

Clare County 4-H

Family News



4-H CLUBS CAME TO REPRESENT AT THE CLARE IRISH FESTIVAL PARADE!

There is no better time to represent 4-H than at the Clare Irish Festival! The four leaf clover may mean good luck to many, but to our 4-H community the clover is so much more! It is our emblem and we celebrate with 4-H pride every day!

Multiple 4-H clubs came out to represent on Saturday, March 18th for the parade. The float was full of youth and parents, while other members and volunteer leaders walked along side with their goats and dogs and handed out candy.

Country Neighbors 4-H club leader, Joanne Krell, was overjoyed to share that this was the second year in a row their club built the float for all of Clare County 4-H to use. Joanne stated, "It was such a blustery day, to say the least, but 4-H was spirited and represented in Clare!"

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Hide 'N' Hares Make Beautiful Floral Arrangements for Senior Citizens



Hide 'N' Hares members helped spread joy in the community by creating and delivering floral arrangements to residents of Horizon Senior Living.

The club extends their gratitude the Marsha Claringbold from Maxwell's Flowers & Gifts for the donation of the flowers and teaching members how to make arrangements.



TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

4-H

Photography
SPIN Club

STARTS APRIL 24TH
EVERY MONDAY
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Ryan Watkins
Professional
Photographer

4-H Photography SPIN Club

Join professional photographer and Clare native, Ryan Watkins, for this FREE in-depth course on photography!

Begins Monday, April 24th
Every Monday until May 29th
From 4:30 to 6:30 PM
Open to ages 10 - 19

If you would like to join, please complete this [Interest Form](#)

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

4-H

Sewing
SPIN Club

STARTS APRIL 27TH
EVERY THURSDAY
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

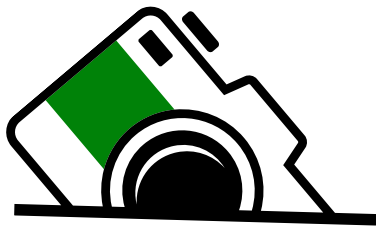
FIRST PROJECT
Learn how to make
a drawstring bag!

4-H Sewing SPIN Club - Thursday, April 27th

Have an adventure learning to sew! Instructors, Yvonne and Lori, will teach you how to hem, repair, and more!

Make a drawstring bag at your first session!
Every Thursday until June 1st
From 5:30 to 7:00 PM
Open to ages 8 - 19

If you would like to join, please complete this [Interest Form](#)



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4-H Photography

SPIN Club

*With
Ryan
Watkins*

Mondays - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

FREE TO JOIN!

Parents, guardians or youth able to drive will need to provide transportation to and from locations.

FIRST SESSION

April 24th - Pere Marquette District Library Rm LLC

Photography Basics

Dig into your camera and learn the three most basic tools available to you in controlling the exposure. Those tools are shutter speed, aperture, and ISO to control the brightness or darkness of the photo.

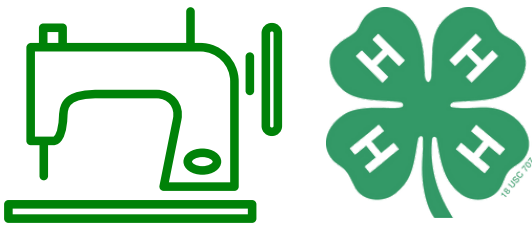
Practice and Discussion

We'll take the conversation outside to apply what you just learned. After, there will be discussion based on what gear you have available and what you have an interest in photographing.

FOLLOWING SESSIONS

May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Locations will vary

Based on the discussion and interests of participants, the sessions will be determined by the needs of the group. Locations may also take place at parks and other locations determined by the group.



4-H Sewing SPIN Club!

*With
Yvonne
& Lori*

Thursdays - 5:30 PM to 7 PM

\$10 TO JOIN!

FIRST SESSION

April 27th - Arthur Center Church of God - Clare, MI

Welcome to Sewing!

You can have a fun adventure learning to sew. We will teach you what tools to use and how to use them right. You will learn hand sewing techniques, learn how to operate and identify parts to a sewing machine and how to thread the machine properly.

Make a Drawstring Bag

Apply what you learned and practice by making your first project!

Learn To Hem & Repair!

Ever wondered how to hem clothing that was too long? How about sewing back on a button or patching a hole in your favorite shirt? This session will help you learn how!

Discussion on Future Projects

The group will discuss what sewing projects they would like to do.

FOLLOWING SESSIONS

May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, June 1st



Money Contests: Win \$\$\$!

Money, money, money! The Michigan State University Extension Career Exploration and Workforce Prep Team has exciting news to share! There will be 2 fun contests during National Financial Literacy Month this April.

