

Clare County 4-H

Family News



IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check Out the New 4-H Stuff Library!

New Club Resource Feature for Clare County

Is your club looking for ways to try new projects and activities? We have you covered! We have a lot of free resources that volunteers can sign out from our new 4-H Stuff Library.

USE THIS LINK TO LEARN MORE

www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/club-resources

An Orchid 4-H Club Coming this May!

Get ready for a new and exciting opportunity! We're thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of the Orchid 4-H Club in May. If you have a passion for orchids or are simply curious about these exquisite plants, this is the club for you! Led by the experienced and dedicated orchid enthusiast, Mary Henman, who is on her journey to become an Orchid Judge, the Orchid 4-H Club promises a blooming adventure for youth, parents, and adult volunteers alike.

USE THIS LINK TO LEARN MORE

forms.office.com/r/UYwZKZwqVY

4-H Hosts Spring Break Free Community Days!

Mark your Calendar for March 26th & 27th!

4-H is back for a couple more fun, free community days in Farwell and Harrison! There will be BINGO, crafts and more!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? CONTACT MIRANDA!

Clare County Irish Festival Saturday, March 16th

Ride or Walk Alongside Our 4-H Float!

Parents, bring your kids to the 4-H float *starting at 11:30am*. All participating kids are expected to ride the entire route or walk alongside. Pick up will be Petit Park. Don't forget to bring a bag of candy, your 4-H club signs, and wear your green! Let's make it a festive and fun-filled day!

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Hide 'N' Hares Spread Joy with Christmas Trees at The ARK (Association to Rescue Kritters)

Written by Zoey G. - member of Hide 'N' Hares 4-H Club



Zoey G. and her sister Andrea dropping off the Christmas trees at the ARK in St. Helen, Michigan. - January 7th, 2024

I was so excited when I was able to help plan and participate in giving back to our community. So as a group we asked people to keep their real christmas trees for us to pick up and take them to the ARK. The A.R.K. or Association to Rescue Kritters, is a non-profit organization, that started in 2001, and is dedicated to the rescue, rehab, and release of native wildlife. The ARK said that the trees will be used to put in and around pens to be like their natural habitats and keep them warmer for the winter months and so there is less stress while there and easier to readapt back to the wild. I first heard of the Ark when they brought in owls to our classroom and educated on the many ways wildlife gets hit by cars, or injured by other animals and even sometimes people, just to name some of the ways. They told us fun facts about the owls that day and how they can turn their heads in a full circle or they have very good night vision and are usually active at night. They told us about how long some of the recoveries can take, which takes many volunteers and lots of money and special diets and shelters.

I, and my club, hope to go back to the A.R.K. and help in any way possible. The A.R.K. does many events to help raise donations for the program. You can find more information about the ARK and their events and what they do at www.arkitters.org and on facebook.



Harlow H., Hide 'N' Hares Member donating her tree.

SHARE YOUR CLUB STORIES
Email your pictures and stories to Miranda

Country Neighbors 4-H Club - February, 2024
Skittles the Clown came for a surprise visit and taught a balloon twisting lesson.



Tuesday, March 5 - 6 PM to 8 PM - FREE**College & Career Night**Clare High School - **OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GRADES 7 - 12 & PARENTS** [Flyer](#)**Wednesday, March 6 - 6 PM to 7:30 PM****HABs 101 Webinar**Harmful Algae Blooms Webinar [Register](#)**Friday, March 8****Scholarship Deadline**Clare County 4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship [Application](#)**Friday, March 15****Nomination Deadline**4-H Emerald Clover Society Alumni Nominations [Nomination Form](#)**Saturday, March 16 - No Earlier than 11:30 AM****Arrive to Participate in Parade**

Clare Irish Festival Parade

Tuesday, March 19 - 6 PM**4-H Virtual Career Night**[Register](#)**Tuesday, March 19 - 6 PM****Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe**Webinar Option 1 [Register](#)**Wednesday, March 20 - 5 PM****NDF Book Cover Contest Deadline**Northern District Fair Book Cover Contest [Contest Details](#)**Wednesday, March 20 - 6 PM****4-H Council Meeting**

Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI

Wednesday, March 20 - 6 PM**4-H PLANiT Squad - Youth Committee Meeting**

Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI

Monday, March 25 - 7 PM**Registration Opens!**4-H Exploration Days (Event: June [Register](#))**Monday, March 25 - 7 PM****Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe**Webinar Option 2 [Register](#)**Tuesday, March 26 - 12 PM to 3 PM****Free Event: 4-H Spring Break Bash!**

Farwell's Art, Craft And Farmers Market, 124 Illinois St. - Farwell, MI

Wednesday, March 27 - 12 PM to 3 PM**Free Event: 4-H Spring Break Bash!**

Harrison City Market, 121 E Main St. - Harrison, MI

Friday, March 29 4-H State Horse Show Program Cover Contest Deadline

[Contest Details](#)

Sunday, March 31 In Search of Volunteers - Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

Event to be announced! Volunteers needed: 12 PM to 3 PM [Sign Up to Volunteer!](#)

Monday, April 1 Registration Deadline

2024 Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest (Event: April 13) [Register](#)

Monday, April 1 The Creative Campaign Contest Deadline

[Contest Details](#)

Wednesday, April 3 - 5 PM Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

Webinar Option 3 [Register](#)

Thursday, April 4 CCF Book Cover Contest Deadline

Clare County Fair Book Cover Contest [Contest Details](#)

Saturday, April 6 - 10 AM Johnston Elevator Youth Stock Show Workshop

The Venue, 501 N McEwan St. - Clare, MI [Event Details](#)

Thursday, April 11 - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Hog Nutrition Clinic

Clare County District Court, 225 W Main St. - Harrison, MI

Saturday, April 13 2024 Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education [Register](#)

Saturday, April 13 - 8 AM to 12 PM FFA Open House - Clare/Gladwin

John C. Magnus Center - Clare-Gladwin RESD [Event Details](#)

Wednesday, April 24 - 6 PM 4-H Council & Youth Meeting

Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI

Saturday, April 27 - 10 AM to 3 PM Free Tree & Spring Craft for all Youth!

Harrison City Hall Maintenance Building - 2105 Sullivan Dr. Harrison MI

Saturday, April 27 Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club - 11330 US 31 Hwy North - Charlevoix, MI [Register](#)

Sunday, April 28 Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit [Purchase Tickets](#)



CLARE COUNTY 4-H

DON'T MISS OUT - GET IN THE KNOW

CHECK OUT OUR NEW CALENDAR!
THE CLARE COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE

**STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL OF OUR
EVENTS, CONTESTS & MORE**

www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/events-calendar

LEARN ABOUT *The Club!*

Led by the experienced and dedicated orchid enthusiast, Mary Henman, who is on her journey to become an Orchid Judge, the Orchid 4-H Club promises a blooming adventure! Whether you're a youth eager to explore, a parent looking for a unique family activity, or an adult volunteer seeking a new passion, Orchid 4-H Club is open to everyone.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Orchid Growing & Care: Learn the art and science of nurturing various orchid varieties.

Nature Exploration: Develop a keen eye and discover the beauty of native orchids in the great outdoors.

Judging Competitions: Dive into the world of orchid judging competitions.

Future Judges: Explore the pathway to becoming a future orchid judge.

Guest Speakers & Field Trips: Immerse yourself in the knowledge shared by guest speakers and enjoy field trips to orchid shows and exhibits.

HOW TO JOIN

Express your interest in joining this club when it launches in May. Add your name to the list today! Use the link below:

forms.office.com/r/UYwZKZwqVY

Let's grow, learn, and bloom together!





Grace T. (left) and Allison W. (right) leading with the 4-H Flag at the Clare Irish Festival 2023.

Open Registration! Apply to become a 4-H Ambassador

As a Clare County 4-H Ambassador, you'll have the opportunity to be a shining example of the positive impact 4-H has on our community. This is your chance to shine and make a real difference!

