



JULY 2026

4-H Family News

Clare County



Happy summer, 4-H families and volunteers!

July is a busy and exciting time as we prepare for fair. Our youth are working hard to finish projects and get ready to showcase all they've learned. Thank you to the families and volunteers who support them every step of the way; your time and encouragement make all the difference.

We are proud of our 4-H youth and look forward to celebrating their hard work. Wishing you a fun, safe, and successful fair season!

Don't forget to fill out your HONORS CLUB monthly forms.

Sincerely,

Renee Sanders

4-H Program Coordinator

Special Dates and Announcements

Cloverbud Camp | July 7-8 | Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp

4-H overnight Camp | July 15-16 | Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp

Club Booth Decorating | By July 10 | Home Arts Building

Kayaking | July 14 | 5 pm | 4-H Ranch

Kayaking | July 12 | 1 pm | 4-H Ranch

Kayaking | July 14 | 5 pm | 4-H Ranch

4-H Council Meeting | July 22 | Clare County Fair

Kayaking | July 28 | 5 pm | 4-H Ranch

Home Arts Auction | August 1 | 10 am | Home Arts Building

Clare County Fair schedule: www.clarecountyyfair.org

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready through the fair experience



Beyond Ready

The fair experience is more than a showcase; it's a powerful opportunity to prepare youth to be Beyond Ready for life. Through exhibiting their projects, interacting with judges and engaging with the public, young people practice real-world skills such as communication, responsibility, problem-solving and professionalism.

When volunteers create intentional learning moments, like encouraging youth to reflect on project growth, prepare for interviews or take leadership roles in their clubs, youth deepen their understanding and strengthen skills that extend far beyond the fairgrounds. Every fair interaction becomes a stepping stone toward future readiness.

Is your club helping youth make those connections and see how fair experiences prepare them for what comes next?

#BeyondReady

July 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

Farm Bureau Pavilion, Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan July 13-15 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lakes State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 16: Water Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. Play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 20-21: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

This two-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect our Great Lakes. All campers receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot-tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-13. Registration deadline is July 10.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp

July 23: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. Collect, observe and even make bugs! The MSU Bug House will also be on site with their collections of insects from all over the world.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 27: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp

The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City

Youth ages 7-12- are invited to join this camp for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity as they explore sustainability and growth through an engaging, hands-on approach.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026

July 30: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles! Youth will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2026 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$1,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 7 at 5 p.m.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Business Pitch Contest

Got a business idea? Whether your business is already running, just getting started or still an idea, we want to hear your pitch! Enter the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase and share your entrepreneurial skills in a two-minute video!

Entries will be judged on creativity, communication, understanding of the target audience, and overall presentation skills. Winners in each age division will receive gift card prizes (\$75, \$50, \$25) sponsored by Michigan State University Federal Credit Union and be recognized through Michigan 4-H communications and social media. For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Michigan youth ages 8–19 are invited to enter the Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest as part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase! Create a short video and/or design a poster, flyer or graphic that encourages others to purchase the Michigan 4-H license plate and you could win. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be featured on Michigan 4-H social media channels. Put your creativity to work and help spread the word about 4-H across Michigan! For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at: www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

New scholarships for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is pleased to offer new scholarship opportunities to Michigan 4-H members for fall 2026. Nearly \$30,000 in post-secondary 4-H scholarships are available for the 2026–2027 academic year to high school seniors or incoming college freshmen. Youth must have participated in 4-H for three or more years.

These scholarships are made possible through generous support from 4-H alumni, retirees and friends of 4-H. Apply by September 1 at mi4hfdtn.org/scholarship.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Field Trip to The Cut Custom Processing



On June 1st, the Busy Bunny Raisers 4-H club stopped by The Cut Custom Processing, joined by Show-sticks and Spurs. They toured the building and learned the butchering process, as well as witnessing the hard-working team cutting and packing the meat.

By Kynlee Carr

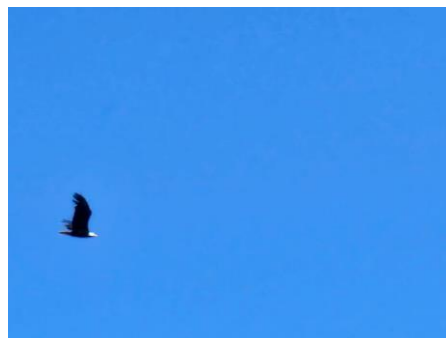
Kayaking at The 4-H Ranch

The Hide N Hares Club had a kayaking afternoon at the Ranch on Sunday afternoon. Several of us were able to get together at the Clare County Ranch to kayak and put the dock into place for the summer. Alex and Nicole, along with Isla, Lorin and Christopher with Westyn, and Cindy were all at the Ranch to kayak.

Lee came with Matt and Stacey, along with Kimberly and Dempsey were on-site to help putting the dock into place. We appreciate all the help!

Here are some of the pictures that were taken throughout the day. There is an eagle in the tree, which took off in flight as we were paddling.

More kayaking scheduled for July 12 at 1 pm, July 14 and 28 at 5 pm and again August 16 at 1 pm. Join us there! Call Cindy with questions 989-802-4377





Milk Booth Sign up



If you have not already, please sign up for your time at the Milk Booth for this fair season.

Remember, adults need to be silver volunteers to work in the milk booth, please reach out to me, and we can quickly get that done.

Click the link below to see where you can fit your family in.

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First Aid & Stop the Bleed Workshop for Kids

Busy Bunny Raisers 4-H club hosted a free First Aid and Stop the Bleed workshop for kids. They learned how to care for a wound, help someone who is choking and hands only CPR. They also held a CPR for Youth Training where youth earned a certificate of completion.

Anyone can help save a life!



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