

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

AUGUST 2020

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Can you believe that summer and the 2019-2020 4-H year is coming to an end? Things sure have been different the past four or five months, but time has still flown by! The 2020-2021 4-H will begin on September 1.

I would like to remind everyone that MSU Extension and 4-H will be on the primary election ballot on Tuesday, August 4. That's this coming week! If you'd like to learn more about our program's request for a millage, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/millage>

If you have the chance, be sure to check out the 4-H Animal Costume Contest running on our Facebook page. Many youth joined in on the fun and got creative with dressing up their animals! Everyone can vote for their favorite costume by "liking" the picture. Judging will close at 4pm on August 7.

At this time, I do not have an update on whether 4-H will be able to do in person things after September 1. As we all know, things continue to change throughout the state and that effects everything else. The leadership of Michigan 4-H, MSU Extension and MSU are working to form a plan of what this fall will look like. I will continue to keep everyone updated when those plans are formed.

For the month of August, I am planning on being in the MSU Extension office on Tuesday, August 11 and 25, and will continue to work from home all other days. Our office is being staffed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays again this month and is available from 8am to 4:30pm. I will be taking time off on August 4 and August 17-21. I will be unavailable during my time off, however, if you need anything you are welcome to call the office at 989-539-7805 and follow the prompts to the general line. Our office phones are currently being forwarded to our cell phones.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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4-H Bog Boots Now Available!



Love Bogs boots? You can now wear them and support 4-H! Not only do the boots have fun 4-H clover designs, but Bogs will donate \$5 for each pair sold to National 4-H Council to support 4-H outdoor education programs.

Women and children boots are currently available for purchase in stores and online at BOGSfootwear.com. Men's boots will be available in early August.

4-H Events and Workshops

August 5: 4-H Cow Time Learning Seminars

Zoom Webinar

MSU Extension staff, volunteers, and university faculty will be leading educational seminars each Wednesday to help youth refine dairy management and life skills learned through 4-H.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cow-time-learning-seminars-august-5th>

August 6: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—Setting Up a Mini Golf Course for Fun and the Future

Zoom Webinar

An indoor mini golf course can be a lot of fun and it can also assist you in your future career. Youth are encouraged to join this session to learn more! Exploratory sessions for youth ages 8-12 are offered each Thursday at 4 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-6-setting-up-a-mini-golf-course-for-fun-and-for-the-future>

August 6: Life of the Straits 2020

Zoom Webinar

This program will take place each Thursday. Each session will be a fun-filled look at features of the Straits of Mackinac, including the Mackinac Bridge, local nature preserves and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-2020-a-virtual-program-aug6>

August 7: International Conversations—Brazil

Zoom Webinar

Join this webinar to learn more about Brazilian culture from a native! Come with any questions you may have about Brazil and daily life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/international-conversation-august-7-brazil>

August 25: 4-H Teen Tuesday - All About Chocolate

Zoom Webinar

Current 4-H members ages 13-19 can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-25-4-h-teen-tuesday-100-cocoa-all-about-chocolate>

August 25-27: Turn Your Passions Into Profits Entrepreneurship Camp

Zoom Webinar

Find the entrepreneur in you with this free virtual camp. Interactive activities introduce the 4-H entrepreneurship project while you develop your business ideas and learn how to market.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/turn-your-passions-into-profits-entrepreneurship-camp>

August 27: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays - Crafts Around the World

Zoom Webinar

Youth will explore simple cultural traditional crafts from around the world. This session will feature yarn art from North America.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-27-crafts-around-the-world-north-america-yarn-art>

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



Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is excited to partner with the [Michigan State Fair](#) to launch an exciting new program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase will provide a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

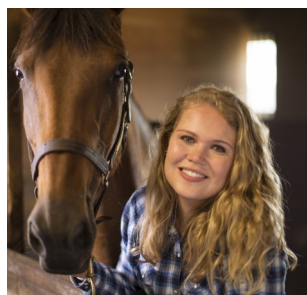
Registration will be opening soon! While classes are still being finalized, MSU Extension and the Michigan State Fair hope to celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

Once open, registration will be available until August 23. There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish. Project evaluation will begin on August 24 with winners announced during the Michigan State Fair, September 3-7. Begin working on your [project photos and videos](#) now to ensure you're ready to submit when registration opens!

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Applications and criteria are still being developed - more details about the scholarships and Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will be shared online at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase as details become available. We hope you will consider participating in this exciting new opportunity!

