



OCTOBER 2022

4-H Family News

OGEMAW COUNTY



HAPPY OCTOBER!

We have officially made it to another beautiful autumn in Michigan – my absolute favorite time of the year. A huge thank you to those who attended our 4-H Fall Festival this past weekend, celebrating a successful year of hard work and dedication on the part of all involved – youth, family, friends, and our tireless volunteers! If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact me to set up a time for you to drop by the office to pick up your pin or certificate.

It's a busy month coming up! On October 12th is our leadership update meeting for our volunteers, where we will reflect on the past year and get excited for the upcoming one! We are looking to grow our membership on the 4-H Council, so if you would like to have your voice heard we would love to have you! Joining the council as a teen leader, parent, or volunteer means having a say in the direction of the program in Ogemaw County. Please reach out if you are interested!

We are excited to be celebrating National 4-H Week with a [statewide photo & video contest](#) – more details later in the newsletter. Tractor Supply Co. begins its Paper Clover campaign on October 5th. These paper clovers are typically \$1-\$5, and each clover purchased helps bring opportunities to our community through 4-H camps, leadership experiences, and more! We are also working on building up our partnership with the county libraries and are in the process of welcoming three new library staff to our ranks as 4-H volunteers. Plenty of Halloween events planned for this month – so, as always, please keep an eye on the Facebook page & your emails for program updates!

Enya defeijter.

4-H Program Coordinator

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OGEMAW 4-H FALL FESTIVAL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

OCT 2ND | 1PM - 4PM | <https://fb.me/e/24Q6jVPqb>

OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

OCT 4TH | 6:30PM | <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93124574966>

Join us on the Ogemaw 4-H Virtual Info Session and Q&A hosted by MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya! The session will start with a presentation about MSU Extension & 4-H, which will include information about our organization, "4-H Today", "How It Works", and how to get involved! This presentation is open to youth and adults interested in learning more about 4-H and how to get involved as a volunteer.

**NOTE* This session will be recorded and shared with those who cannot attend.*

HALLOWEEN IN THE VILLAGE OF PRESCOTT

OCT 15TH | 3P – 5P | WASHINGTON ST., PRESCOTT

Come trunk-or-treat with the Ogemaw East Branch Library & Ogemaw County 4-H! There will be a showing of Hocus Pocus dusk, pizza for sale, and fun activities for youth! Contact prescottlibrary200@gmail.com for more info.

LIBRARY PROGRAM: NATURE AT NIGHT

OCT 24TH | 3:30P – 4:30P | WEST BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join Enya, 4-H Program Coordinator with MSU Extension, as she teaches you all about the animals that go "bump" in the night! Did you know there are animals who only come out when we're usually asleep? How do they see? How come bats don't fly into things? Come play games, do a craft, and get in the Halloween spirit as you learn about nocturnal wildlife!

WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT PTO TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCT 28TH | 6P – 7:30P | WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Join W-P Elementary PTO + Iosco 4-H + Ogemaw 4-H for a scary good time at the Trunk-or-Treat on October 28th! From 6p-7:30p, bring your little ghouls and goblins to Whittemore-Prescott Elementary for fun STEM activities, giveaways, and of course - CANDY! This event is open to the public, and is free of charge! Want to participate? Consider lending your trunk!! Businesses, community groups, individuals, teams - all welcomed and encouraged! call/text Kim at 989.255.6031 or email wpelementarypto@gmail.com to reserve a spot!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS 4-HERS!

Thank you to all the youth, volunteers, and families who joined us on October 2nd for the 4-H Fall Festival at Logan Township Hall! The tables were filled edge to edge with delicious dishes brought by our club members, and nearly every seat was filled – that's over 200 people!

A congratulations once again to all our members, who received their pins at this festival. I also want to recognize those who received club awards and leadership awards – you went above and beyond this year!

And of course, this goes without saying, but we truly could not have done this past year without our amazing volunteer leaders, and our families. THANK YOU! Cheers to a new year of adventures with 4-H!



