

Clare County 4-H

Family News



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IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLARE COUNTY FAIR SKILLATHON PRE-ENTRY
Register by July 3 and receive a **free t-shirt**

SAW DUST DAYS

All families are required to help. Bring pails, wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes.

Large Animal Saturday, July 15 - 9 AM
Small Animal Wednesday, July 19 - 5 PM

CAMPING ON FAIRGROUNDS

Camping fee is \$195 for fair week. \$25 deposits are still being taken and balance is due on July, 15th.

YOUTH HOME ARTS JUDGING
Friday, July 21 - 4:30 PM to 7 PM

Learn more information at
ClareCountyFair.org/youth6.html

CHECK IN DAY

Sunday, July 23

Small Animal - 8 AM to 2 PM
Swine - 8 AM to 12 PM
Beef & Dairy - 12 PM to 1 PM
Sheep - 1 PM to 2 PM
Horses - 8 AM to 4 PM

All livestock must enter through the gate on Townline Lake Rd. Trailers must stop at the first gate and be checked in.

FAIR CONTESTS
Poster & Flower Pot -
Register by Monday at 5 PM

VOLNTEERS NEEDED!
4-H Milk Booth
4-H Baby Barn

ATTENTION 4-H AMBASSADORS
We need your help with fair week to lead pledges before shows. Please connect with 4-H Ambassador Leader, Cindy Deitsch, to let her know what times you are available.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT THURSDAY, JULY 27

ATTENTION 4-H CLUB LEADERS
Award Nomination Packets and End of the Year Forms and will be available for pick up at the MSU Extension Building during fair week.

Clare County 4-H Awards Nominations Due Friday, August 18

End of the Year Forms Due Friday, September 1

Miranda's Message

What an exciting month ahead of us! Clare County Fair is just weeks away. Many of our 4-H youth and volunteers are busy with final preparations for the big week. I look forward to seeing you all at fair!

2022-2023 Slide Show

Please make sure to take as many pictures as you can at fair! Email me any photos you took this year. I will share these photos at the 2023 Clare County 4-H Awards Ceremony and on our social media.

Sincerely,

Miranda Warmuskerken

4-H Program Coordinator
Clare County MSU Extension

4-H FAIR CONTESTS

VIEW RULES &
REQUIREMENTS 

 FLOWERPOT

 POSTER

 IMAGE

 WHEELBARROW
RACE AND
DECORATION

FUN AT 4's ACTIVITY GUIDE

These free events take place at 4 PM

Sponsored by the
4-H Youth Leadership Council

Get Your Face Painted!

MSU Extension Building

Learn to Make a Paracord Survival Bracelet

MSU Extension Building

Create a Sparkling Mood Jar

MSU Extension Building

Paint the Pony

Horse Arena

The 4-H Youth Leadership Council are excited to share these activities throughout the week! Make sure to find them at 4 PM!

OPEN ACTIVITY TABLES

Various activities will be available throughout the week from 10 AM to 5 PM near or inside the MSU Extension Building. Come check them out in your free time!

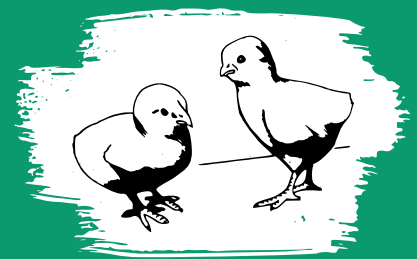
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& MSU Extension

CLICK TO SIGN UP!

4-H MILK
BOOTH 



4-H BABY
BARN 



Fair Superintendants

- Overall:** Justin Ogg
- Small Animal:** Parker Thompson
- Beef:** Nate Shea
- Dairy:** Michell Neff & Ashley Eberhart
- Sheep:** Carly Young
- Horse:** Matt McPhall
- Swine:** Matt Magnus
- Draft Horse:** Jodi Higgins

**2023 Fair Theme
Honoring First Responders**

**ANNUAL ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER!
4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**Become part of the 4-H Youth
Leadership Council**

There are so many ways to get involved. Become an officer, organize events and fundraisers, plan field trips, volunteer in the community, host educational workshops, and so much more.

You do not need to be an officer to participate in council activities.

We want to see our youth council grow. The more 4-H'ers that join will help us accomplish more!

Open to all ages!

There is a role for every 4-H'er. Take part in a variety of activities. Gain professional skills and experiences. Learn more about yourself and what interests you.

Become a leader

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MORE**



4-H CLOVERBUD SHOW

**Thursday, July 27 at 4 PM
Starts at Small Animal Barn**

Sponsored by the
Clare County 4-H Council

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Join 4-H Thursday at 6:30 PM for the Annual Wheelbarrow Decoration Contest and Race Kick Ball Game and Ice Cream
Located at the Horse Arena

**Sponsored by the
4-H Youth Leadership Council**

**AUGUST
CLOVERBUD
FUN DAYS!**



TO MAKE THE
BEST BETTER

**Check In: 8:45 - 9 AM
Check Out by 12:30 PM**

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| Tuesday, 1 | Gladwin County District Library |
| Tuesday 15 | Shamrock Park, Clare |
| Monday, 14 | Ross Lake Park, Beaverton |
| Thursday, 16 | Farwell Village Park |

FREE TO ATTEND!

**CLICK TO
SIGN UP!**



ATTENTION: HONOR CLUBS

**The last day to enter your points to the
4-H Honor Club System is August 31st.**

Access the Honor Clubs Form at
the Clare County 4-H website.

