4-H Staff Member’s Message

Hello 4-H Families,

Fall is here and it is time to start thinking about your goals for the upcoming 4-H year! Maybe you would like to visit the Kettunen Center this year, start a performing arts group, strengthen your knowledge about tractors, or learn how to garden. Now is great time to start planning activities with your clubs and associations.

Also, think about your possible upcoming projects when enrolling on 4-H Online. **Reenrollment for the 2016-17 year is open until December 1 and enrollment fees need to be turned into your club leader.** If you need assistance with this process, let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing what the upcoming year has instore for us all!

Alex Schunk
4-H Staff: Clare County

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**Announcements...**

**SCIENCE BLAST: Tuesday, October 4, 5-7pm at MMCC**

Science Blast will be held at Mid Michigan Community College—Harrison Campus and is sponsored by MSU Extension, Clare and Gladwin 4-H, and MMCC. **Ride the Smoothie Bike, learn how bees make honey, explore plastic and welding, tour a nursing lab, and discover much much more! Free family fun!**
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

October 5-6: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Port Huron

October 8-9: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_goat_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_advisory_group_retreat_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress
https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress
Atlanta, Georgia

Other 4-H Events

October 2-8: National 4-H Week
Nationwide

October 5: 4-H National Youth Science Day
http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day
Nationwide

2017
January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
4-H: Today’s Big Picture and Our Proud Heritage!

What is 4-H?
4-H (http://4-h.org), the largest youth-development organization in both Michigan and the U.S., was thought up in the late 1880s. At the time, university, agricultural researchers realized farmers were often not willing to try new methods being developed on campus. However, noting that (as today) young people: (1) were open to new thinking, (2) would experiment with new ideas and (3) would then share their experiences with adults, the researchers introduced their new ideas to rural youth. Thus began 4-H!

Where can 4-H programs be found?
While 4-H continues to use the hands-on, learning-by-doing, experiential learning (http://bit.ly/2csbWpu) approach, its scope has expanded. Today, our 200,000-plus Michigan 4-H (http://bit.ly/l2NxiJLN) members are part of a program that reaches 7 million young people in more than 50 countries. 4-H Youth Development exists in all but one of the seven continents. As can be seen on this map (http://bit.ly/2d0vSn9), there are 4-H programs in North America, Mexico, much of Central America, Bolivia, many northern European and Scandinavian countries, much of the southern third of Africa, nearly all of eastern and Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Michigan 4-H welcomes youth from all parts of the state (from the Upper Peninsula to our border with Indiana, from Lake Michigan’s shores to those of Lake Huron, and everywhere in between). Although Michigan 4-H still has rural programs, it now also includes youth from urban areas and the suburbs, as well. Quite a difference from just 25 years ago!

What is 4-H’s focus?

How is 4-H doing?

As you celebrate National 4-H Week (October 2 to 8), take pride in being part of not only the largest youth-development organization in the country, but also being a member of a program that has remained true to its founders, while quickly responding to today’s challenges!

Stay in touch and connected:
At www.facebook.com/Michigan4H
@Michigan4H on Twitter and Instagram
By using #MI4H
2017 Clare County Fair
July 24-29

Camping Reservations
Campsites reservations for the 2017 fair can be made October 1, 2016—March 25, 2017, for a fee of $25. If you are not planning on camping next year please let the fair office know as soon as possible.
989-539-9011

COUNTY NEWS

2016-17 4-H ENROLLMENT
4-H Clubs should plan an enrollment meeting in October/November to ensure reenrollment forms and participation fees are turned in by December 1st. Participation fees are $10 per a member or $30 a family. There is also a $1 insurance fee for all members/volunteers OR $2 for all horse project members. Money must be turned into your 4-H club leader. Leaders are to then turn money into the MSU Extension as a 4-H Club. MSU Extension will not be collecting money for re-enrollment from individuals or families. Checks can be made payable to MSU and should be dated no more than 30 days prior to the time of payment to the MSU Extension office. Re-enrollment is open from September 1–December 1. Members new to 4-H as of this year have until May 1, 2017 to enroll.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS
Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship: Open to those who will be college freshmen in the Fall 2016 and have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship: Six scholarship recipients will be awarded $2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Open to 4-H members who are high school seniors.

4-H FALL AWARDS BANQUET
Save the date for the annual Fall Awards Banquet on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 6:30pm at the Harrison Lions Club. All 4-H Families are invited to attend this night of recognition for everyone’s hard work in our program! This is a potluck dinner with more details to come.

4-H TEEN SPOKESPERSON TRAINING
On August 22, Cameron McInnis a member of Clare County 4-H and Hill Top 4-H Club, attended the Teen Spokesperson Training in Mackinaw City. While at the workshop, him and other members from throughout the state learned how to prepare for an interview, learn proper dining etiquette and how to create a meaningful message.
A collaboration hosted by Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University Extension and 4-H of Clare, Isabella and Gladwin Counties.

**Science BLAST 2016**

**FREE FAMILY FUN**

Join us as we explore a night of science!

**Tues., Oct. 4**

5pm - 7 pm

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

- Make a smoothie by riding a bike
- Introduce yourself to SimMan and see what makes him tick
- Learn how bees make honey
- Create a 3-D drawing in the air
- Discover the world of plastics
- Learn how to virtual weld
- Meet Clover the Cow
- Check out the science of tractors

**and much, much more!**

PARENTS: Bring your children kindergarten and older!

For more information, call (989) 539-7805.

Mid Michigan Community College
MICHIGAN 4H NIGHT
AT THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
vs. DENVER NUGGETS • 7:00 PM

Please join Michigan 4-H and the Detroit Pistons as the Pistons take on the Denver Nuggets! Everyone receives a special discount, opportunity to shoot a free throw on the court and a Pistons giveaway! Plus a portion of the proceeds go back to benefit 4-H! There will be a special raffle to 25 youth to high-5 NBA players as they run out of the locker room to start the game!
Show your 4-H Pride and wear your club shirt

EXCLUSIVE TICKET PRICING:
LOWER-LEVEL END: $50 ($65 VALUE)
UPPER-LEVEL END: $25 ($35 VALUE)

PURCHASE TICKETS AT PISTONS.COM/4H
Contact Nicole Laidlaw at 248.375.4065 or nlaidlaw@palacenet.com with further questions or to order tickets over the phone

MAIL TO:
The Palace of Auburn Hills
Attn: Nicole Laidlaw
6 Championship Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
Detroit Pistons

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Please remember all tickets are subject to availability and handled on a first-come, first-served basis. All prices on orders received after the indicated deadline are subject to change. Refunds or exchanges will not be issued. Tickets purchased prior to 10 days of the selected game date will be mailed to the address provided. Tickets purchased after will be left at Will Call.

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Phone: (____)_____________________ Yes, send me future group discounts
E-mail:_________________________________________
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# 2016-17 4-H Association Meeting Schedule

## 4-H Small Animal Association / CCJSAA
(1st Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm)

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## 4-H Livestock Council / CCJLA
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*Please Note: Some meetings have location changes due to room availability and date changes due to holidays/fair. Updated 8/22/15*