

Clare County 4-H

Family News



Denim & Dust Attend Feed Clinic Held at Johnston Elevator

By Tripp Browning

Member of Denim & Dust

"It was a good experience at the elevator because they told me about their feed, what was in it and other information on their feed. I learned a lot at Johnston Elevator from the vendors. I was luckily enough to win a bag of pig feed from just showing up."

Country Neighbors Support the Clare County Fire Department with a Community Service Project!



In the month of April, Country Neighbors completed a super awesome community service project! We met one evening at the Clare Fire Department. After given special instructions from Fire fighter Sam Eberhart, we set to work scrubbing, rinsing, drying and polishing all the emergency vehicles in the Department. The weather was beautiful so we were able to wash them outside and they glistened in the setting sun!
- By Joanna Krell



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Miranda's Message

The Clare County Fair is just around the corner! Many of our 4-H members look forward to this moment every year. Let's make sure to give these young folks a pat on the back for all their hard work that they've been putting in; and I wish all of you the best as you prepare in these final months.

For those of us who aren't competing or showing in fair, there is plenty more to offer throughout the week. 4-H will be hosting a variety of activities and events, so don't miss out on all the fun!

Dive into this newsletter to find out how you can get involved.

Sincerely,



Miranda Warmuskerken
4-H Program Coordinator
Clare County MSU Extension

4-H Fair Contests

Flowerpot Contest

All youth and adults with a connection to the 4-H Program are welcome to enter a flowerpot in this contest. Entries are due to the MSU Extension Building by 5 PM on Monday of the fair.

Poster Contest

Each 4-H Club can enter a poster that promotes 4-H in this contest. Posters need to be turned into the MSU Extension Building by 5 PM on Monday.

Cash Prizes are awarded to winners!

Image Contest

Maintain a good image of your animal barn and your group may be recognized!

Wheelbarrow Decoration Contest

Decorate your wheelbarrow for the race and you could be chosen winner!

Horse Families ISO English & Western Tack

A community member is interested in selling a variety of horse tack. Contact the 4-H Program Coordinator to learn more about how to purchase items.

Clare County 4-H Awards Nominations Due August 18

The 4-H Council ask our club leaders to nominate members, volunteers, parents, and community members for 4-H awards. These will be awarded at the Fall 4-H Awards Celebration.

Packets will be available to pick up at the MSU Extension Building. The nomination forms are currently being updated by the 4-H Awards Committee and will be shared online at a later date.

FAIR WEEK 4-H ACTIVITIES

Fun @ 4's: Hosted by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council

These young council members are excited to share with the community some fun and educational activities. Sessions will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 4 PM in various locations on the fair grounds.

4-H Cloverbud Show: Sponsored by the 4-H Council

This is the moment for Cloverbuds to shine! Join us on Thursday at 4 PM to cheer on our young 4-H'ers. The show will start at the small animal barn.

Family Fun Night: Sponsored by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council

The event will be held directly after the Cloverbud Show. Approximately 6 PM at the horse arena. There will be kickball, a wheelbarrow race, and ice cream!

Open Activity Tables: Sponsored by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council & MSU Extension.

Various activities will be available throughout the week from 9 AM to 5 PM near or inside the MSU Extension Building. Come check them out in your free time!

4-H Day at Comerica Park

Country Neighbors 4-H Club leader, Joanna Krell and her family, had a fun day out watching the Detroit Tigers. 4-H Days are a such a wonderful opportunity to go out and celebrate 4-H Pride!



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

CLARE COUNTY 4-H
Higher Education
Scholarship Winners

4-H GROWS HERE

JONATHON KYLE RYLEE

The Higher Education Scholarship

Each year the Clare County 4-H Council give three 4-H graduating seniors \$500 scholarships. This year, the scholarships were awarded to Jonathon of Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats; Kyle from Country Line Pioneers; and Rylee from Hides 'N' Hares.

To our future seniors: to be considered for this scholarship there are requirements that need to be fulfilled. Make sure to check out this application form on the Clare County 4-H website; under "Grant and Scholarship Applications"



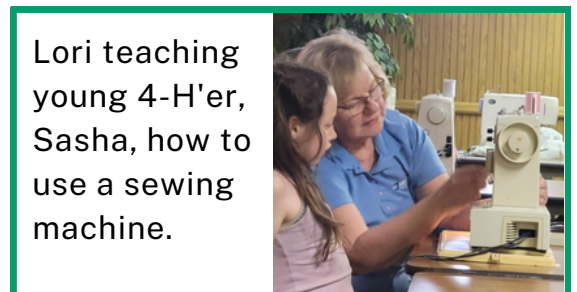
Rayshawn & Faith putting something delicious together at the 4-H Cooking SPIN Club!



