



Clare County

# 4-H Family News

DECEMBER 2020



## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already to the month of December and it will be 2021 before we know it! If you are looking for something fun and festive to do as a family, check out our Holiday Craft Kits and the Gingerbread House Showdown - Clare vs. Gladwin. We're in competition with Gladwin County to see who can make and decorate the best Gingerbread House and I hope to see many you take part in this contest! I know we have many creative youth in this county who will be great at this contest!

As a reminder, due to the pandemic, we are continuing to not hold any 4-H programs, events, and meetings face to face until further notice. The MSU Extension Office is still closed until further notice, too. While I am continuing to work from home, I will not be working the following days which are observed holidays: December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.

I hope everyone has the chance to celebrate this holiday season with friends and family in some form or fashion. Happy holidays!!

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## 4-H on YouTube

Check out Clare County 4-H's videos on YouTube! The Year in Review video highlights the things that our 4-H members have participated in during the past 4-H year. Thank you to the many people that submitted pictures for the video! The 4-H Awards Recognition video is a slideshow with the 2019-2020 award winner announcements from the Annual Awards Celebration. Everyone should take a few minutes of their time to watch these videos and look back on everyone's accomplishments for the 2019-2020 4-H year!

Year in Review: <https://youtu.be/2Oit4WgaXvk>

Awards Recognition: <https://youtu.be/FgsQnKBLOYk>

**Connect with  
youth from across  
the globe!**



Sign up for the States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal program for your chance to make international friends! Learn about culture and daily life in another country while sharing your own experiences with a peer across the globe.

The pen pal program will run from mid-January through mid-April. After being matched with a similarly-aged young person from another country, youth will write to each other twice a month. Topical prompts will be provided to jump start conversations but the possibilities are endless!

To get matched in the program, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**December 1: 4-H Giving Tuesday**

*Everywhere*

Help grow a county 4-H endowment in your area and join the #GivingTuesday movement. Consider making a donation to grow funds that support 4-H youth today and in the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-giving-tuesday>

**December 2: Success and Safety in Virtual Volunteer-led Programs**

*Zoom*

MSU Extension volunteers will learn best practices and strategies for virtual safety for youth and adults in programs and meetings.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/success-and-safety-on-volunteer-led-programs-december-2nd>

**December 7: Flour Tortilla Making 101**

*Zoom*

Join in making tortillas — a staple in Mexican cooking. In this class, tortillas will be used as an appetizer, entrée, dessert or stand alone ingredient.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/flour-tortilla-making-101-dec-7>

**December 8: Wild Spartans Series**

*Zoom*

Join 4-H staff as we meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. December's event will explore invasive species with MSU researcher Taylor Haas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december>

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**December 19: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Holiday Scones**

*Zoom*

Join 4-H in the Kitchen Live for a special holiday episode! Learn how to make a batch of eggnog scones—perfect for any holiday feast — with special guest Ruth Myers.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-eggnog-scones>

## Save the Date!

**February 19-21, 2021: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration**

*Online*

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration will be going virtual this year! Adult and teen 4-H leaders are encouraged to join this exciting online event to learn new ideas for working virtually with youth in the areas of visual and performing arts, crafts, sewing, clothing and textile projects. Stay tuned for registration information!

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





## Virtual showcase and auction success

When the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of many Michigan fairs, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H were proud to team up with local community partners to provide an online platform

that supported the 4-H experience and continued longtime traditions. Though not the same as a county fair, 4-H virtual learning showcases and auctions provided a space for youth to demonstrate their mastery of skills developed in 4-H, receive feedback on their efforts and market and sell their 4-H projects. Though there were many learning curves and bumps in the road, the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season led to many successes and for that, we say THANK YOU.

Here's a look back at the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season:

- 58 counties offered a 4-H virtual showcase and/or auction for youth
- 17 virtual auctions were held
- 7,294 entries were submitted
- 2,699 youth participated
- 3,764 buyers/donors registered for virtual auctions
- \$1.4 million was spent by donors and buyers at 4-H virtual auctions



“We are grateful to partners who have collaborated with us to host these virtual events for 4-H'ers, as well as all the buyers who supported them,” said Jake DeDecker, MSU Extension’s state 4-H leader for Michigan 4-H. “We’re also grateful to each of the youth who took part in this new experience and made the best of a tough situation.”

Participating youth also had positive feedback:

- “The week at the county fair is always a huge event for my family that we look forward to year round. This year sure was different, but we are so blessed to have the virtual option and thankful for all of the hardworking volunteers that put these events on!”
- “Thanks so much for all of your support this year, we can’t thank you enough! What a challenging year for sure. Thank you for making a virtual fair happen when everyone could have simply just cancelled everything. You made it possible and we can’t thank you enough.”



## Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!



Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

# CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Youth:

Sam Wormsley  
 Annelie Gray  
 Brooklyn Parsons  
 Mason Clark  
 Bryce Mills  
 Gage Mills  
 Tucker Rowell  
 Jesse Tucker  
 Zoey Medford  
 Marlee Clark  
 Cole Drake  
 Randon Iserhoth  
 Johnathan Kinberg  
 Hunter Romatz  
 Gavin Stein  
 Maya Haley  
 Brooke Mills  
 Aubree Montney  
 Madison Forfinski  
 Taryn Millhisler  
 Lucchese Nash  
 Breez Yarger