Free Summer Horse Care Online Course

Horse owners around the country look forward to summertime equestrian activities to get them through the winter months. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, trail rides and clubs have cancelled their live events. In a heartfelt effort to support horse enthusiasts, the MSU Extension Equine Team has put together a Summer Horse Care online course series and is offering it free of charge during 2020. Participants can earn a certificate for each of the following units:



- Unit 1: Routine Health Care – covers vaccinations, deworming, and dental care.
- Unit 2: Pasture Management – covers pasture planning, renovation, forage species, grazing management, and toxic plants.
- Unit 3: Manure Management – covers water quality, manure management options, and composting.
- Unit 4: Biosecurity – biosecurity protocol for equine and people, wildlife and insect control, and COVID-19 resources.

To learn more, go to www.myhorseuniversity.com/summer-horse-care-101.

Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt



From August 7-12, families with youth ages 5-19 are welcome to join in the Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt! This self-paced experience will have families taking part in forestry-themed missions and sharing their progress with other teams in this online GooseChase scavenger hunt.

Participate from your backyard, campground, or wherever your family will be during this time! All you need is a smart phone or tablet with a camera.

The top placing U.P. and Lower Peninsula teams will be awarded a prize package that includes a camp hammock. In addition, other prize packages will also be awarded to teams throughout the scavenger hunt.

For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-forestry-savenger-hunt.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Youth:

Jace Montney
Greyson Poynter
Madison Armstrong
Quinn Drake
Adriana Ellis
Aiden Scott
Tyler Veit
Hannah Wormsley
Caiden Loar
Haley Schunk
Shanna McPhall
Jacob Crawford
Kayla Newman
Ashlyn Muma
Brayden Muma
Jonah Jehnzen
Mason Miller
Sydnie Scott
Conner Heaven
Jane Krell
Cerae Dejongh
Gianna Forster
Kelsie Haley
Taylor Kleinhardt
Avayah Willford
McCoy Schunk
Tommy Dewey
Josh Gould
Heidy Schunk
Jenna Wormsley
Carsen Vanbuskirk

Volunteers:

Erica Drake
Shawna Dillion
Katelyn Stojke

AUGUST

3-6: Fair Week GooseChase, <https://events.anr.msu.edu/fairtimefun/>

3-7: 4-H Animal Costume Contest judging on Facebook page

7-12: Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt, <https://forms.gle/QjbU1PG3Cn6UYn8C8>

31: Club Year End Forms Due

31: Award Nomination Forms Due

Club Year End Forms

Club Year End forms were sent to the administrative leader of each club at the end of July. These forms are due to the MSU Extension Office by Monday, August 31, 2020. A few things have changed from previous years so leaders should be sure to read the letter that is in the packet. Clubs also get Honor Club points for having this paperwork in on time!

Award Nomination Forms

Do you know a youth, volunteer, parent, alumni, or community supporter that deserves recognition for their involvement or support to Clare County 4-H over the past year? Nominate them for an award! Any youth or adult affiliated with Clare County 4-H is encouraged to nominate someone for an award.

2020-2021 4-H Enrollment

Michigan 4-H will unveil 4HOnline 2.0 this fall. At the earliest, enrollment for the 2020-2021 4-H year will begin on September 15. No one should try to log into 4HOnline from September 1 to 15—it will not let you access it. More details on the updated system will be coming soon, but for now everyone should know that this update will hopefully make enrollment much more simple! The deadline for returning youth and volunteers will remain December 1.

Middle of the Mitt 4-H Virtual Showcase Results

The Middle of the Mitt 4-H Virtual Showcase took place July 27-31 with Clare, Isabella, Gladwin and Osceola County 4-H Programs. Congratulations to Dawson Aldrich, Quinn Drake, Clara Ewald and Hayley Neff! These youth represented Clare County in the virtual showcase by entering beef, swine, culinary arts, fine arts, and educational still exhibits. Full results from the showcase can be viewed at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/14784>

FAIR TIME FUN SCAVENGER HUNT!!

How to Register: Go to
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/fairtimefun>
****Then install the Goosechase app and create your profile using your first name and the initial of your last name.***

***Registration deadline is August 1**

Who: Antrim, Clare, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Otsego and Wexford County 4-H members, ages 13 and up.
Or team up!

Where: The Goosechase App on your mobile device

When: August 3-6 2020

Prizes: Prizes awarded for most points, as well as randomly drawn prizes. All prizes will be mailed by 8/15

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on the ballot
Aug. 4

in Clare County

Making a Difference in Clare County

The 6-year 0.13-mill request that will appear on the August 4, 2020 ballot will provide continued funding for MSU Extension educational programs in Clare County, such as:

The property tax will cost the average Clare County home owner less than

\$6

per year.

4-H
Youth
Development

Agriculture
&
Agribusiness

Child &
Family
Development

Health
&
Nutrition

Consumer
Horticulture

Natural
Resources

Financial
Homeownership
Education
Foreclosure
Prevention

To learn more
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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/millage>