Youth can expand their knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. We also have 2 educational workshops, one for youth and one for staff/volunteers/parents interested in teaching youth about money.

Cash Composition Contest (9-12 years old)

In honor of Financial Awareness Month, Michigan State University Extension 4-H is coordinating the Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-12 as of (January 1, 2023) are encouraged to answer this year's contest where they will write a short (300 words or less) essay about needs and wants. The 5 top scoring essays will each win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship by Extra Credit Union. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 30th.

[CONTEST DETAILS AND RELATED EDUCATION](#)

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Learn how to use credit wisely in this year's fifth annual online contest. Compete with other youth ages 13-19 across the state of Michigan in this 30 question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$25 gift card. Youth must register by April 13 and complete the contest by April 30th. Teachers, librarians and other youth development professionals also can win a \$25 gift card if a non-related youth you referred to the contest wins. Gift card prizes are provided by a generous sponsorship from the Michigan Credit Union Foundation as part of their goal to improve the financial well-being of Michigan families.

[CONTEST DETAILS AND RELATED EDUCATION](#)

Youth Credit Craze

April 4th at 5:30 PM

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and, most importantly, tips to managing credit wisely.

This webinar will also help prepare youth for the Show Your Money Smarts Contest, available for registration until April 13, 2023 for youth 13-19.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Helping Youth Master Money

April 6th at 12 PM

This webinar will help adults/ teachers and other youth professionals discover fun ways for youth to learn about budgeting, credit, saving and more. Michigan State University Extension 4-H will share easy to implement activities for all ages. Learn how to prepare your youth with money management skills through a variety of curriculum, contests, games, and resources.

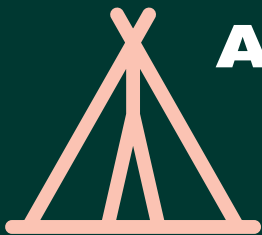
[REGISTER HERE](#)



IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

APRIL 26 - MAY 7, 2023

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.





Country Neighbors Host Livestock Nutritional Seminar!

The Country Neighbors 4-H Club hosted a Livestock Nutritional Seminar on Monday, March 6th. The event took place at the Pere Marquette District Library in Clare. Over 50 people were in attendance. Country Neighbors club leader, Joanne Krell stated, "The speaker from ADM Showtech was amazing and informative!" A drawing for prizes from Johnston Elevator and ADM Showtech were available at this event.



Clare County Fair Book Cover Contest

This was shared last month, but there is still time! So, sharpen your pencils, crayons, markers or colored pencils and get out your clean sheets of paper and submit your entry for the 2023 Fair Book Cover Contest. Entries for this contest will be accepted until **Thursday, April 6th, 2023.**

Prizes will be awarded to the winner and the 3 runner ups!

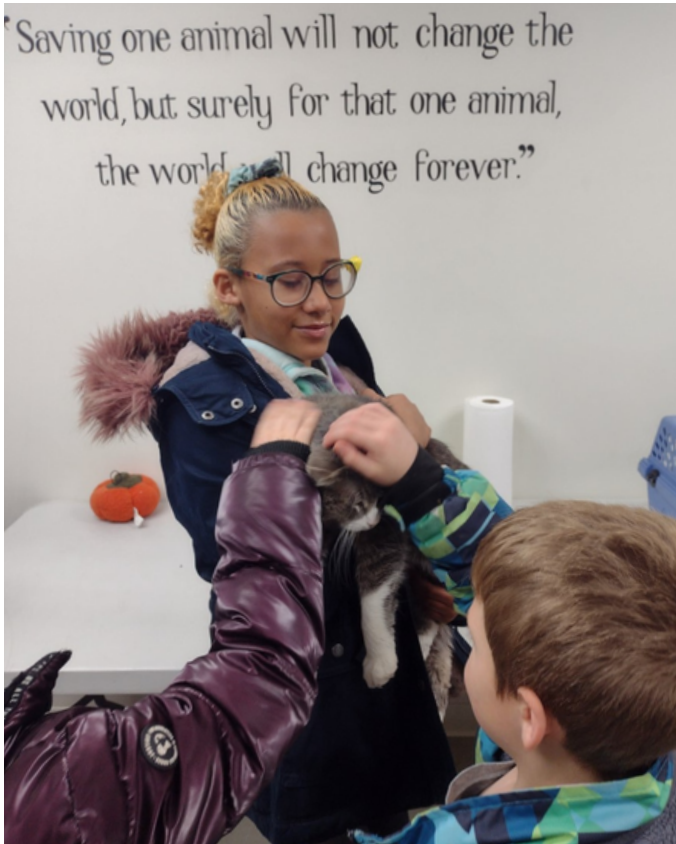
Entry and submission rules at [Fair Book Cover Contest Rules](#)

Paddlesports Leader Training
 May 22-25, 2023 in Cadillac
Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups!

