

4-H Family News

Clare County

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Clare County 4-H's Message to You!

Throughout the year it is easy to find yourself rushing through the days. Life seems to pass in a blink of an eye. As the winter months settle in, gradually the things that kept us go-go-going all year long come to an end and suddenly we realize, "Wow! It's almost the New Year!"

Even during the holidays, which are meant to help remind us to slow down, we tend to find ourselves in that constant rush. It all can feel like a whirlwind: getting the family ready from one gathering to the next, preparing special meals, decorating, gift shopping – you name it! Being in the present moment can feel very difficult at times. While you try to stop and enjoy the moment, your mind runs off to the next big thing.

Don't be mistaken, there is so much joy that comes from staying active. It keeps our lives fun and exciting! The challenge is to step back and just enjoy these little moments that life brings.

All the rushing, planning, and things we do are not for us – it's for them. Their smiling little faces on that magical morning, baking someone's favorite casserole even when you dislike the taste, shoveling a walkway for your neighbor or brushing the snow and ice from a stranger's car. The next time you get caught up in your whirlwind take a moment to pause. Remember, we are all here for each other. Family, friends and community are truly what makes the world go round.

My wish to you this holiday season is that you will experience the very best opportunities for connection and fulfillment. May you grow closer to those you love and cherish the times to come.

Happy Holidays,
Miranda Warmuskerken



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4-H Council seeks teens and volunteers to help plan for Spring-themed Craft Day event. See page 3 for how you can help!

Camp Clover is set for June 20 & 21. 4-H seeks volunteers and teens to help make this camp a success! See page 4 for more info on camp.

4-H Youth Leadership Council would like to invite youth of all ages to join them in their mission to create a more connected group of young leaders in our community. See page 5 for more details!

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NEW TO 4-H?

There is much to offer in the world of 4-H!

**Career Exploration. Leadership. Fair Fun.
Trips. Clubs. Education. Camp. Volunteer.
Connection. Workshops. Animals. Crafts.**

Learn how to get involved by contacting the
Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator today:
Call or email Miranda Warmuskerken

Clare County 4-H Awards Ceremony

At the end of each year the Clare County 4-H Program holds an evening to recognize the wonderful people that make this program so great! Here are this year's award winners:

Rookies of the Year

Show Sticks & Spurs – **Oliver K.** Country Neighbors – **Lily B.** County Line Pioneers – **Zachary A.**

Excellence Award – Connor H. of Hilltop **Overall Achievement Award** – Haley S. of Denim & Dust

Dedication Award – Russell E. of Country Neighbors

“I Dare You” Award; The Key Club Award – Grace T. of Busy Bunny Raisers

Division Awards

Livestock – Oliver K. of Show Sticks & Spurs **Small Animal** – Grace T. of Busy Bunny Raisers

Horse – Ashlyn M. of Show Sticks & Spurs **Home Arts** – Jane K. of Country Neighbors

County Awards

Consumer and Family Science – Haley S. of Denim & Dust **Equine Science** – Erinn L. of Show Sticks & Spurs

Swine Science – Tucker R. of Country Neighbors

New 4-H Ambassador – Jane K. of Country Neighbors

Club of the Year – Busy Bunny Raisers **Friends of 4-H** – Clare County Farm Bureau, M and M Feed Store

Alumni of the Year – Patrick McInnis, Travis Schunk **Parents of the Year** – Shelly Browning, Ryan Diuble

