

*Clare County*

# 4-H Family News

NOVEMBER 2020

## 4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Can you believe that the holiday season is already upon us? Get started on Home Arts projects and create Thanksgiving decorations by participating in our Thanksgiving Activity Kit program. More details and how to register can be found on page 6. Youth that love the outdoors, hunting and fishing, will want to get registered for the Michigan Youth Fall-A-Thon. I have been working on this program and there are some really cool prizes that include turkey calls, hammocks and many goodies from the DNR. Check out page 7 for more details and the registration about this very interactive program.

Our annual Fall Awards Celebration is taking place on November 10th! With the ceremony being virtual this year, everyone that would like to attend needs to register beforehand. See the invite on page 5 for further details. We have some fun things planned and we hope to "see you there"!

I will be in the office on November 9, 10, and 24, and will continue to work from home all other days. Our office is staffed most weeks Monday through Wednesday. If you need anything from the office please let Sherry or myself know.

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## 2020-2021 4-H Enrollment

December 1, 2020 Re-Enrollment deadline for returning youth and gold status volunteers

May 1, 2021 Enrollment deadline for new youth participating in the County Fair

Things to remember:

- There are no participation fees for this program year making it free to enroll in 4-H.
- First time Cloverbuds (4-H age 5) need to enroll too!
- There has been an upgrade to 4-H Online. If you are having issues accessing the site, type [mi.4honline.com](https://mi.4honline.com) directly into your browser.
- Anyone not enrolled by December 1 are considered inactive and will no longer be on our email list serve or active member/volunteer list.

Ready to enroll? Visit [mi.4honline.com](https://mi.4honline.com)

**MSU's Institute of  
Agricultural  
Technology Virtual  
Open House!**



**Institute of  
Agricultural  
Technology**

You're invited to attend a virtual open house for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology to learn more about [MSU's academic programs](#) and many [partnerships with Michigan community colleges](#).

The open house events begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 45 minutes. The presentation will include information about academic programs, career pathways, enrollment process, resources for student success, and key campus life opportunities, as well as providing an opportunity for youth to ask questions at any point throughout the presentation.

To register, click on the preferred date below:

[Tuesday, November 3](#)

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-3-nov-2020](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-3-nov-2020)

[Tuesday, November 17](#)

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020)

Questions?

Contact [ati.iat@msu.edu](mailto:ati.iat@msu.edu) or call 517-884-7334.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

November 6-11: Michigan Youth Fall-a-thon

*Online via GooseChase*

Join the fun on the GooseChase app as youth compete as household teams to complete challenges in this fun, self-paced, virtual fall event!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-youth-fall-a-thon>

November 9-13: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

*Online via Zoom*

Join the 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club and explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-minecraft-spin-club-nov-9-13>

November 9-12: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Vet Science Interactive Series

*Online via Zoom*

Explore veterinary science through interactive sessions as you visit Tollgate Farm virtually to learn about livestock and companion animals through STEM challenges and learning!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-vet-science-interactive-week-long-series>

November 9-12: Youth Armory Babysitting Training

*Online via Zoom*

Join this four-day training designed to teach teen youth everything they need to know about being safe, effective, trustworthy and responsible babysitters.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-armory-babysitting-training>

November 10: Wild Spartans Series

*Online via Zoom*

Join 4-H staff to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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

November 25: 4-H Sooper Yooper GooseChase Scavenger Game

*Online via GooseChase app*

Learn fun facts about the U.P. while completing missions on the Goose Chase app! Participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, or wherever your family will be during this time!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-sooper-yooper-goosechase-savenger-game>

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



## Instructors wanted for 2021 4-H Exploration Days!

Plans are underway for an exciting and enhanced 4-H Exploration Days in 2021—and we need your help! MSU Extension's 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. Volunteers are crucial to this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated to be held June 23-25, 2021 on the campus of MSU. During this tumultuous time, MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are also preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience. We will continue to keep both volunteers and potential participants informed as to any updates as time progresses.

To make the most of our 2021 event, regardless of format, we are currently looking for instructors to host fun and engaging sessions. Please consider submitting a session proposal before December 1. Session proposals include a session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) you plan to engage and their contact information.

New for this year, sessions will take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2.5, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots. To learn more about instructor roles and to access the form, please visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/Volunteer-Information/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/) or contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

## 4-H'ers excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase; \$50,000 in youth scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they have put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](#) and [MSU Extension](#). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Among those scholarships were new funds provided in 2020 to support 4-H Virtual Scholarships, specifically for 4-H youth. Recipients of the 4-H Virtual Scholarships are:

- Magdalene Callender, Ingham County
- Rebecca Havelka, Menominee County
- Travis Liford, Oakland County
- Adrian Noecker, Antrim County
- Elizabeth Shane, Washtenaw County
- Alexis Fisher, Monroe County
- Sarah Liford, Oakland County
- Allison Littlefield, St. Joseph County
- Kylie A. Ossege, Oakland County
- Troy Todd, Osceola County

"I have always dreamed of competing at the Michigan State Fair, but due to distance that was not possible," said scholarship recipient Rebecca Havelka. "The positive in this whole experience is that I had the ability to compete virtually at more shows than I could have ever imagined. Thank you so much for making this possible!"

