



Clare County

4-H Family News

JULY 2021

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Fair week is just about here and 4-H restrictions have been lifted! I am excited to see many of you at the Clare County Fair and get back into all of the fun 4-H things that we do. The 4-H Council, Youth Leadership Council and I have been planning many things for the week of the Fair, which you can find all of the details about in this newsletter. On page 6 there is a complete schedule of 4-H events for the week. My recommendation is to screenshot this page and save it on your phone so you have it handy for the week.

During much of the Fair, along with other MSU Extension staff, I will be working from the MSU Extension Building on the Fairgrounds which is next to the Small Animal Barn. Don't remember your kid's exhibitor number? Looking for showmanship manuals to spruce up your skills before a show? Come to the Extension Building for that info! The building will be open from 8am to 5pm Monday through Saturday of Fair week.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you soon and having a fun week back at the Fair this year!

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July Office Hours

Mon. & Thurs. 9am-4pm
Tues. & Wed. 11am-4:30pm
Closed 12pm-1pm for lunch
July 26-30 find us at the Fair!
Fri by Appointment

Staff are working remotely and can be contacted by phone or email. Office calls are being forwarded to staff.

New this year - Baby Animal Barn!

The 4-H Youth Leadership Council has been planning to start a Baby Animal Barn at the Fair for quite some time and their vision is finally able to come to life this year! The Baby Animal Barn tent will be near the MSU Extension Building and be open daily from 1pm to 7pm. Fair goers will be able to see and learn about calves, lambs, bunnies and many different species of poultry.



With this being the first year of this project, the Youth Leadership Council hopes to expand next year. Soon, the group will also be looking for youth and adults to cover barn duty shift.

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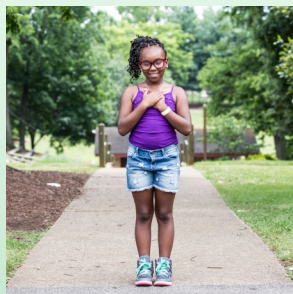


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Michigan 4-H returns to in-person programming



Thanks to thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, Michigan 4-H is excited to once again be hosting face-to-face programs and events.

Since May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers have been hosting in-person activities that adhere to specific public health guidelines.

To learn more about these meeting requirements and how your club or group can request a face-to-face program, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 1: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-2

July 8: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

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www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-3

July 10: MSU Tollgate Farm HomeGrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series! This session will focus on season extension for the home garden.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-july-10

July 12: Michigan 4-H Sights and Sounds of Nature

Online

Michigan youth are invited to become mindful and engaged in nature during July and August by completing nature journaling prompts each week using the app Goose-Chase.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-sights-and-sounds-of-nature

July 14: 4-H Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

The Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a fun filled day of everything outdoors, from nature walks to crafts and bug hunting to meeting animals! Open to ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp

July 17: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Online

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program for two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp

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

4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Explore the exciting field of computer coding with MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program, 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! Discover your passion for technology and develop skills you can continue practicing throughout high school.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is a four-day virtual camp being held over two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15. In addition to coursework, it will include evening engagement activities, including career exploration. Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding experience and skills through this interactive online experience. By the end of the camp, youth will learn how to develop their own tech ideas, as well as design and code a personal website from scratch!

This camp is open to rising high school freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in learning computer coding and applying it to solve problems. **Space is limited, register online by July 12 at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.** The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$300 and includes tech support, post-camp support and program fees. There is potential grant funding and limited scholarships available. Attendees will need a computer with internet and the ability to do video conferencing (microphone and webcam) to participate.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or email johns832@msu.edu.

Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan.

MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.



Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens

Help communities you care about by donating your **myWalgreens** Cash rewards



4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free **myWalgreens** membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards. It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at: <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Youth:

Natalie Hilyard
Ella Pettersch
Zayla Stoike
Caden Clayton
Natalie Armstrong
Remmy Hartley
Taylor Newman
Lilah Ellison
Allison Whitaker
Ryan Judge
Alexandria Brown
Bella Young
Summer Bay
Taryn Green
Luke Clarkson
Cooper Whitaker
Liam Byrum
Trinity DeGeer

Volunteers:

Scott Jehnzen
Carolyn Kinberg
Angela Clark

Would you like to nominate a youth, volunteer, parent, family or community supporter for a 4-H award? Stop into the MSU Extension Building during the Fair to get an Award Nomination Form.

Club Leaders, don't forget to grab your club's Year End Forms packet in the MSU Extension Building during Fair!