Family of the Year – Frank and Joanna Krell and Family

Volunteer Service Milestones

Five Years

Angela Clark of Millennium Showmen

Erica Drake of Millennium Showmen

Ashley Eberhart of Country Neighbors

Michelle Krell of Show Sticks & Spurs

Melissa Larsen of Busy Bunny Raisers

Rebecca Mill of Denim & Dust

Erika Schunk of Denim & Dust

Lynnette Sheldon of Millennium Showmen

Katery Stoike of Brushwood

Ten Years

Kaleigh Kyser of Blue Ribbon

Parker Thompson of Busy Bunny Raisers

Julie Judge of Triangle

Twenty Years

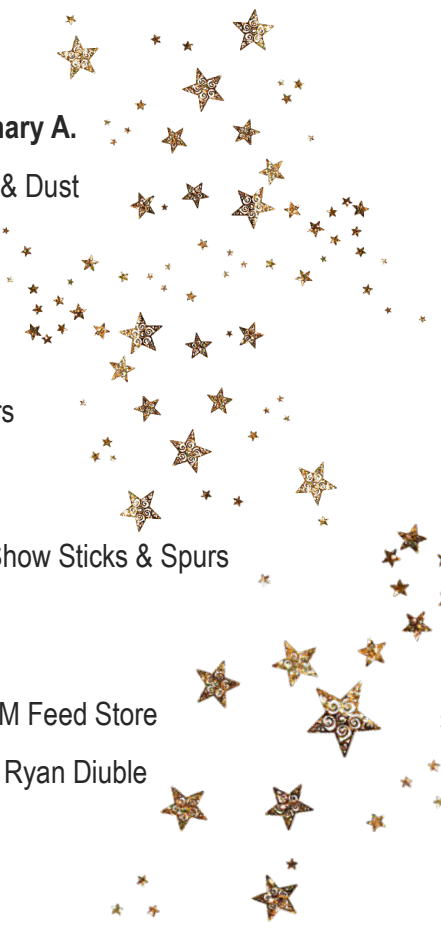
Kim Langlois of Blue Ribbon

THE AWARD CEREMONY SLIDE SHOW COMING SOON!

Stay tuned to the Clare County 4-H Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/clarecounty4H>

HELP PLAN OUR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT!

Next year Clare County 4-H would like to bring back the more traditional ceremony. Plans are to hold a banquet in a larger space. Please reach out to become part of our 4-H Awards Ceremony Planning Committee. We need more heads, hearts, and hands to make these events special for the years to come.



Clare County 4-H Community News

4-H Holiday Craft Day – Hosted by Volunteers of Arthur’s Center Church of God



This holiday season we welcome in a new group of 4-H volunteers! These wonderful people from the Arthur’s Center Church of God in Clare are excited to host their first event on **Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 1 P.M.**

The 4-H Holiday Craft Day is usually a tradition hosted by the 4-H Council, although this year with the many new changes, they have decided to pass on the event for this year. This new group of volunteers had looked forward to taking part in this event and have decided to host one at their location. **They kindly request that each participant to pay \$5 to help cover the cost of the craft supplies.**

These volunteers are no strangers to 4-H! Some are alumni and others have lead clubs in the past.

Learn more and sign up here: <https://forms.gle/hXWXhQkVEc4US2c79> or text (231) 690-3824 to let Miranda know you will be attending.

4-H Council Seeks Spring-Themed Craft Day Planning Committee



The 4-H Council plans to host a Spring-Themed Craft Day this coming year and would be grateful to have any 4-H members, parents, and volunteers join them in planning this event!

Are you a Pinterest fanatic with a desire to create fun crafts? This is what the event is all about! We want to come together, share our ideas, and teach others how to create something they can be proud of.

The first meeting to plan this event will be on Thursday, January 19th at 6 PM at Pere Marquette District Library in Clare.

Bring your ideas, crafts you’ve made, and let’s get to planning!

Contact the 4-H Program Coordinator, Miranda, for further questions.

4-H Holiday Party – Hosted by 4-H Youth Leadership Council



Join the 4-H Youth Leadership Council at this fun filled holiday party! **Decorate cookies, participate in a sock exchange, compete in an ugly sweater contest, and make cards for the elderly.**

If you would like to participate in the Sock Exchange, just bring a pair of new fun-themed socks and trade them off!

Does your sweater have what it takes to be the ugliest holiday sweater to win!? Contest winner gets a \$20 gift card to Jay’s Sporting Goods!

Decorate cookies to take home and make cards for elderly residing in local nursing homes.

The YLC meeting will immediately follow the party. We encourage youth to stay and learn about opportunities they can get involved in events, fundraisers, and fieldtrips

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First Aid / CPR Basics – Hosted by Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats



Emergencies can occur in a matter of seconds. Having the basic knowledge to act fast and provide as much help as they can as they await the arrival of emergency response teams is a skill everyone should learn when able.

Eligible age for this class is 10 years and up. This class is free. Attendees will not receive a certificate. It is meant to provide only basic training and knowledge. The class will be from 10 AM to 4 PM and lunch will be provided. **Event takes place on Saturday, December 10th at the Pere Marquette District Library in Clare, MI.**

Leader of the Bouncing Bunnies & Galloping Goats 4-H Club, Ursula Jehnzen, and her daughter, Rebecca Jehnzen, are hosting this CPR/First Aid event. Space is limited to 25 participants. **Please contact Ursula Jehnzen at (989) 329-2188 to reserve a spot.**

Camp Clover Comeback – Let's Get Ready!



