

*Wexford County*

4-H Family News

June 2019

From One to Many: Welcome Brandie and Molly

In the April newsletter, I introduced myself. This month, I get the opportunity to introduce you to the staff that has joined me in the county to make up our new team.

Brandie Sigler joined the team in early May and splits her time between Wexford and Missaukee counties. She grew up on the line between Wexford and Missaukee counties in Manton. She is brand new to 4-H but is eager to get learn as much as she can.

"I am passionate about what 4-H offers area youth and am so excited to be a part of it in the future," Brandie recently commented.

Molly Mackey grew up in the area and was an active participant in 4-H and FFA. Her position is made possible through a partnership with AmeriCorps. She too will be splitting her time between Wexford and Missaukee counties. She brings a wealth of experience in showing animals, teen leadership, and the 4-H organization to the team.

Please join me in welcoming Brandie and Molly to Wexford County 4-H and look for them at upcoming club meetings and events.

Sincerely,

Laura Quist, Wexford 4-H Program Coordinator

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Happy Birthday

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Travis R.

Jonathan H.

Hannah K.

Holly F.

Sebastian S.

Kaiden S.

Mason H.

Michael P.

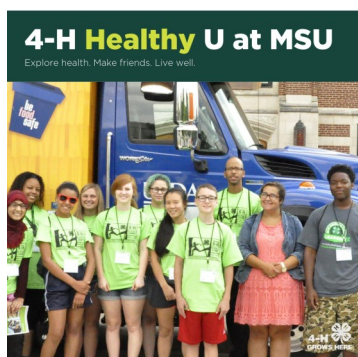
NEW Spring & Summer Programming!

Our new partnership with AmeriCorps brings a series of new 4-H mini-clubs to Wexford and Missaukee Counties! Thanks to this statewide partnership, we anticipate an expansion in our science and art-based mini-clubs as well as our volunteer pool to support this expansion. Molly is already hard at work setting collaborating programs in veterinary science, drones, robotics, and more! Local financial support make this expansion possible and includes gifts from Cadillac Renewable Energy, Wexford 4-H Council and the Missaukee 4-H Advisory Board.



We also welcome summer 4-H camp for 8-12 years olds at Kettunen Center, scheduled for Aug. 8 and 9. We're recruiting camp counselors now, age 15 and up. Finally, we welcome you to attend the Exhibitor Education Series hosted by Missaukee County 4-H. Their series of programs supports members who wish to take their projects to local fairs. Contact the 4-H office for details on any of these exciting new offerings! Look for details about these events in this newsletter, our website and on Facebook!

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Explore your personal wellness with 4-H Healthy U @ MSU

Are you interested in learning more about living a nutritious and healthy lifestyle by maintaining your physical and mental health? If the answer is yes, join Michigan 4-H for a one day program at Michigan State University on August 2.

Participants of the program will be provided information on nutrition, physical fitness and emotional health, with tips regarding how to maintain your health throughout the year. The event will be held on campus, with a check-in time at 9:30 a.m. and will last till 5:00 p.m.

To attend this event, the cost is \$35.00 for 4-H members and \$50.00 for non 4-H members. The cost of the event includes meals, a t-shirt and camp materials. To learn more, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-health-food-science-camp/> and make plans to register by July 12.

2019 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Author: Betty Jo Krosnicki

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each country are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2019, the following 37 4-H members from 26 counties were selected as the 2019 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Alpena County: A'va Maria Mitchell
- Berrien County: Derrick J. Freehling and Isabelle Noel Hunn
- Cass County: Leah Shelby and Savannah Shelby
- Chippewa County: Jessy Baron
- Clare County: Haley Schunk and Allison Whitaker
- Clinton County: Natalie Bounds
- Genesee County: Elizabeth Hartmann
- Gratiot County: Brayden Bonga and Paisley Hansen
- Ionia County: Alyssa Possehn and Nicole Trierweiler
- Iosco County: Symphonie J. Nelkie
- Isabella County: James Endres and Eva Lynch
- Lapeer County: Arianna Wright
- Lenawee County: Holly Mitchell
- Livingston County: Yasmin Scheuneman and Karley Williams
- Macomb County: Shelby Phillion
- Mecosta County: Jadyn Herzog
- Missaukee County: Chiara Z. Sible
- Monroe County: Brandon Fisher and Camden Schmidt
- Newaygo County: Aimee Jo Boisvert and Isabel R. Zimmer
- Oakland County: Mitchell Bessolo and Oscar Vartanian
- Saginaw County: Noah Hecht
- Sanilac County: Amelia Adamczyk and Maggie VanSickle
- St. Joseph County: Zachary Sowards Haack
- Van Buren County: Jack Loomis
- Washtenaw County: William Rogers
- Wayne County: Cooper Genaw

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](#) and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the [Kettunen Center](#) in Tustin, Michigan. Congratulations to our winners!

4-H Exploration Days 50th Celebration



Join 4-H alumni, retirees and friends at an ice cream social celebrating 50 years of 4-H Exploration Days.

Attendees of the event will have the opportunity to share stories of past 4-H Exploration Days, hear current 4-H experiences, enjoy the 4-H Children's Gardens and celebrate with treats.

Reservations are required, to learn more visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exploration-days-50th-celebration>.

Great Neighbor Photo Contest



Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) is holding its yearly Great Neighbor Photo contest.

Until June 16, Michigan 4-H members and FFA youth have the opportunity to submit a memorable photo of 4-H or FFA projects.

The photo should illustrate how you have made a positive impact in your community. Include with the photo a brief caption explaining your photo submission in 200 words or less.

TSC will recognize three winners at each stop along their fair tour route as a way to highlight the differences that both 4-H and FFA make in their communities. Each winner will be presented with a plaque and a TSC gift pack.

To learn more about the contest, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages/events/fair-tour>.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 1: 4-H Children's Garden Geocache Event

Plant and Soil Sciences Building, East Lansing

This event is for everyone interested in spending a day on a geocaching adventure. Bring a picnic lunch and come spend the day in the gardens.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-geocache-event>

June 8: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

Michigan Adventures, Muskegon

Support 4-H and enjoy a day of fun with 4-H friends. Tickets are \$26.00 per guest and includes use of both parks. Advanced purchase is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-michigan-s-adventure>

June 11: Interviewing Success

Online webinar

This webinar will help youth 13 years and older prepare for job, scholarship and award interviews. Topics include what to wear, how to answer tough questions and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/interviewing-success-june-11>

June 14: MSU Tollgate Starry Night on the Farm Family Overnight 2019

Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi

This family-oriented visit will give you a rare glimpse into what goes on after sundown on the farm. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-starry-night-on-the-farm-family-overnight-2019>

June 15: Archery Regional Training

Livingston Conservation and Sports Association, Brighton

This training is open for adults and teens 14 years and older who would like to become certified instructors for the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/archery-regional-training>

June 22: State 4-H Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Kick off the show season and exhibit your goats at the 2019 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show. Registration is due by June 17.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-state-4-h-goat-show>

June 26: Floral Design Workshop

Isabella County Building, Mount Pleasant

Learn tips and tricks to make your flowers extraordinary. Have fun while learning about flowers and use your creativity to design a flower arrangement like a pro.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/floral-design-workshop-isabella-county>

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

4-H Council meeting will be July 11, 6:30 pm Wexford County 4-H Office

Youth always
encouraged to
come share
your ideas on
what you want
4-H to be!



Local Meetings

- June 6: Model Railroading Club, Workshop 4 pm,
Meeting 5 pm Toy Town
- June 6: Veterinary Science , 6 - 8 pm, Wexford-Missaukee ISD
Career Tech Center
- June 12: Cadillac Area Livestock Council, 7 pm, Fair Board Office
- June 19 - 21: Exploration Days at MSU
- June 20: Northern District Fair Board, 7 pm, Fair Board Office
- June 29: Missaukee Summer Classic Heifer & Steer Show, 10 am,
Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds - Falmouth
- July 9: 4-H Incubation Station, 1-3 pm, Missaukee Agricultural
Youth Show Fairgrounds - Falmouth
- July 10: Everyone Loves Flowers: Floral Design and Floriculture,
3 - 5 pm, Wexford-Missaukee ISD Career Tech Center
- July 18: 4-H Incubation Station, 6 - 8 pm, Missaukee Agricultural
Youth Show Fairgrounds - Falmouth
- Aug 8-9: North Central Camp at Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 29, 2019 Falmouth, MI

Missaukee 4-H Missaukee Summer
Classic Beef Show
REGISTRATION OPEN
Early Bird Discount
through June 15, 2019



<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/missaukee-summer-classic-beef-show>

Michigan's Adventure 4-H Day June 8, 2019



For More Information

- Visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents
- Make your reservation
- Read the helpful FAQs
- See a complete listing of rides and attractions
- Contact a Michigan's Adventure Group Sales Representative at **231.766.9959** or via email at youthsales@miadventure.com



Calling All Artists!

From now until June 30, submit your original artwork and get published! Winners will appear on the COVER of the new Wexford County Platbook, available this fall. One lucky winner from each age bracket will receive a \$100 scholarship towards any 4-H camp, workshop or training event.

1. Entries accepted from any 4-H'er, club, or team of club members.
2. Name and age should appear on back of all entries.
3. Artwork may be in any medium, including photography.
4. Winners will be selected in the following categories: age 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-19.
5. Submit original artwork by mail or in person by June 30 to the Wexford County 4-H Office, 401 N. Lake Street, Ste 400 Cadillac, MI 49601.

Questions? Contact Laura Quist at quistla1@msu.edu

Please join MDARD Veterinarian Dr. Jerold Goodrich in a pre-fair season webinar: Animal Health at Fairs --Keeping animals and people healthy on **Monday, June 17 at noon**. During this webinar, the following topics will be covered:

- 1) Exhibition requirements for various species,
- 2) Animal health checks before animals are allowed to enter into the barn AND best practices to monitor animal health throughout the duration of the event/fair,
- 3) Disease concern outlook for summer, and
- 4) Reinforce using good biosecurity practices (during health checks, throughout the event).

All 4-H Program Coordinators, Fair Managers, Fair Board Members and livestock superintendents are welcome to attend. Please share broadly to any of those audiences.

To join the webinar visit <https://msu.zoom.us/j/543076470>. Note: no software downloads are needed to view this webinar. **The webinar will be recorded and made available for later viewing.**

If interested in having the recording link sent to you by email, contact Jessica Ackerson
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**There's
still time
to sign
up!**



2019 4-H Exhibitor Education Series

HOSTED BY MISSAUKEE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM
FOR 2019 MISSAUKEE AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SHOW



To sell market animals at Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, exhibitors must earn 2 hours of education credits.

Club members of 4-H/FFA clubs are exempt, but welcome to attend. Classes are free and open to all youth. Pre-registration required one week before program begins to provide headcount for supplies; classes may be cancelled due to low registration.

Contact Missaukee MSUE 4-H Office at 231-839-4667 or <https://www.canr.msu.edu/missaukee/4-h/exhibitor-education-series>

June 6: Veterinary Science (6:00 pm-8:00 pm) Learn firsthand about animal anatomy and care from local veterinarian, Dr. Auburn Moyer, who will guide us through a dissection activity. Her knowledge and passion is contagious! Understanding how an animal's body works helps us provide better care for them. We'll also hear about several 4-H weekend workshops and summer camps to study veterinary medicine, one that offers 8-10th graders a \$2,000 scholarship!

July 9: 4-H Incubation Station, Part 1 (1 pm –3 pm) offers fair visitors a chance to learn about chicken life cycle and development. Start fertilized eggs in an incubator and follow their development all the way through hatching at fair. Sign-up to serve as “caregiver of the day” through the 21-day incubation process. Learn about incubator operation and dissect a non-fertilized egg. Only those who attend this session will be able to serve as volunteers to run the Incubation Station during the fair.

July 10: Everyone Loves Flowers: Floral Design & Floriculture (3-5pm) If you enjoy making bouquets or entering the floriculture events, you won't want to miss this! In this workshop we will learn the basics

of floral design, design principles and make a floral arrangement or two. Bring some flowers of your own, or use cuttings from our own garden.

July 11: Animals and the Public (6 pm—8 pm) How do we properly address concerns from the public regarding farming? Join us for an honest discussion about animal welfare, how it differs from animal rights, and how to handle questions from the public at the fair.

July 18: 4-H Incubation Station, Part 2: (6pm—8pm) A repeat of the first session, but candling eggs is offered instead of an egg dissection. Sign-up to serve as “caregiver of the day” through the 21-day incubation process to make the Incubation Station possible at the fair.

ANYTIME: ONLINE TRAINING - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Available at <http://yqca.org/> Available as an online program for youth. This option is available as an online, fee-based class, not associated with the 4-H program. Take proof of participation in this class to the fair. The 4-H office cannot provide any technical support for this program. YQCA in-person workshops will be available later this year from the 4-H office.

Program locations available at pre-registration page.



4-H Summer Camp Counselors Needed!



Are you interested in serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor on August 8-9, 2019? If so, submit an application and attend the orientation training!

Who: Teens 15-19 (as of 1/1/19)

Orientation Training: Monday, June 24, 2019

Where & When: TBA

Please complete an application prior to May 15, 2019 at
<http://bit.ly/4HCounselor>

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

*New Date & Location,
Same Summertime Fun!*

North Central 4-H Summer Camp

August 8-9, 2019

Youth ages 8-12 as of 1/1/19

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

\$100.00 4-H Members

\$120.00 New Members

Registration opens May 15th!

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Geocaching Club

(A 4-H SPIN Club)

DATE & TIME:

July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
@ 6pm

LOCATION:

Diggins Hill Tennis
Courts (Next to the
Cadillac Water Tower)

COST:

FREE to members or
\$20 Membership fee

SOCIAL MEDIA

Look on Wexford
Facebook page for more
clubs! [https://
www.facebook.com/
Wexford4H/](https://www.facebook.com/Wexford4H/)



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Recommended ages of 8-18 years old. You do not have to be an existing 4-H member to attend, we can get you signed up!

DESCRIPTION:

You will be on the hunt for prizes hidden in nature. With the help of a GPS you will be able to learn how to use one and find the prizes around you!

HOW TO REGISTER:

Step 1) Register at mi.4honline.com prior to July 1st.

Step 2) Pay \$20 annual 4-H participation Fee if not already paid OR fill out the 4-H Participation Fee Scholarship Request form. No youth will be turned away due to inability to pay. Fees can be paid by cash, check or credit card in person at 401 N Lake St #400, Cadillac.

CONTACT:

Molly Mackey– 231-779-9480 or mackeymo@msu.edu





Fly-tying and Casting Club! (A 4-H Spin Club)

DATE & TIME:

**July 9th, 16th, & 23rd
4-6pm**

LOCATION:

**Missaukee MSU
Extension Office
6180 W Sanborn Rd
Lake City, MI**

COST:

**\$20 4-H Online
Participation fee
(if you're already in a
club, it's no cost)**

SOCIAL MEDIA

**Look on Missaukee 4-H
Facebook for more
clubs!**



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Recommended ages of 10-18. You do not have to be an existing 4-H member to attend, we can get you signed up!

DESCRIPTION:

We are excited to have a Missaukee Conservation District educator teaching about why trout are important to our streams ecosystems. Followed by Mackinaw Trail Fly Fishers coming in to teach you how to tie fly fishing tie and flowing into how to cast with a fly fishing rod.

HOW TO REGISTER

You can register for the club by going onto 4-H online and selecting "SPIN Club: Fly Fishing. Pre-registration is required. Register by July 1st!

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**Teens can
improve their
chances of employment
this summer by
completing a tractor
safety training course!**

Successful completion of a tractor operation safety course is required for all youth under the age of 16 who perform farm jobs classified as hazardous, under the U.S. Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupation Order.

To become certified, participants must attend all five course sessions, pass a written test and a tractor driving test.

4-H TRACTOR SAFETY PROGRAM

For 14 and 15 Year Old Youth

Who: MSU Extension will host this training for 14 & 15 Year Old Youth. Youth must be age 14 by June 1st, 2019.

Space is limited! (16–19 Year olds are encouraged to participate, but priority is given to 14-15 year olds). Class curriculum follows the *National Safe Tractor and Operational Machinery Program*.

Where: Cherry Home Orchard, 7271 N. West Bay Shore Drive, Northport

When: Monday June 17th through Thursday June 20th, 6-8:30 p.m. A written and driving test will be given on Saturday, June 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$90 per person– includes: \$20 4-H participation fee, classes, manual, certificate and lunch on test day. Some scholarships are available if finances are an issue.

*The registration deadline is June 7, 2019.
Contact the Leelanau MSU Extension office with any
questions—231.256.9888 or collierr@msu.edu.*

4-H Tractor Safety Registration is a TWO step process...

1. Register and pay online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TractorSafety19/>
2. Become a 4-H member and create a profile online at: <https://mi.4honline.com>