The 4-H Sewing SPIN Club showing off their finished pillows.



Leaders Lori & Sharon sit with the cooking club enjoying their tasty creations.



Lori teaching young 4-H'er, Sasha, how to use a sewing machine.

Saw Dust Days

All families are required to help on Saw Dust Days to help prepare for fair. Bring pails, wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes.

Large Animal

Saturday, July 15 - 9 AM

Small Animal

Wednesday, July 19 - 5 PM

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.

Learn about General Fair Rules and other info at ClareCountyFair.org

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.

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

Record Keeping Books for Fair

These are mandatory and must be turned into the fair office by 8 PM Sunday, July 23. The Clare County Fair Livestock Council has emailed these to families. If you have yet to receive record keeping book information, contact the Clare County Fair Office.

Attention Cloverbud Parents: If your child would like to participate with the Cloverbud Record Keeping as listed on the Cloverbud Fair Entry Form that was mailed to families, please use these following link:

canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/record-books

Youth Home Arts Judging

Friday, July 21 - 4:30 PM to 7 PM

Learn more information at ClareCountyFair.org/youth6.html

Camping

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

Tips for Buyer's Letters & Thank You Notes

Don't forget the importance of sending out buyer's letters in a timely manner before the week of the Fair. Be sure to invite buyers to attend the buyer's banquets. When you send a buyer's letter to one of your previous buyers, be sure to thank them for purchasing your animal in the past!

After the Fair, you always want to thank your buyers! Thanking them in person is always a great idea so that you can hand deliver your pictures. It is also nice to give them some sort of goodies.

For tips and suggestions on writing use this link:

bit.ly/BuyersLetters101

Exhibitors Fair Forms

Found on clarecountyfair.org under the fair book tab. This year it is an online form that must be completed by June 23.2023 11:59pm. If you did not receive the email with directions please call the fair office.

**2023 Fair Theme
Honoring First Responders**

4-H Community Service Project for Those Facing Homelessness

Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats invite the 4-H community to join them as they collect personal hygiene products blankets and more for adults and children who experience homelessness.

Plans are to donate to the New Dawn Shelter, Isabella County Restoration House, and other local community-based programs and shelters.

If your club collects and donates - please call drop-off locations ahead of time to know what kinds of items they are in need of.

Try to keep record of items that your club members donate so that we can see how much we gave by the end of the year.

Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats would like to collect all year and plan a date this October to get together with other clubs to make 200 hygiene packs.

Clare County Senior Services

Throughout the year, volunteers are needed for delivering meals; shoveling snow, raking leaves, or other yard work for our local senior citizens. They are also welcome to have cheerful notes and cards sent out with their deliveries, especially during the holidays.

To offer help, connect with Carol Majewski, the Executive Director at (989)539-8870 or majewskic@clareco.net

38th Annual Twenty Lakes Antique Engine & Tractor Show - June 15 to 18

The event organizers are in search of people to help with gate admission, ground maintenance, kitchen help and more. Contact Grace Dingo at (989)368-1022 or erskineautorepair@yahoo.com

Lead a 4-H Workshop or SPIN Club Open to 4-H Volunteers & Teen Leaders

Do you have a skill, a hobby, a knowledge that can be taught to others? 4-H Members are always looking for opportunities to learn new things! You pick your own time and dates. Connect with, Miranda, the 4-H Program Coordinator to get support every step of the way.

HELP WANTED! Volunteers Needed During Fair Week

4-H Council Fundraiser: Milk Booth Sign Up

Each year the 4-H Council asks 4-H volunteers and members to help manage the milk booth.

There must be a Silver or Gold 4-H Volunteer present in the milk booth at all times.

4-H youth members of any age can help with this fundraiser under the supervision of the volunteer.

To sign up for any 2 hour time slot go to: bit.ly/milkbooth-signup

Help at the Baby Barn: Sponsored by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council

The 4-H Youth Leadership Council organize the Baby Barn and are in search of volunteers to help supervise and keep these animals safe.

There must be a Silver or Gold 4-H Volunteer present in the milk booth at all times.

4-H youth members of any age can help with this fundraiser under the supervision of the volunteer.