Clare and Gladwin 4-H are teaming up to bring back Camp Clover. Three long years has been far too long without our local 4-H camp! We are working hard to plan the best two-day camp that we can for our amazing 4-H members.

This overnight camp is open to youth ages 8 and up. Youth will be able to experience a variety of sessions from biking trails, to archery, crafting, swimming, water sports, and more.

Seeking motivated 4-H teen members, volunteers, parents, and other interested members of our community to make this camp a success. Please fill out this survey to share your interest in helping: <https://forms.gle/1xY3ENU91xeVuPZF6>

How much does it cost to attend? To cover costs of the camp rental, meals, and other expenses we have been awarded a small grant and the 4-H Council will help share in some of the cost. We rely on our volunteers and older teens to help staff our sessions to bring an affordable camp experience. **Please stay tuned for more info!**

4-H Honor Clubs – Make Sure to Appy for Credit!



Did your club recently do something brag-worthy? If your club has hosted an event, done on a community service project, or any other fun activities, make sure to report that for credit.

There are *LOTS* of ways your club can earn credit!

The Clare County 4-H Council supports your club's efforts and wants to award any clubs that make it to Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels.

Don't miss out on an opportunity for a great prize at the end of the year!

To learn more about the 2022-2023 4-H Honor Club Credits visit: https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/honor-clubs

Clare County 4-H Community News

4-H Council Meets



The Clare County 4-H Council will be meeting at 6PM on Wednesday, December 7TH at the Pere Marquette District Library Basement.

These meetings are a great way for you to get to know our council. Every Clare County 4-H participant – youth members, volunteers, and parents – all can participate in our county’s 4-H Council’s activities.

There are various planning committees that 4-H participants, youth and adults, can join and help build a 4-H Program to your interests!

To learn more about the different ways that you can get involved with to bring opportunities to the Clare County community, please check this out: <https://forms.gle/M6dUyjdgVAvtePp6A>

4-H Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Meets



The 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be having their meeting approximately at 7PM on Wednesday, December 14TH at the Pere Marquette District Library Basement. Immediately following the party.

They would like to invite youth of all ages to join them in their mission to create a more connected group of young leaders in our community!

There are four planning committees that 4-H youth can join to help the YLC’s efforts in hosting social / educational events and trips and create ways to help their community thrive.

To learn more about how you can become part of this group of young leaders, go to: <https://forms.gle/pV3uZiV5MiWceBUZA>

4-H Council Higher Education Scholarship



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Your last year of high school is a time to be proud of. You are almost there! The Clare County 4-H Council recognizes this huge milestone and wants you to be as successful as possible in your path to higher education.

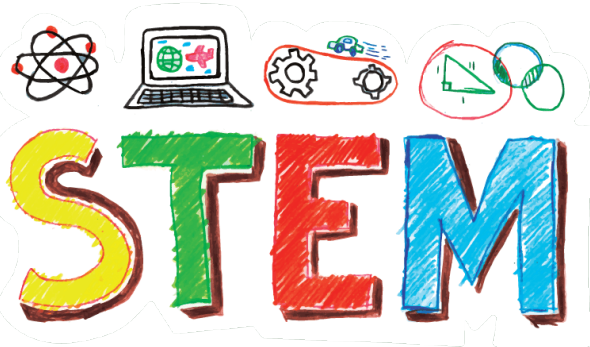
The 4-H Council offers a \$500 Higher Education Scholarship to three outstanding 4-H seniors.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, March 10th, 2023.

To learn more about this scholarship’s requirements, go to: https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/clare_county_4_h/grant-and-scholarship-applications

SAVE THE DATE! 4-H EVENTS

4-H Family Fun / STEM Day!



Youth who are encouraged to use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore their world and discover knowledge are more likely to become engaged and motivated to learn!

The Clare County 4-H Program invites families to come and learn with us as we dive into the fun world of STEM!

Here we will encourage experimentation, teach problem-solving, work as a team, learn how to adapt, build resilience, and foster innovation, new ideas, and creativity!

Join 4-H on Saturday, January 21st from 1 to 4 PM at the Eagle Church of God. 7087 E Dover Rd. Clare, MI.

