



Clare County

4-H Family News

September 2019

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

The new 4-H year started on September 1 which means the reenrollment process has begun. All returning youth and volunteers must be on 4HOnline and youth participation fees paid by December 1, 2019. Participation fees or scholarship requests need to be made through your club leader. *Youth that are only taking part in short term programs such as SPIN clubs or camps can choose to pay fees/request scholarships through the office or may wait until their program of their choosing is open for registration.* For more information about enrollment, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/join-4-h

If you or someone you know has an idea for a 4-H program or club, I would like to hear it! With the new 4-H year beginning, this is a perfect time to start planning new things. Keep in mind that 4-H can nearly be anything that is educational for youth.

As we get back into the swing of things after the busy summer, I would like to remind everyone that I am in the office Monday through Friday but my hours vary when I have meetings and programming. When I am taking time off, I will continue to let everyone know those dates in this portion of the newsletter.

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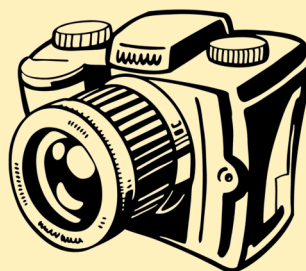
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Welcome to our
newest volunteers!

Louise Bryant:
Resource Volunteer

Share your 4-H memories!

It's time for another 4-H year in review video! If you have pictures from 4-H programs, camps, club meetings, or anything you, your child, club members or volunteers have done as part of their 4-H experience, please send your pictures as an email attachment to Alex at schunkal@msu.edu. Pictures should be high resolution and be from September 2018 to August 2019. They will be put into a video that will be debuted at the Fall Awards Celebration and available on YouTube.



Georgia Boots partners to support 4-H



Georgia Boot is offering members of the 4-H community a 50% discount on any boots on their website (except clearance items) through Sept. 30.

Georgia Boot will also give part of all 4-H boot sales back to 4-H by donating 5% to the National 4-H Council. To get your discount code, go to www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/ and register.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

September 9: Youth Fun with Finances

Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

The free and fun event is open for youth, ages 13-19, to participate and learn about how to save money and earn credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-fun-with-finances>

September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings

4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Kettunen Center, Tustin

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-leadership-global-citizenship-spectacular>

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

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



Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

Michigan 4-H represented by two youth at 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Michigan 4-H was represented by two youth in the [4-H Shooting Sports National Championships](#) held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 23 through June 28.

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship is open to youth across the country to compete and present their skills in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and hunting.

“We’re really proud of our two 4-H’ers who attended this national event,” said Laura Quist, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator with MSU Extension. “Competing at the national level takes a lot of commitment, time and effort.”

Preparation for youth to attend the national championships begins months in advance of the competition. The youth selected to participate put in considerable practice time in their chosen events in order to compete at their best.

The Michigan 4-H youth that attended and competed are:

- Joe Balkema, a 15 year-old Kalamazoo County 4-H’er, who received a gold medal in 3-D archery and third place overall in compound archery.
- Jackson Sokel, a 16 year-old Monroe County 4-H’er, who competed in shotgun.

“Congratulations again to these two youth on a great contest,” continued Quist. “We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents of these 4-H’ers who helped to make their success possible.”

Applications for youth wishing to attend the event in 2020 are due to Quist by September 22. For information about the competition or [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) in general, contact Quist at quistl1@msu.edu.

Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H’er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Youth:

Ezra Bear
Lydia Bear
Grace Bray
Kyliegh Casler
Mitchell Dewey
Caleb Durga
Thomas Hamilton
Kayden Hendren
Lydia Mullin
Mark Mullin
Katharyn Pigeon
Dominic Reynolds
Olivia Shea
Eliana Smith
Kally Tocco
Easton Waite
MyKayla Warren

Volunteers:

Tammie Armstrong
Louise Bryant
Heather Kinberg
Travis Schunk

September

- 1: 2019-2020 4-H Year Begins. Youth and Volunteers begin enrolling on 4HOnline
- 9: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
- 13: Club Year End Forms due to the MSU Extension Office
- 17: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
- 25: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

October

- 7: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
- 15: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
- 19: Teen Chopped, TBD, Harrison City Market
- 23: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

November

- 4: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
- 13: 4-H Fall Awards Celebration, 6:30pm Ceremony, Brown Corners Church
- 19: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

December

- 2: 4-H Small Animal Association Meeting, 7pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129
- 4: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Mid Tech Center Rm 129

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Club Year End Forms

All club Administrative Leaders should have received their Club Year End Packet. Year End Forms are due Friday, September 13, to the MSU Extension Office.

Award Applications

Youth that were nominated for an award or nominated to be an Ambassador, will be receiving more information and an application in the mail within the next two weeks. Award applications are due to the MSU Extension Office on Friday, September 27.

Forestry Day Camp

17 youth attended Forestry Day Camp at Mid Michigan College in August. We partnered with the Clare Conservation District and the DNR/Huron Pines AmeriCorps for this camp. Campers learned how to ID trees, toured AJD Forestry Products in Roscommon, visited Hartwick Pines State Park, made walking sticks, learned how to geocache, and learned about birds of prey with the Wildlife Recovery Association.

Save the Date:
**4-H Fall Awards
Celebration
Evening of Wed.,
November 13,
2019
@ Brown Corners
Church in Clare**



Teen “Chopped” Competition

A cooking competition among teams using locally grown food.

WHO:

Teens ages 13-19
(teams of 3 - 4)

DATES:

Mandatory Meeting at the
Clare County Building
Courthouse, Wednesday,
October 2, 6-8pm

October 19, 2019
Competition at Harrison
City Market



Application deadline:
September 27th



- Learn how to prepare food from a culinary expert
- Learn what eating local really means
- Prizes will be awarded for TOP CHEF team and other categories



For an application, questions or more information, contact: Alex Schunk, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator at the MSU Extension Office at 989-539-7805 or schunkal@msu.edu



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2019-20 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

4-H SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION

(1st Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm)

September 9, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 October 7, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 November 4, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 December 2, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 January 6, 2020 To Be Determined
 February 3, 2020 To Be Determined
 March 2, 2020 To Be Determined
 April 6, 2020 To Be Determined
 May 4, 2020 To Be Determined
 June 1, 2020 To Be Determined
 July 6, 2020 To Be Determined

4-H COUNCIL

(4th Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm)

September 25, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 October 23, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 November 2019 ----- NO MEETING -----
 December 4, 2019 Mid Michigan College Tech Center Rm 129
 January 22, 2020 To Be Determined
 February 26, 2020 To Be Determined
 March 25, 2020 To Be Determined
 April 22, 2020 To Be Determined
 May 27, 2020 To Be Determined
 June 24, 2020 To Be Determined
 July 22, 2020 To Be Determined

4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

(3rd Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm)

September 17, 2019 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 October 15, 2019 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 November 19, 2019 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 December 2019 -----NO MEETING-----
 January 21, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 February 18, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 March 17, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 April 21, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 May 19, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 June 16, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room
 July 21, 2020 Jay's Sporting Goods Outback Room

*Please Note: Some meetings have location changes due to room availability and date changes due to holidays/fair.

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