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14: Youth Leadership Council, 6:30pm, Clare County Fairgrounds near Extension Building, Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95089557073> Password: youth

21: 4-H Council, 6:30pm, Clare County Fairgrounds near Extension Building, Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94879807064> Password: council

26-31: Clare County Fair - see page 6 for a complete schedule of 4-H events at the Fair!

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Cloverbud Animal Show & Home Arts

The 4-H Cloverbud Animal Show and Home Arts Project Judging at the Clare County Fair is now open for registration! This opportunity is open to any registered Cloverbud, 4-H youth age 5 to 7. Registration forms must be turned into the MSU Extension Office by July 16. Guidelines and registration forms can be found at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/cloverbud.entryform.fair.21.pdf>

Flower Pot Contest

Open to all youth and adults with a connection to Clare County 4-H. Entry deadline is Monday of fair by 5:00pm. Entries are to be submitted at the MSU Extension Building. Flower pot needs to be displayed for the duration of the Fair and can be picked up on the last Saturday of Fair. More info and the entry form can be viewed at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/images/flowerpot.contest.entryform.pdf>

Club Poster Contest

Open to each 4-H club. One entry per a club. Poster must *promote* 4-H to youth and/or adults on 22" x 28" poster board. Created by club team effort or by multiple club members. Entry deadline is Monday of fair by 5:00pm. Entries are to be submitted at the MSU Extension Building. Prizes for clubs are: 1st Place -\$25.00, 2nd Place -\$15.00, 3rd Place -\$10.00. More info and the entry form can be viewed at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/images/poster.contest.entryform.pdf>

Record Books

Record books for animal and home arts project must be turned in by 12pm noon on Tuesday of Fair to the MSU Extension Building. Note that some project areas may have earlier deadlines. Guidelines for each project are in the books, which can be downloaded from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/record-books

Garden Keepers Needed

Volunteers are needed all throughout the summer to help water and weed the flowerbeds and containers at the 4-H Foodstand, MSU Extension Building, and Milk Booth at the Fairgrounds. See page 7 for the sign up schedule. To sign up, email Alex (schunkal@msu.edu) with the week you and or your family would like to volunteer. Volunteers are needed through mid September and gardens should be cared for at least once a week based on the weather forecast.

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Fun @ 4 Activities

These activities are lead and sponsored by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council. They are open to any youth visiting the Fair and start at 4pm.

Monday - Tie Dye near Extension Building. Youth bring their own white shirt. Dye supplies provided.

Tuesday - Discovering Zoology near Extension Building

Wednesday - Fair Time Scavenger Hunt. Download the GooseChase app on your smart device. Enter Game Code: 3MK33W After finishing the scavenger hunt, come to the Baby Animal Barn before 6:00pm to claim your prize.

Thursday - BINGO near Extension Building

4-H Family Fun Night in the Horse Arena

All Clare County 4-H families are invited to this evening of fun and games sponsored by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

7:00pm **Ice Cream Sandwiches** for all. Voting opens for Best Decorated Wheelbarrow.

7:30pm **Wheelbarrow races** begin and Best Decorated Wheelbarrow voting ends.

8:00pm **4-Hers VS. Parents & Alumni Kickball Game**

Wheelbarrow Race and Decorating Contest Rules: Youth and Adult categories. Two person teams using 3-wheeled wheelbarrows. For the race, one team member pushes, while the other rides. Teams entering a wheelbarrow into the decorating contest must have it to the arena to display for voting at 7pm. Awards in both the youth and adult categories for best decorated, fastest and slowest teams.

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- Remaining campsite deposits are due by July 17.
- Sawdust Days
 - July 17 at 9am for Livestock and Horse
 - July 21 at 5pm for Small Animal
- Youth Home Arts Judging taking place Friday, July 23, 4:30-7:30pm. Project tags may be picked up at the Fair Office earlier that week.
- On Sunday, check in day of Fair, all animals must enter through the back gate off of Townline Lake Road for check in.
- Looking for the Fair Book or other info about the week? Check out the Fair's website: <https://www.clarecountyfair.org/>

Contact the Fair Office at 989-539-9011 if you have any question regarding Fair.

Getting ready to sell your project animal at the Fair? Check out this website to learn how to market your project animal to buyers and how to write a buyer's letter! <https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth-business-guide-to-success/4-H-Animal-Project-Marketing-Resources/general-marketing-resources>



4-H Milk Booth

Visit the Milk Booth during the Clare County Fair and support the 4-H Council by purchasing ice cream or milk! The Milk Booth will be open daily during the Fair from 10am to 6pm. Located across from the horse arena.