## Volunteers:

Melissa Larsen  
 Parker Thompson  
 Joanna Krell



*Welcome to our newest volunteer!*

**Elaine Nickerson:**  
 Resource Volunteer

## DECEMBER

2: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98210170048> Passcode: council  
 4: Holiday Craft Kit registration closes, <https://events.anr.msu.edu/holidaycraftkit/>  
 4: Gingerbread House Showdown, Clare vs. Gladwin, registration closes, <https://events.anr.msu.edu/gingerbreadhouseshowdown/>  
 8: Feed Clinic with Formula of Champions, 7pm, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4550288386>  
 9: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, Theme: Plaid <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92281204285>  
 Passcode: youth

# CLARE COUNTY NEWS

## Award Winners Announced

On November 10th, the Clare County 4-H Annual Fall Awards Celebration was held virtually. Before announcing the award winners, attendees watched the Year in Review video and played 4-H trivia. Winners of trivia were the Neff (Hayley & JR) and Schunk (McCoy) families who won a 4-H baking kit. Thank you to Donna Thompson, Corrie Aldrich and Cindy Dietsch for serving as the awards selection committee this year! Thank you to the 2019-2020 4-H Ambassadors, Cory, Grace, Jennifer, Allison, Katie and Mariah, for serving as MCs even through a virtual ceremony! Congratulations to all of our 2019-2020 award winners!!

### **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Logan Young, Millennium Showmen  
 Mikayla Dunkle, Hide N Hares  
 Olivia Forsberg, Denim and Dust  
**EXCELLENCE:** Grace Taylor

**OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT:** Jeffrey Carncross

**KEY CLUB:** Cory Sheldon

**SENIOR OF THE YEAR:** Jeffrey Carncross

**CAMP AND RECREATION:** Quinn Drake

### **DIVISION AWARDS**

Small Animal: Cory Sheldon

Livestock: Cole Drake

Home Arts: Hayley Neff

### **COUNTY AWARDS**

Beef Science: Dawson Aldrich

Communications and Expressive Arts: Mariah DeGeer

Companion Animal Science: Mariah DeGeer

Birds and Poultry Science: Katie Sheldon

Rabbits and Cavy Science: Katie Sheldon

Swine Science: Rylee Carncross

**DEDICATION:** Jeffrey Carncross

**CLUB OF THE YEAR:** Hill Top

### **4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

Kameron Haag

Jeffrey Carncross

Mia Fetzner

### **MARK OF EXCELLENCE**

Katie Sheldon

Hayley Neff

### **FRIEND OF 4-H**

Nia Becker, Clare Conservation District Forester  
 Jerry Burger

### **ALUMNI OF THE YEAR**

Garrett Thompson

Julie Judge

### **PARENT OF THE YEAR**

Michelle Neff

In memory of Christine Brandt

### **LEADER OF THE YEAR**

Corrie Aldrich

Erika Schunk

### **MILESTONE YEARS**

5yrs- Christine Ogg, AJ McInnis

30yrs- Charles Kinberg

### **AMBASSADORS**

Junior

Mikayla Dunkle

Hayley Neff

Fionna Hoover

Mariah DeGeer

Intermediate

Kaylee Ellis

Katie Sheldon

Allison Whitaker

Grace Taylor

Jennifer Dietsch

Senior

Cory Sheldon

### **HONOR CLUBS**

Silver: Denim & Dust, Millennium Showmen

Gold: Busy Bunny Raisers, Hide N Hares





# *Holiday Craft Kits*

OPEN TO YOUTH AGE 5 TO 19  
COST: \$5/KIT - MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME!  
REGISTER BY DECEMBER 4 AT  
[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/HOLIDAYCRAFTKIT/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/holidaycraftkit/)



KITS INCLUDE:  
WOODEN BEAD ORNAMENT  
REINDEER PROJECTS  
RUSTIC BEAD TREE  
SURPRISE BONUS CRAFT & MORE!

SPONSORED BY: CLARE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL, 4-H PARTICIPATION  
FEE FUND & ROOFTOP LANDING REINDEER FARM



 **4-H GROWS HERE** **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** | **Extension**

There are many uses for the projects in our Holiday Craft Kits - youth can give them as gifts, decorations at home, Home Arts projects for Fair, and the list goes on! If you have attended our Holiday Craft Day before, the projects are similar to what has been offered at that in event in past years. Open to the public— youth do not have to be 4-H members to take part in this opportunity.

More details and registration can be found at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/holidaycraftkit/>

# Deck the Walls

## Clare vs. Gladwin

### Gingerbread House Showdown

**Join Clare & Gladwin County 4-H programs as we compete to see who has the best gingerbread house on the block.**

**Registration closes November 30, 2020**

**Registration Link <https://events.anr.msu.edu/gingerbreadhouseshowdown/>**

**Youth must be active in 4-H online and be 8 to 19 years old as of January 1, 2021 to participate in the competition.**

**Bonus points for teams who include the 4-H clover somewhere on their gingerbread house.**

**Youth who register will receive an Email with the following**

- **List of Items needed**
- **Gingerbread template**
- **Recipe/Video how to**

**Prizes for 1st thru 3rd place  
Voting will take place on Facebook and will be based on number of likes**

**Overall county with the most likes will receive bragging rights as the best gingerbread house builders**



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**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension**

**LET'S GET READY TO BAKE!** Clare County youth are in a gingerbread showdown with Gladwin County youth to see what county can create the most creative gingerbread houses. Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/gingerbreadhouseshowdown/>





# formula of CHAMPIONS

SHOW FEEDS

## VIRTUAL FORMULA OF CHAMPIONS MEETING

Tuesday, December 8th • 7pm  
All species

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4550288386>

The 4-H Youth Leadership Council has worked with M & M Feed Store to put together a feed clinic for youth to learn how to properly feed their beef, sheep, swine and goat projects. Join the meeting by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4550288386>