Prepare for summer paddling activities with formal instruction in both canoes and kayaks!

Instructed by American Canoe Association certified facilitators Michael Gray and Lisa Deziel. This session will cover paddling instruction, practicing water rescues from kayaks and canoes, and identifying and mitigating risks inherent in paddling events. Six courses will be offered between May 22-25, 2023 in Cadillac, MI. Pick the content area(s) that best fit your needs! Contact Laura Quist, quistla1@msu.edu for details.

REGISTER HERE NOW UNTIL THROUGH MAY 12



Hide 'N' Hares Members Volunteer at Clare County Animal Shelter

4-H members from Hide 'N' Hares showed love for their community and for animals on Wednesday, March 29th. Here is report from club member, Jennifer Deitsch:

“— This week our club went to visit the Clare County Animal Shelter in Harrison. We collected toys and blankets to donate. Several weeks ago when this trip was planned the people at the shelter were hoping that we could help pick up all of the doggie poops from the winter, but there was a mini-snowstorm which kept us from doing that. During our visit, we got to see the big dogs, the puppies, and the room where the cats stay. Rudy Hicks talked about how the adoptions of animals work and how much food the animals need to eat. We have our picture from the food room, the food in this room lasts only about 2 months. They get all of the food for the dogs from people who donate to them. My dog, Bennie, was from the shelter and I show him at the fair each year. There are a few kids from our club who show dogs, so seeing how they are cared for and adopted through the shelter was really a great experience.”



Kids Had a Blast at the 4-H Cooking SPIN Club at Arthur Center Church of God

On Saturday, April 1st volunteers at Arthur Center Church of God in Clare launched their first class in this introductory cooking 4-H special interest club. Lead club volunteer, Sharon Cain, with assistance for other volunteers from the church, taught a variety of skills at their first club meeting. Youth learned how to accurately measure, had a session on kitchen safety and hygiene, and made fruity smoothies!



**GROUP
OUTING**



Come out and support 4-H at the Great Lakes Loons game! We will have games, educational pieces, cuddly animals, STEM activities, prizes, and more!

4-H Day With the Great lakes Loons

Saturday, May 6th, 1:05 PM

[TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE](#)



Clare County 4-H Council - Plant Sale Fundraiser

We are excited to announce the annual 4-H plant sale is now open. We encourage all local 4-H participants to promote this fundraiser.

[ORDER FORMS](#)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 25th - 6:30 PM

4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting

Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI

Wednesday, April 26th - 6:00 PM

4-H Council Meeting

Pere Marquette District Library - Clare, MI



4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of

Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)

4-H Exploration Days! -

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#) - Registration ends April 20th.



Northern Michigan 4-H Forestry Camp

Open to all youth in Michigan and is only \$25 thanks to our sponsors. This day-camping experience is packed with a great agenda and is sure to impact the career path of those who attend. Youth ages 11-15 have the opportunity to attend this camp and learn about exciting forestry related careers that employ over 150,000 statewide. Space is limited, so sign up today.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



4-H Forestry Camp

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Open to youth 11-15 with a desire to learn more about forestry and Michigan's ecosystems.

DESCRIPTION:

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Youth will increase their understanding of forest ecosystems and the variety of forestry careers in the greater Roscommon County area through games, field trips, and hands-on learning out in the woods. Participants should bring a bag lunch each day.

REGISTRATION COMPLETED IN 3 EASY STEPS:

Note, you must be fully registered and paid by FRIDAY, July 14th by 3:00 pm.

1. Fill in this Pre-Registration Form at: bit.ly/3Lmyxa8. We will send you directions on how to use 4HOnline, but it is quite intuitive.
2. Youth need to be enrolled in 4-H: v2.4honline.com. When selecting a club, please use "No Club Affiliation" for this step.
3. Once accepted as a member (wait for a day or two, but if during office hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, you can call John at (989) 275-7177 and your membership can be instantly approved. Once accepted as a member, this camp will be visible to you as an event option where payment needs to be made. NOTE: if you wish to do all three of these steps at the same time, we will work with you to approve your membership so you can finish the full registration process all at once. *Payment by credit card is recommended and may be completed when registering at v2.4honline.com. Payment by check or cash are also options, but please call for directions how to do this.*

Questions: MSU Extension - (989) 275-7177

DATE & TIME:

July 18-20, 2023

9:00AM - 4:00PM

(Day 2 - 8:00 Start)

(no overnights)

Drop-off from

8:45-9:00AM

LOCATION:

Gahagan Nature Preserve

585 Southline Road,

Roscommon

COST: Only \$25

The true cost of this camp is around \$100. Thanks to the generous support of our community partners we are able to keep the cost extremely reasonable with many great perks.