In total, more than 400 youth from 62 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards. To view placings for the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, visit [www.michiganstatefairillc.com](http://www.michiganstatefairillc.com).

## Getting crafting — for free!



Through National 4-H Council's partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on [Creativebug.com](http://Creativebug.com)!

When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15 percent off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to [Creativebug.com](http://Creativebug.com)!

[Creativebug.com](http://Creativebug.com) has thousands of award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Already have a rewards card? Go to [www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h](http://www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h) and use your rewards card number to sign up for free [Creativebug](http://Creativebug.com) access today.

Don't have a JOANN's reward card? Sign-up at [www.joann.com/4-h/](http://www.joann.com/4-h/).

# CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

## Youth:

Carrigan Giester  
Mallorie Hilyard  
Kerrigan Koch  
Brynlee McConnell  
Mckenna Smith  
Syerra Mills  
Brailyn Tucker  
Harlow Haring  
Avery Shea  
Landon Smith  
Kendall Parsons  
Jaley Stoike  
Tyler Brandt  
Rori Cook  
Mason Hileman  
Arianna Pajaro  
Oaklee Romatz  
Abigail Hosking  
Ben Zdrojewski  
Hannah West  
Cael Clayton  
Zoe Hippler

## Volunteers:

Sherry Landon  
Melissa Zelt  
Kaleigh Boggs

## NOVEMBER

1: Pictures from 2019-2020 4-H year due

10: Clare County 4-H Fall Awards Celebration, 7pm via Zoom [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_86Fu0SVeR8-6FHPRaWNI2g](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86Fu0SVeR8-6FHPRaWNI2g)

11: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92281204285> Passcode: youth  
Theme: Plaid

## DECEMBER

2: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98210170048> Passcode: council

9: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92281204285> Passcode: youth

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## Youth Needed for Record Book Committees

The 4-H Youth Leadership Council is planning to revise/create the record books for each project area in Clare County: small animal, livestock, horse & pony, and home arts. Youth are needed to serve on each of the project area committees. Youth that would like to be a part of one of these committees should email Alex at [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu)

## 2020-2021 4-H Election Announcement

The 4-H Council and the 4-H Youth Leadership Council recently held their organizational meetings for the 2020-2021 4-H year. Each group held their yearly elections during these meetings. Congratulations to the following individuals on the election of their positions!

### **4-H Council**

President—Corrie Aldrich

Vice President—Jennifer Dietsch

Secretary—Dana Taylor

Treasurer (continuation of two year term) - Lynnette Sheldon

### **4-H Youth Leadership Council**

President—Cory Sheldon

Vice President—Jennifer Dietsch

Secretary—Grace Taylor

Treasurer—Katie Sheldon

Adult Advisors—Dana Taylor, Corrie Aldrich, Parker Thompson

Thank you to each of these youth and adults for their willingness to serve in a leadership position for the 2020-2021 Clare County 4-H program year!!

Bylaws and meeting documents for both of these groups can be viewed at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare\\_county\\_4\\_h/boards-and-committees](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/boards-and-committees)

## Clubs Accepting New Members

Do you know someone that is interested in joining 4-H but you are not sure where to send them? Have them check out “Join 4-H” section on our website for the list of clubs that are accepting new members: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare\\_county\\_4\\_h/join-4-h](https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/join-4-h)



CLARE COUNTY 4-H

# Annual Fall Awards Celebration

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

7PM VIA ZOOM

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://MSU.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/  
WN\\_86FU0SVER8-6FHPRAWN12G](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86Fu0SvER8-6FHPRaWNI2G)

All Clare County 4-H families are invited to join us for the Annual Fall Awards Celebration! We'll start the celebration with some fun family trivia, watch the 4-H year in review video and then we'll award many deserving youth, adults and community members with awards!

Everyone is welcome to attend, but you must register to get the Zoom details! [https://  
msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_86Fu0SvER8-6FHPRaWNI2g](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_86Fu0SvER8-6FHPRaWNI2g)

# Thanksgiving Activity Kits

OPEN TO CLARE COUNTY YOUTH AGE 5 TO 19  
COST \$5/KIT

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/THANKSGIVINGKITS/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/thanksgivingkits/)

EACH KIT INCLUDES:  
RUSTIC WOOD PUMPKINS  
2X4 THANKSGIVING TURKEY  
GIVE THANKS CARDS  
THANKSGIVING PLACEMATS



**4-H GROWS HERE**

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**Extension**

This program is open to any youth in Clare County and Clare County 4-H members. Youth do not have to register in 4-H to participate in this program. A limited number of kits are available so do not delay your registration.

Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/thanksgivingkits/>

# MICHIGAN YOUTH FALL-A-THON

*Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, Fisheries, & Wildlife  
Scavenger Hunt*

**November 6 - 11, 2020**

Register at [bit.ly/34NEaas](https://bit.ly/34NEaas)

then join on us on [goosechase](#)

Youth ages 5-19 compete as household teams to complete challenges in this free, self-paced, fun, virtual fall program!



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Kids that love the outdoors will not want to miss this program! Youth ages 5-19 will complete fun, fall-themed missions and share progress with other participants using a smartphone or tablet. Covering topics from hunting, fishing and ORV safety to invasive species and wildlife, Fall-A-Thon promises six fun-filled days of connecting to nature, wherever you are.

Register at [bit.ly/34NEaas](https://bit.ly/34NEaas)