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Aviation Day at the West Michigan Aviation Academy

Kent & Barry County 4-H & the West Michigan Aviation Academy are hosting an Aviation Day at the West Michigan Aviation Academy on Friday, August 18th, 2023, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This event is open to any youth who are going into 7th & 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. The cost is \$10 per participant. Students will have a chance to tour the academy, meet staff & students, and participate in aviation activities! Registration is limited to 30 participants.

Registration Link:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/aviationday2023/>

State Youth Leadership Council applications close on July 15!

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2024, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club, or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a committee. SYLC member terms are two years, running September 1, 2023– August 31, 2025.

More Info and Apply:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/>

Ag Day at LMCU Ballpark with West Michigan Whitecaps

The West Michigan Whitecaps have invited 4-H members to attend their first ever agriculture night! The game will be held at LMCU Ballpark in Comstock Park, Michigan on August 1st with gates opening at 5:15 PM. **There will be a petting zoo provided by Deer Tracks Junction, as well as a giveaway of Whitecaps themed cowboy hats to the first 1,000 ticket holders.**

4-H will have reserved spaces in sections 109, 110, 111,123,124, and 125. Tickets will be set at a flat, reduced rate of 14 dollars for these sections. 4-H'er's from all counties, as well as volunteers and family members are invited!

Those who purchase tickets using the link below will be entered into a raffle to throw out the first pitch!

To purchase tickets as a part of a 4-H group head to: fevogm.com/event/Whitecapsagriculture

Save the Date for MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest - October 7-8

The MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest is being held this October 7th and 8th, 11 am – 5 pm and hosts thousands of visitors each year.

Come, take a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch to pick your perfect pumpkins. Food, music, farm animals, educational exhibits, wagon rides, and children's activities all make for a fun fall outing on this historic 160 acre farm.

\$5 per person, ages 2 and under free. Wagon rides, music, educational exhibits, children's strawland, story time, and many children's activities are included. Tickets are sold for select activities including fishing, face-painting, pumpkin painting, inflatable archery, target practice, etc. Pumpkins and concessions are sold for cash for credit. Parking is free.

Come hang out for a day or be a volunteer

LEARN MORE



4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon
This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

Events at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Water Day - July 20

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

Bug Day - July 27

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

2023 4-H State Horse Show

The 2023 State 4-H Horse Show is scheduled for August 18-20, 2023. The State 4-H Miniature Horse Show will be held on Friday, August 18, 2023. All entries will be due Friday, July 14, 2023.

Registration information was emailed to horse and pony club leaders.

National 4-H Congress 2023

4-H National Congress brings together youth from all across the United States. Youth see nationally renowned speakers, which in the past have included a wide range of individuals, including Holocaust survivors, social entrepreneurs, Miss America, and civil rights leaders. The speakers have inspired participants to be a source for positive change in their club, community, country, and world.

Atlanta, GA - November 24-28

Open to ages 14-19

<http://national4-hcongress.com>

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?

Contact your 4-H Program Coordinator

MSU Extension's Adulthood 101 helps Individuals Manage Real Life Skills!

These engaging educational programs are designed for high school students and young adults to help demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult." Each FREE class is packed full of important skills and tools necessary to live independently. The Adulthood 101 program features different topics monthly, taught by experienced MSU Extension Educators and 4-H volunteers. Register here for the new classes being offered now through August:

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101s23

July 13 - 1 PM Sew What! Clothing Care Saves Cash

August 16 - 1 PM Eating Healthy on a Budget

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October

14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at: forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA

4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 16

Check out the rules for the 2023 Tournament so you can be sure to be prepared for this great event.

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament/index

SAVE THE DATE!

September 16-17, 2023 for a statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop in Owosso, Michigan.

WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS

AGRICULTURE NIGHT - 4H

JOIN THE WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS AS WE CELEBRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF MEN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES IN AG AT OUR FIRST EVER AGRICULTURE NIGHT! THE FIRST 1,000 FANS THROUGH THE GATES RECEIVE A WHITECAPS COWBOY HAT!



GAME DETAILS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST

GATES OPEN:
5:15PM

FIRST PITCH:
6:35PM



**SCAN FOR
TICKETS!**





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

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. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.



July 13th - 1 PM **Adulting 101: Sew What! Clothing Care Saves Cash**

Online

July 15 **4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament**

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac **Registration closes July 9**

July 18 to 20 - Register by July 14 at 3 PM **4-H Forestry Camp**

Roscommon, MI

July 18 & 19 - 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM **Seuss-A-Palooza: Cloverbud Day Camp**

Coldwater 4-H Camp - Weidman, MI

July 20 **Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens**

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

July 27 **Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens**

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

July 23th to 29th Clare County Fair Week

AUGUST

August 1 - 9 AM to 12 PM **Cloverbud Fun Day**

Gladwin County District Library

August 1 **Agriculture Night & 4-H with West MI Whitecaps**

Get tickets at: fevogm.com/event/Whitecapsagriculture

August 14- 9 AM to 12 PM **Cloverbud Fun Day**

Shamrock Park, Clare

August 15 - 9 AM to 12 PM **Cloverbud Fun Day**

Ross Lake Park, Beaverton

August 16 - 9 AM to 12 PM **Cloverbud Fun Day**

Farwell Village Park

August 16 - 1 PM **Eating Healthy on a Budget - Adulting 101 Series**

Online

August 19 **2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament**

Registration closes July 16