We invite you to become a Clare County 4-H Ambassador! The application window is now open year-round, allowing you the flexibility to apply at your convenience.

Ambassador Positions

Junior (4-H age 8 to 12)

Intermediate (4-H age 13 to 15)

Senior (4-H age 16 - 19)

Apply for the Clare County 4-H Ambassador

Access the application here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/4-H%20Ambassador%20Application%20Packet.pdf>



Linde D. (left) and Jane K. (right) leading pledges during the Clare County Fair 2023

Apply for a Clare County 4-H Make-a-Wish Attend 4-H Exploration Days for Less!!

Registration Opens March 25th! This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life!

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apply for the Scholarship Here

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/make.a.wish.app+revisions+08.18.23.pdf>

Did You Know? In addition to this scholarship, the Clare County 4-H Council offers to cover a portion of the registration fees to attend this camp? **Ask us!**

**4-H Exploration Days
June 19 - 21, 2024**

[canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days)

**VIEW THE 4-H EXPLORATION
DAYS BROCHURE HERE**

Clare County 4-H Higher Education Scholarship 2023-2024 High School Seniors Due March 8 at 5 PM!



The Clare County 4-H Council offers a \$500 scholarship to 3 seniors each year. Don't hesitate! See what the requirements are before it's too late to apply. To learn more about how you can be eligible go to:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/grant-and-scholarship-applications

2024 JOHNSTON ELEVATOR YOUTH STOCK SHOW WORKSHOP

APRIL 6TH AT "THE VENUE" IN DOWNTOWN CLARE, MI
SESSIONS RUN FROM 10AM TO 2PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS

SHANNA SMITH

HOGS (10AM - 11AM)

Shanna Smith has spent most of her life in and out of the show ring in some capacity. Whether it be exhibiting, judging, or serving as Gratiot County's Swine Superintendent, Shanna is passionate about teaching youth the importance of the livestock industry.



KENDRA VAN ORDER

BEEF & DAIRY (11AM - 12PM)

Kendra Van Order is the 4-H Dairy Science Extension Educator for Michigan State University Extension. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Animal Science. Kendra spends much of her free time attending livestock shows across the state and country.



JENNA POHL DAVIS

LAMBS (12PM - 1PM)

Jenna is the 2003 graduate from Clare High School, she and her husband Jesse currently reside in Maryville, Missouri where they own and operate Davis Show Lambs. Both grew up showing sheep at the local, state and national level and now enjoy helping the next generation achieve their goals by raising highly competitive lambs that have been sold across the US



DVM. JAN POL

BASICS OF LARGE ANIMAL CARE & WELFARE (1PM - 2PM)

Jan Pol is Central Michigan's most well known veterinarian starring in the Incredible Dr. Pol series. He will be discussing topics related to basic animal needs, how to detect signs of illness, perform basic first aid, worming and parasite control, medications and transportation considerations.



THIS EVENT IS FREE TO YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWMEN FROM ANY AREA. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL 989 386-7271 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
THE VENUE IS LOCATED AT 501 N. MCEWAN, CLARE MI 48617



FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

The Clare County Fair Board is looking for your help! So, sharpen your pencils, crayons, markers or colored pencils and get out your clean sheets of paper and submit your entry for the 224 Fair book Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until **Thursday, April 4, 2024.**

The entry rules are as follows:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 8 to 19.
2. All entries must be camera ready, on white paper.
3. All entries must be on 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch paper with one inch white border.
4. All entries must include the following information:
 - That this is the 141st Clare County Fair
 - That the dates of the fair are July 22-27, 2024
5. Each entry must have the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, and 4-H Club and/or school written on the **back**.
6. **Entries should depict some phase of Clare County Agriculture and/or Fair Scenes and be the original work of the 4-H member or student.**
7. The winner will have their artwork on the cover, receive a \$50 cash prize, and an armband for one day of midway rides. The three runners up will receive an armband for one day of midway rides as well.

Entries can be delivered to the MSU Extension office at 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625. For questions, please call (989) 539-7805.

The Clare County Fair Board is responsible for the judging of these entries.



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