton
Room (Next to
Cafeteria)

COST:

FREE!

Registration not
required but
appreciated. For
question or to register
contact Clare County
4-H Program
Coordinator, Alex
Schunk 989-539-7805
or email
schunkal@anr.msu.edu



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- 4-H members, volunteers and their families wanting to learn more about the care and well-being of animals.
- 4-H members and volunteers with projects in the area of horses, beef, sheep, goats, swine, dairy, poultry and pocket pets.



DESCRIPTION:

During this session with our presenter Melissa Elischer, MSU Extension Educator, we'll talk about what animal welfare is and what it is not and share two important resources scientists use to talk about animal welfare. After that we'll turn our attention to special things to keep in mind with animals on exhibit, like during fair. We'll share information about large livestock and talk a little bit about poultry and pocket pets. This session will be fun, educational, and interactive and a great way for everyone to learn a little bit more about animal science!

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Gratiot County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy and Poultry Show



April 21, 2018

Gratiot County Fair Grounds

701 S. Lincoln Ave.

Alma MI 48801

Registration begins at 7am. Entries must be in by 8am.

Rabbit show begins at 9am.

Poultry Show begins at 10am

Entry Fees:

\$2.00 per class

- Showmanship: Juniors (9-11), Intermediate (12-14), Senior (15-19). Ages as of January 1, 2018. Cloverbuds will be judged by teen leaders.
- Breed Classes (**Rabbit & Cavy only**): All breeds that are recognized are eligible for show. All breeds will be judged by ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Chickens will be pullorum tested at registration.

Rabbit Show Jumping Competition

- \$3.00 per class
- 10 Jumps, 4 to 8 inches tall
- 3 Jumps per Rabbit
- Jump anytime between 9 am and Noon
- Awards Ceremony @ 12:30 pm

Donuts and coffee for purchase in the morning and pizza by the slice for sale around lunch.

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Laurie Gager 989-763-2650



Hosted by The Gratiot County Lucky Stars 4-H club and Cosponsored by The Gratiot 4-H Leader's Council

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Interested in governance and how you can make an impact in Michigan?



Join Michigan teens speaking out on the hot topics that matter to them in education, agriculture, health, crime, jobs, equality and the environment at...

MICHIGAN 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience April 15-18, 2018

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing current issue areas (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will choose their top three issue areas and will learn about one. They will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue and will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Animal Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Health
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement
- Natural Resources & Environment
- Technology

Location, Registration & Cost

The Okemos Conference Center provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court, and surrounding areas.

\$350 4-H members

\$370 Non members

(Scholarships are available)

The registration fee includes most meals, lodging and material fees.

Registration deadline: March 16, 2018

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/>

For more information visit:

msue.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience



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2018 FAIRBOOK COVER CONTEST

The Clare County Fair Board is looking for your help! So, sharpen your pencils, crayons, markers or colored pencils and get out your clean sheets of paper and submit your entry for the 2018 Fairbook Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until **Thursday, March 8, 2018**.

The entry rules are as follows:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 9 to 19.
2. All entries must be camera ready, on white paper.
3. All entries must be on 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch paper with one inch white border.
4. All entries must include the following information:
 - That this is the 135th Clare County Fair
 - That the dates of the fair are July 23-28, 2018
5. Each entry must have the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, and 4-H Club and/or school written on the **back**.
6. **Entries should depict some phase of Clare County Agriculture and/or Fair Scenes and be the original work of the 4-H member or student.**
7. The winner will have their artwork on the cover, receive a \$50 cash prize, and an armband for one day of midway rides. The three runners up will receive an armband for one day of midway rides as well.

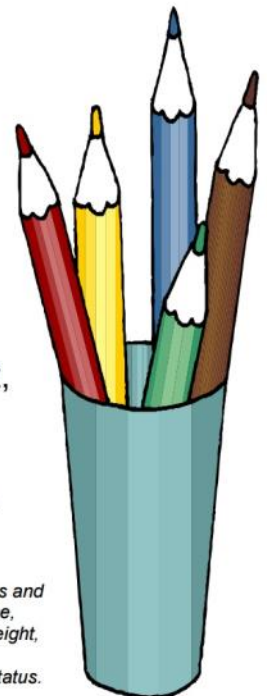
Entries can be delivered to the MSU Extension office at 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625. For questions, please call (989) 539-7805.

The Clare County Fair Board is responsible for the judging of these entries.

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2017-18 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

4-H SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION

(1st Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm)

September 11, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
October 2, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
November 6, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
December 4, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
January 8, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
February 5, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
March 5, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
April 2, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
May 7, 2018	Location TBD
June 4, 2018	Location TBD
July 2, 2018	Location TBD

4-H COUNCIL

(4th Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm)

September 27, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
October 25, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
Combo Nov/Dec 6, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
January 24, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
February 28, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
March 28, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
April 25, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
May 23, 2018	Location TBD
June 27, 2018	Location TBD
July 18, 2018	Location TBD

**4-H Horse matters are discussed at 4-H Council meetings.

4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

(3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 pm)

September 19, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
October 17, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
November 21, 2017	MMCC Superior Room
December 2017	-----NO MEETING-----
January 16, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
February 20, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
March 20, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
April 17, 2018	MMCC Superior Room
May 15, 2018	Location TBD
June 19, 2018	Location TBD
July 17, 2018	Location TBD

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

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