Also, there are a limited number of full scholarships to attend as no one should avoid participating due to financial constraints.

Note that the annual 4-H participation fee has been indefinitely waived for a cost savings of up to \$60 annually for our local families.

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Fun through hands-on learning

4-H Forestry Camp





Registration is now open for the 2023 Michigan 4-H / FFA State Meats Judging Contest!

The contest will take place at the MSU Meat Lab in Anthony Hall on Wednesday, May 10th. Please share this information with 4-H members and volunteers in your county who may be interested and encourage them to attend. Social media language and a promotional graphic are included in this email.

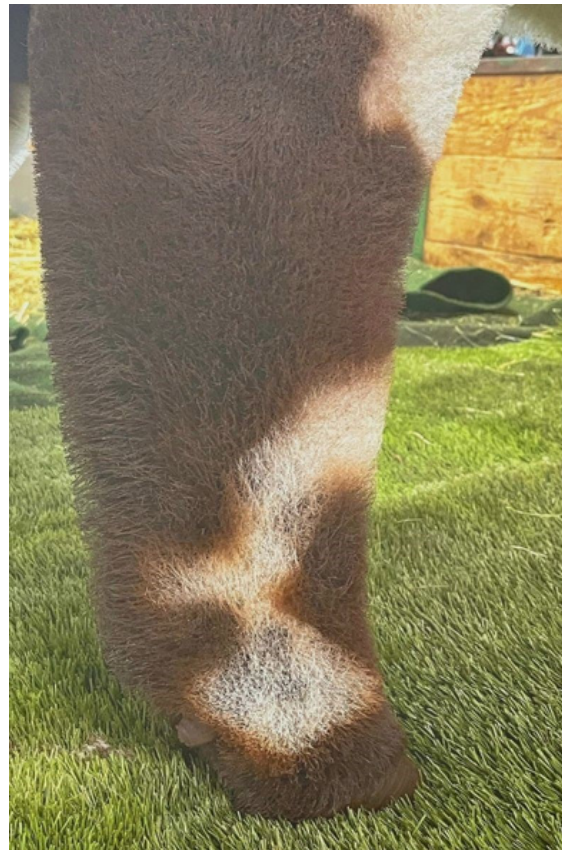
REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY MAY 1ST



Save the Date! MI 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

Get ready for a livestock judging camp on **Saturday, June 3rd, 2023!** This event will be open to both 4-H, non-4-H youth, and coaches/volunteers. Registration information and more details will be available soon!

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! [LEARN MORE HERE](#)



Beef Series - Part 2

Attention beef and dairy beef exhibitors! Registration for the second part of the Beef Series is now open! This is an in-person only demonstration type of clinic open to any youth currently enrolled in 4-H. The sessions will feature information, but not limited to, enhancing showmanship skills, seeing a show from a judge's perspective, clipping & fitting, how to be successful at shows, and how to have a successful fair week. This is a free educational experience that will feature industry professionals where youth will be able to see how and why things are done in the beef show industry. Participants will be able to ask questions and will be eligible for door prize giveaways. Participants will not bring their own animals. Participants may choose to attend whichever sessions they prefer. The series will be held at the Kent County Fairgrounds on April 16th, May 14th, June 11th, and July 23rd.

REGISTER HERE



Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Wednesday, April 12 at 6 PM

Learn about credit and how it impacts future goals. This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Plunge Into Our Rivers and Lakes - Take a Closer Look at the Prehistoric Fish that Inhabit Our Waters



Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS
SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will . Join us on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm EST for "Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility: Management of a Threatened Species". You will meet Doug Larson, Research Assistant, Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST. [REGISTER HERE](#)



Rainbow Spartan Series

Join 4-H staff as we meet individuals and organizations in the LGBTQIA+ community. Learn about the LGBTQIA+ community, support networks, and individuals and organizations.

Sessions are geared to youth but adults may attend. April 5, 2023: Art, Identity, and You: Finding Yourself and the LGBTQ+ Community through Artistic Expression, featuring Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families can enjoy a discounted \$18 ticket to the game and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

[TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE](#)

DETROIT TIGERS **MICHIGAN 4-H DAY**



MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY | Extension

TIGERS vs. MARINERS

Saturday, May 13th • 1:10 PM

ABOUT

Join Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on Saturday May 13!

Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate; 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.



Tickets can be ordered at <https://fevo.me/mi4h2023>

PACKAGES

4-H Ticket - \$18

Call Walker Cooper at 313.471.7337 or email Walker.Cooper@Tigers.com

To reserve your spot today!