VOLUNTEER WITH OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

Our 2021-22 4-H year is coming to a close, with our next season starting up again in mid-September! It's been a fantastic year, with hundreds of youth participating in a variety of clubs and other program activities. Youth raised livestock, explored animal science, discovered ocean ecosystems, dissected owl pellets, learned to identify reptiles and amphibians, cleaned up the forest, planted sugar maples, raised chicks, built catapults, and ventured to MSU's campus for Exploration Days! And believe it or not, that's only a small sampling of what youth and volunteers were up to this past year. Looking ahead to the new season, we collectively hope to get our 4-H Shooting Sports program up and running, grow our goat club, host Halloween and other holiday events, engage further with schools and community partners, and offer even more unique clubs and programs! As amazing as this all sounds – we truly couldn't do what we do without our volunteers. A HUGE thank you goes out to each and every 4-H volunteer for their hard work, dedication, and passion to engage the youth in this community! We continue to grow and engage, and we need YOUR help to do so!! Did you know that being a 4-H volunteer can range from a one-time activity to a year-long club, and just about everything in between? Learn more on the next page!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering is easy, and not a necessarily a year-long commitment! We offer 4-H volunteering experiences in numerous delivery models:

Traditional club leader– Meets with a group of youth and teaches them about a project. Minimum 6 meetings per year.

SPIN club leader– SPIN clubs are **SP**ecial **IN**terest clubs and only meet for a short time– generally not more than 6 meetings per year (8–9 hours per year). Typically take on a single project with a small group of kids. Not as intense as a traditional leader, but every bit as rewarding.

Resource Leader– another club leader contacts you and you come in to teach or mentor for a meeting or two. Could also volunteer at in-school or after school program. This person likes teaching, but doesn't want a long-term commitment!

Administrative Leader– takes care of club paperwork, organizes meetings – works with other volunteers to teach content.

**All of these volunteer models must go through our MSU
Extension Volunteer Selection Process (VSP)**

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VOLUNTEER SCREENING

We take the protection of the youth and vulnerable adults in our program very seriously. MSU Extension utilizes a thorough vetting process through *Samaritan* which combines collecting personal references with numerous state and federal background checks. We also conduct a short interview that helps the local staff get to know you so we can make sure you are a good fit for the role you're applying for. **This process is completely confidential and the data you enter is secure.**

Some tips for applying:

- This is an electronic system- you will need to create an account with a valid email address.
- Apply as a GOLD volunteer in the county you intend to volunteer in. It may or may not be the county you live in!
- The system will ask for 5 references with email addresses. These should be people unrelated to you that will speak on your behalf. We need a minimum of three references.
- Training modules can be viewed prior to or after being accepted as volunteer.

If this seems a bit intense, it is. But it's done to protect the participants in our programs. Once you are accepted and as long as you stay active, you won't need to apply again!

To apply today, go to:

msu.samaritan.com

For more information, contact:

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Halloween in the Village of Prescott!

Saturday, October 15, 2022



Trunk or Treat 3-5PM On Washington St. in the Village of Prescott

Dee's Pizza will be on site for your dinning pleasure (starting at 4:30pm). \$3.00 for a slice of pizza and a drink!



Disney Movie Hocus Pocus (Rated PG)

Shown at Dusk on the side
lawn of the library!

For more information contact
prescottlibrary200@gmail.com

If you want to set up to Trunk or Treat please let us
know at prescottlibrary200@gmail.com or by calling
the Village of Prescott @ 989-873-2525
All cars need to be in place by 2:30pm!

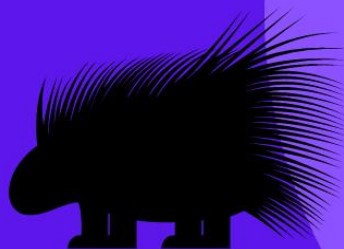
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The Village of Prescott
And
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Kids
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**Held at the West Branch
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Whittemore-Prescott PTO, Iosco 4-H, & Ogemaw 4-H are hosting a spooky-fun trunk-or-treat on October 28th!

Stay tuned for more details on social & in your inbox!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 5-16TH 2022

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 5-16.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 3-24: Adulting 101 Webinar Series

Webinar

Michigan State University Extension's FREE Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently. Join us every Monday during October 3-24, 2022, 6-7 p.m. Eastern Time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22>

October 7: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

October 11: Wild Spartans Series

Webinar

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a leap into wetlands and riparian areas and climb to the high desert grasslands to take a closer look at plant biodiversity.

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

November 11-13: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Center, Roscommon, MI

Join this popular overnight 4-H workshop with sessions in sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, art of cooking, photography, poetry, music, folk art, and much more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-creative-arts-celebrate>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Michigan 4-H Photo/Video Contest

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a photo/video contest to help celebrate National 4-H Week – October 2-9, 2022!

We are asking 4-H volunteers, youth and alumni to share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H.”

Contest Details

- Contestants will share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H” on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok including the hashtag #iloveMI4H. (Make sure the post is public.)
- For members of the Michigan 4-H community without social media access, submissions may also be sent by email to Gwyn Shelle at heyboerg@msu.edu.
- Ten prizes will be awarded randomly to those who share a photo or video, either through social media or by email, during National 4-H Week. Prizes include MSU Extension 4-H swag!
- The contest will go live on Oct. 2 and submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 9, 2022.

For video guidelines/support and full contest rules, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/contest>.





Family Engineering Educator Training

Family Engineering introduces K-8 children and their parents to fun engineering activities that they can do together as they explore future careers. Participating in this 3-hour Family Engineering Educator Training will prepare participants to host Family Engineering events in K-8 schools and other community settings. Workshops are open to MiSTEM, formal and informal STEM educators, MSU Extension staff, 4-H volunteers, and all who want to engage families in STEM!



Participants will....

- receive a FREE Family Engineering Activity & Event Planning Guide
- each school or nonformal education entity will receive a FREE starter kit (10 openers, 5 challenges, icebreakers - worth over \$500!)

Date: Tues, October 18th, 2022
(4pm - 7:30pm)

Location: COOR ISD, 11051 North
Cut River Rd, Roscommon, MI

Register Here: bit.ly/3AFC2me

Registration Deadline: Friday,
October 7th, 2022

Training is at NO COST, but due to the significant amount of materials assembly there WILL be a \$75 no-show fee for those who fail to cancel within 48 hours of the training.

Family Engineering Training Workshops are a collaboration between Michigan Tech University and MSU Extension, with the goal of increasing STEM literacy across Michigan. Family Engineering events are an opportunity for schools and communities to explore engineering -a key part of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).



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ADULTING 101 FALL SERIES



MONDAYS, 6-7 PM EST

- OCT. 3: CHANGING THE WORLD WITH JUST 1 VOTE
- OCT. 10: CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE
- OCT. 17: MAKE A SPENDING PLAN WORK FOR YOU
- OCT. 24: AVOIDING MONEY MISHAPS

Register at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101Fall22/>



Register Today!!
You Don't Want to Miss This!

Michigan 4-H
Creative Arts
Celebration!

November 11-13 2022
Ralph A. MacMullan
(RAM) Conference Center
in Roscommon



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4-H Future Squad



Join the virtual club helping YOU get ready for your future!

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Join Us Online or In Person

LAKE COUNTY 4-H ZOMBIE PREPPERS SQUAD

Oct. 17, 24, 31, 2022 | 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

How are your child's survival skills in the event of an emergency? Would they be able to shelter in place? Perform basic first aid? These skills may not be easily discussed or talked about, but by adding a fun twist with a theme of Zombies and being taught by professionals at Red Fox Tactical, this new 4-H program titled 4-H Zombie Preppers Squad will spark an interest in most every child! 4-H Coordinator Aaron Myers new program details are in the link below. For additional information, please call Aaron at either 231-745-2732 or 231-845-3365.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/ZombiePreppers/>



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WATER'S FIRE GOT TO DO WITH... HABITAT?!

WITH ERIKA MEINTS

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN, VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

October 11 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023/>



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**MI 4-H State Youth
Leadership Council**



Applications due October 31

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc23/>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2022-23 4-H SEASON

Stay tuned for social media posts when enrollment for individual clubs reopens!



4-H scholarships available; apply by Nov. 1

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.



A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years).

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