4-H Day at the Breslin Center



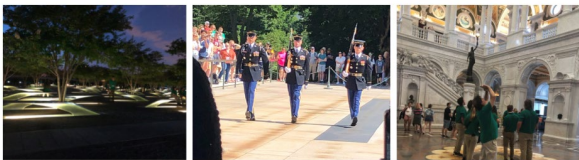
Join us as the Spartan Women's Basketball Team takes on Penn State's Basketball Team Sunday, February 12, 2023.

FREE for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families!

Game time is 3:00pm. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Ishbia Gate (formerly SW Harrison Gate), will open for those who wish to take part in those activities.

Ticket reservations will begin in the mid-December. Look for additional information in December here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

2023 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)!



One week. SO many experiences.



June 24-30, 2023



Learning about our nation's history empowers today's youth to forge a brighter future. What better place to do that than Washington, DC!

Teens, ages 14-19, are invited to join the Michigan 4-H delegation from June 24th to 30th, 2023 for the week-long trip. Experience Washington, DC like never before or ever again. With a tour guide providing background information for many monuments and programs that teach life skills such as civil discourse and critical thinking, youth will be able to use their voice and expand their horizons.

Cost is \$2000 and 7 meals enroute. To sign up, contact your county MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>) or Liana Pepin at deisenro@msu.edu **Try to contact by December 5th.**

Here is the National 4-H Website for more information: <https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/>

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Shooting Sports Training Dates

Level 1 Training – Links to Registration

January 7 – Archery and Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop (Jeddo, MI)

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-jeddo>

February 11 – Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop (Paw Paw, MI)

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw>

March 4 – Shotgun and Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop (Roscommon, MI)

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram>

April TBD – Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun Instructor Certification Workshop (Clare, MI)

Date & Registration available soon

September TBD – Shotgun and Archery Instructor Certification Workshop (Alcona, MI)

Date & Registration available soon

Level 2 Training – For Workshop Facilitators / Trainers

May – National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training (40-hr professional development) (Kansas)

Fall - National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training (40-hr professional development) (Kentucky)

4-H Shooting Sports Events

Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

December 15, 2022 – January 2, 2023 -- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel – Spring TBD

SW Michigan 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Tournament

June 11 -- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-sw-michigan-4-h-regional-shooting-sports-tournament>

National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE – June TBD

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament (aka State Shoot)

August 18 -- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-4-h-shooting-sports-tournament>

Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel – Fall TBD

National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Opportunity

Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their homes and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level.

December 2022 – Program details & Application will be released

March 3rd – Ambassador Event held in Roscommon

August – 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Leadership Institute

Learn more at: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/resources/youth/teen-ambassador/>



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

[4-H Holiday Craft Day](#), 1–3 PM, 3065 S Athey Ave. Clare.....SAT. Dec. 3rd

[4-H Council Meeting](#), 6 PM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....WED. Dec. 7th

4-H First Aid / CPR, 10 AM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....SAT. Dec. 10th

[4-H Holiday Party](#), 6–7 PM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....WED. Dec. 14th

4-H YLC Meeting, 7–8 PM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....WED. Dec. 14th

January – Currently on Schedule

4-H YLC Meeting, 6:30 PM Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....WED. Jan. 11th

Spring Craft Day Meeting, 6 PM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....THUR. Jan. 19th

4-H Family STEM Day, Eagle Church, 1–4 PM, 7087 E Dover Rd. Clare.....SAT. Jan. 21st

4-H Council Meeting, 6 PM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....WED. Jan. 25th

February – Currently on Schedule

4-H YLC Meeting, 6:30 PM, Pere Marquette Dist. Library, Clare.....WED. Feb. 8th

4-H Day at the Breslin Center, East Lansing.....SUN. Feb. 12th



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SAVE THE DATES!



Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

March 3 – 5, 2023

Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center
104 Conservation Dr. Roscommon, MI

Registration opens early 2023.



Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

June 17, 2023

MSU Pavilion South Barn
4301 Farm Ln. Lansing, MI

Registration opens early 2023

A FEW 4-H AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 3: Family Holiday Craft Day

Arthur Center Church of God, Clare

Bring the family and get crafty! This event is \$5 per participant.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-craft-day>

December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist

Online

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december-2022>

December 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo

Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-december-2022>

December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors

Online

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-re-certification-for-shooting-sports-instructors>

January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.

[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop - 4-H Shooting Sports \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop)





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.

This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.

Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.



States' 4-H International Exchange Programs
2023 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS
Costa Rica · Japan · South Korea

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most tourists rarely get to see.

Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.

Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer

host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to learn more and apply by January 1, 2023.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>. Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H! JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