To view and sign up for any 2 hour time slot go to: bit.ly/babybarn-signup

APPLY TO BE A 4-H VOLUNTEER TODAY

To volunteer, you at least need to be a silver volunteer. It is quick and easy to apply: bit.ly/4hvolunteer-signup



Recruitment Continues! 4-H International Exchange Program

Host a delegate in your home this summer and give your family a global perspective! We are in need of only Five (4 boys & 1 girl) more host families here in Michigan!

Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2023 through States' 4-H International! Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too! Applications to host can be found at www.states4hexchange.org

For more information

Contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

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.

2023 Sheep Preparation & Showmanship Clinic

June 24 at 10 AM - Clare County Fair

This is a free clinic geared toward children and youth entering sheep species in local county fairs. The clinic will focus on selection, nutrition, facilities, and overall health. There will be a mock showmanship event. Each participant must register and bring their animal off-the-truck.

Register at:

<https://forms.gle/9bPqmbF6qHXZSDbR8>

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

NSDOAF Scholarships: Open for Students Studying Agriculture & Farming

National Society Descendants of American Farmers

Applications due August 1

To learn about this higher education scholarship opportunity, go to: www.nsdoaf.com/scholarships

Honor an FFA or 4-H educator or instructor? Go to: www.nsdoaf.com/agricultural-educator-honors



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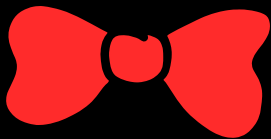
SEUSS-A-PALOOZA CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP



OPEN TO CLARE AND ISABELLA
COUNTY CLOVERBUDS AGES 5-7

(4-H Program Age)

**Located at Coldwater 4-H
Camp in Weidman, MI**



Activities

- ✓ Crafting Activities
- ✓ Outbound Games
- ✓ Healthy Lifestyle Lessons
- ✓ Nature & Outdoor Education
- ✓ Story Book Read-A-Louds

Dates

Tuesday, July 18th
Wednesday, July 19th

Times

Check In - 9:30 AM
Check Out - 4:30 PM

SCAN ME



REGISTER AT <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SeussCamp2023/>

Sunday, June 11th - 2:00 PM **Beef Series Part 2: Hair & Skin Care**
 Kent County Fair Grounds

Friday, June 16th - 2:00 PM **100 Dresses for Tanzania**
 Via Zoom

Saturday, June 17th **2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show**
 MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Saturday, June 24th - 10 AM **Sheep Preparation & Showmanship Clinic**
 Clare County Fair

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 27th - 6:30 PM **4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting**
 Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI

Wednesday, June 28th - 6:00 PM **4-H Council Meeting**
 Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI

JULY

Wednesday, July 12th **Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest**
 MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

Saturday, July 15th **4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament**
 Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

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

July 18th & 19th - 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM **Seuss-A-Palooza: Cloverbud Day Camp**
 Coldwater 4-H Camp - Weidman, MI

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

July 23th to 29th **Clare County Fair Week**



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.



4-H FAIR POSTER CONTEST

- No Pre-entry
- Open to each 4-H Club
- Poster must promote 4-H to youth and/or adults on 22" x 28" poster board.
- Created by club team effort or by one or two club members
- Bring posters to MSU Extension Office on Fairgrounds by 5 PM Monday for judging.
- Posters will be displayed in the MSU Extension Office until the last Saturday of the Fair and given back at Fall Awards Banquet.
- Cash prizes will be mailed to the club key volunteer after fall banquet.

Prizes are as follows:

1st Place - \$50.00
2nd Place - \$30.00
3rd Place - \$20.00

Club Name _____

Leader _____ Phone Number _____

Poster Description _____

Club Name _____

Club Leader _____

FLOWER POT CONTEST AT THE FAIR



- NO PRE-ENTRY
 - OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH A CONNECTION TO CLARE COUNTY 4-H
 - ENTRY DEADLINE IS **MONDAY OF FAIR BY 5:00 PM.** ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE MSU EXTENSION BUILDING.
 - RIBBON AWARDS WILL BE ATTACHED TO FLOWER POTS AFTER JUDGING TAKES PLACE
-

CLASSES:

0926	6" AND SMALLER POT- YOUTH
0928	7" AND LARGER POT- YOUTH
0925	6" AND SMALLER POT- ADULT
0927	7" AND LARGER POT- ADULT

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

CLASS NUMBER (SEE ABOVE): _____

LOCATION ON FAIRGROUNDS. (Must be located in barn areas, NOT in the
campground or midway. Draw map on back if not easy to find): _____

DESCRIPTION: _____

****Participant is responsible for the care of flowers****



CLASS NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____