CLARE COUNTY FAIR 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday

4:00pm: Fun @ 4: Tie Dye near Extension Building

5:00pm: Flower Pot Contest and Club Poster Contest entries due to MSU Extension Building

Tuesday

12:00pm: Record Books due to MSU Extension Building. *Some project areas may have earlier deadlines

4:00pm: Fun @ 4: Discovering Zoology near Extension Building

7:00pm: 4-H Family Fun Night in the Horse Arena

7:00 - 7:30pm: Ice cream sandwiches, decorated wheelbarrows on display for voting

7:30pm: Wheelbarrow Races

8:00pm: 4-Hers VS. Parents & Alumni Kickball Game

Wednesday

4:00pm - 6:00pm: Fun @ 4: Fair Time Scavenger Hunt via GooseChase app on your smart device

Thursday

4:00pm: Fun @ 4: BINGO near Extension Building

5:00pm: Cloverbud Show – starting with Small Animals, then Horses and finishing with Livestock.

6:30pm approximately: Cloverbud Award Ceremony in the T-Barn

Friday

8:00am: Youth can pick up Record Books from Extension Building

Saturday

8:00pm: Gather Flower Pots from where they were placed

*Daily Monday thru Saturday

4-H Baby Animal Barn open 1:00pm to 7:00pm

4-H Milk Booth open 10:00am to 6:00pm

MSU Extension Building open 8:00am to 5:00pm

4-H Fair Week activities sponsored by the Clare County 4-H Council and Youth Leadership Council.

2021 4-H Milk Booth Schedule

| Day/Date | 10:00-12:00 | 12:00-2:00 | 2:00-4:00 | 4:00-6:00 |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Monday 7/26 | Club: Millennium Showmen Adult Volunteer(s): Elaine Nickerson Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Denim & Dust Adult Volunteer(s): Corrie Aldrich Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Denim & Dust Adult Volunteer(s): Erika Schunk Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] |
| Tuesday 7/27 | Club: Bouncing Bunnies Galloping Goats Adult Volunteer(s): Ursula Jehnzen Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Hide N Hares Adult Volunteer(s): Carrie Forfinski Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Show Sticks & Spurs Adult Volunteer(s): Michelle Krell Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Millennium Showmen Adult Volunteer(s): Lynnette Sheldon Phone #: [REDACTED] |
| Wednesday 7/28 | Club: Millennium Showmen Adult Volunteer(s): Elaine Nickerson Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: We Chip In Adult Volunteer(s): Caleb & Rebecca Rowell Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Busy Bunny Raisers Adult Volunteer(s): Dana Taylor Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Hill Top Adult Volunteer(s): AJ McInnis Phone #: [REDACTED] |
| Thursday 7/29 | Club: Brushwood Adult Volunteer(s): Kately Stoike Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Brushwood Adult Volunteer(s): Shawna Dillon Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Country Neighbors Adult Volunteer(s): Joanna Krell Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Country Neighbors Adult Volunteer(s): Ashley Eberhart Phone #: [REDACTED] |
| Friday 7/30 | Club: Show Sticks & Spurs Adult Volunteer(s): Michelle Krell Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] |
| Saturday 7/31 | Club: Blue Ribbon Adult Volunteer(s): Tonya Crawford Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] | Club: Adult Volunteer(s): Phone #: [REDACTED] |

For schedule questions contact Cindy Dietsch at 989-802-4377

Milk Booth Committee: Shawna Dillion, Kately Stoike, Cindy Dietsch, Lynnette Sheldon

*All adults volunteering in the Milk Booth need to be listed for each shift and must be accepted as a Gold or Silver Status Volunteer by July 10. Adults that are not accepted by July 10 are not guaranteed to have their shift(s) permanently scheduled.

Garden Keeper Sign Up

Watering and weeding flowerbeds at the 4-H Foodstand, MSU Extension Building and Milk Booth. Keep an eye on the weather during your week. Bring your own tools (bucket, garden hose, etc.)

Please check in with the Fair Office when there. Week is measured from Monday to Sunday.

Name(s)

Week of May 31:

Week of June 7:

Week of June 14:

Week of June 21:

Week of June 28:

Week of July 5:

Week of July 12:

Week of July 19:

Week of July 26 (Fair Week):

Erica Drake

Week of August 2:

Week of August 9:

Week of August 16:

Week of August 23:

Week of August 30:

Week of September 6:

Week of September 13: