



Wexford County

4-H Family News

December 2019

Happy Holidays

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season makes life crazy for most families, multiple families from Wexford County 4-H Clubs chose to give back to the community at Project Christmas. The event is a combined effort of multiple organizations and provides gifts and necessities to local families who need a little extra help this time of year.

Fifteen individuals representing the Wild Ones, Teen, and 4-H Grands Clubs and Council lent a helping hand at the event by serving as human shopping carts. Photos from the event are on page 5 of this newsletter.

We want to thank everyone who represented 4-H at this event and helps promote 4-H all year. We are already looking forward to a great 2020 with all of you.

Sincerely,

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JOIN US FOR FUN AND GAMES WITH YOUR 4-H FRIENDS!

4-H GAME DAY

Youth ages 8-19 are invited to join us for 4-H Game Day!

Thursday, December 26
Wexford MSUE office
12:30-3:30pm

Bring your favorite board game or play ours. Enjoy some time with your 4-H family! Popcorn and beverages provided. Questions? Call Laura at 231-779-9480. No RSVP needed - just bring a friend and drop-in! Free event for 4-H members and a friend.



Happy Birthday

Caleb L.

Claire D.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Soon: Horseless Horse Club



Whether your youth has a horse or not, 4-H has a horse club for them. A new Horseless Horse Club is now being organized in Wexford County.

For more information, contact the Wexford County MSU Extension office at 231-779-9480 or email quistla1@msu.edu.

4-H Council Meeting



Tuesday, January 7 @ 5:30 p.m. at the Wexford County MSU Extension Conference Room

Meeting open to all! Youth members are strongly encouraged to participate and take a leadership role in the direction of local 4-H programming.

December TBD: 4-H Grands Club Meeting

Local TBD

Meeting to include a poured-paint craft and pizza! Contact the Wexford MSU Extension office for more information.

December 14: Manton Cooking/Baking Club

Manton High School Home Ec Room

Regularly meets from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. weekly.

December 14: Model Railroad Display

Toy Town of Cadillac

10 a.m.-5 p.m. View the display the members of the club have been working hard to create.

December 17: Sewing Club Meeting

Wexford County MSU Extension Conference Room

Meets from 4 to 6p.m. weekly.

December 20: Manton Cooking/Baking Club

Manton High School Home Ec Room

Special meeting time: 12:05 to 3:15 pm. Regularly meets from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. weekly.

December 26: 4-H Game Day

Wexford County MSU Extension Conference Room

Youth ages 8-19 are invited to come play board games with other area youth.

January 7: Model Railroad Club Meeting

Toy Town of Cadillac

Workshop at 3. Meeting from 4-5 pm the first Tuesday of the month.

January 15: Teen Club Meeting

Wexford County MSU Extension Conference Room

Meets every other Wednesday.

January 23: Wild Ones Club Meeting

Wexford County MSU Extension Conference Room

Meets every other Thursday

January TBD: Wild Ones Field Trip

Group will search for trumpeter swans or snowy owls.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich

learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition>. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu.

What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition> or contact Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu.

**Support
Michigan 4-H
with holiday
shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays by supporting 4-H while making your 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 favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and 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.

4-H Dog Patch Program



The Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H dog project area.

The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area. There are numerous patches available to reflect the varying disciplines in which youth can participate. In 2019, three new patches have been added; the Rally Intermediate, Rally Master and Beginning Novice.

For more information about the Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program or to order patches, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_dog_patch_program.

December 12: Start Your Own Insect Collection

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

This class will introduce collecting and preserving insects. All participants receive an insect collection box, set of pins, and leave the class with 10-20 pinned insects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/starting-your-own-insect-collection>

December 14: Treat Yourself Workshop

Berrien County MSU Extension Office, Benton Harbor

A countywide project where youth will learn about chocolate and spa projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/berrien-county-4-h-treat-yourself-workshop>

December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Dec. 15 Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-19>

December 30: 4-H Spa-Delicious Countywide Project

Van Buren County MSU Extension Office, Paw Paw

Learn how to make homemade body products in this fun and educational class. Each participant takes home their own bath fizzies, sugar scrub, lip balm and air freshener!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spa-delicious-countywide-project>

Save the Date

February 1: Michigan 4-H Winterfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

A crowd favorite every year, this statewide event is for youth ages 8-12. A special emphasis is placed on providing sessions that offer hands-on learning.

Win a 4-H Hammock! It's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Visit the Model Railroad Club's holiday display at Horizon Books of Cadillac.
2. Pay attention to the details. What color shirt is the man heading to the outhouse wearing?
3. Call the MSU Extension office at 231-779-9480 to enter to win.



PROJECT CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

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Thank you 4-H
members,
parents and
leaders that
helped lend a
hand during the
Wexford-
Missaukee
Project
Christmas event
on December 7.



4 - H REGIONAL ARCHERY TRAINING



Interested in becoming a 4-H Archery Instructor? This training is for you!

LOCATION:
Northland Sportsman's
Club
1592 Old Alba Rd
Gaylord, MI 49735

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TARGET AUDIENCE: Open to all 4-H teen leaders 14 years old and older and all 4-H adults volunteers who have completed the Volunteer Selection Process prior to registration.

DATE: Saturday, January 18th & Sunday, January 19th
8am to 5:30pm each day

COST: The cost to attend the two day training is \$40 per person. There may be scholarships to offset the cost of the program. Meals and snacks will be provided. Please call your county office for more information. There will be a \$20 cancellation fee.

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? All 4-H Shooting Sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Instructors must become certified in the specific discipline(s) they wish to lead. These disciplines include archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, hunting and wildlife and pistol. This Regional Training is for Archery only. The training includes skill development, safety, risk management and appropriate ways to share this content with youth. To maintain Instructor status, re-certification is required every 3 years.

Please register with MSU Events Management at
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/NMIArchery2020/>
The registration deadline is January 4, 2020



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