



Wexford

4-H Family News

NOVEMBER 2019

Celebrating 2018-19 & Planning for 2019-20

A couple of Saturdays ago many of you celebrated the past 4-H year with us at the YMCA. We hope you had fun and all learned more about your fellow 4-H members and programs available to us this year. We enjoyed the event and time with you celebrating your accomplishments.

We are now busy planning for the 2019-20 4-H year. Existing clubs are meeting and working on new projects. Three new clubs are currently forming. Wild Ones and Teen Club are both already meeting in Cadillac. A cooking and baking club in Manton should start meeting before the holidays.

One of the new clubs, the Teen Club, is especially exciting for us because it was formed by teens. Yes, teens can start a club. Several teens that were inspired to action, at least in part by attending the Youth Spectacular at the Kettunen Center, wanted to form a club to make a difference in their community and are doing just that.

Sincerely,

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Happy Birthday

Clarissa F.

Elliott H.

Now Hiring!

Help teach 4-H youth members in Wexford and Missaukee Counties in SPIN clubs focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math programming by serving in a 4-H AmeriCorps STEAMCorps position.

Members will receive a living stipend, food assistance, healthcare and deferment for qualified student loans. Interested candidates should contact Brandie Sigler at siglerbr@msu.edu or stop into either the Wexford or Missaukee MSU Extension offices.



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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Register now
for the 2020
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

November 13: SPIN Club: Manton Babysitting
Manton Middle School, Google Room

November 14: 4-H Grands Club Meeting
Private Residence, Cadillac

November 19: 4-H Sewing Club Meeting
Wexford County MSU Extension Office conference room

November 21: Wild Ones Club Meeting
Wexford County MSU Extension Office conference room

November 26: 4-H Sewing Club Meeting
Wexford County MSU Extension Office conference room

November 27: Teen Club Meeting
Wexford County MSU Extension Office conference room

December 3: Model Railroad Club Meeting
Toy Town, 122 S Lake Mitchell St, Cadillac

December 3: 4-H Sewing Club Meeting
Wexford County MSU Extension Office conference room

December 3: Manton 4-H Cooking/Baking Club Meeting
Manton High School, Manton

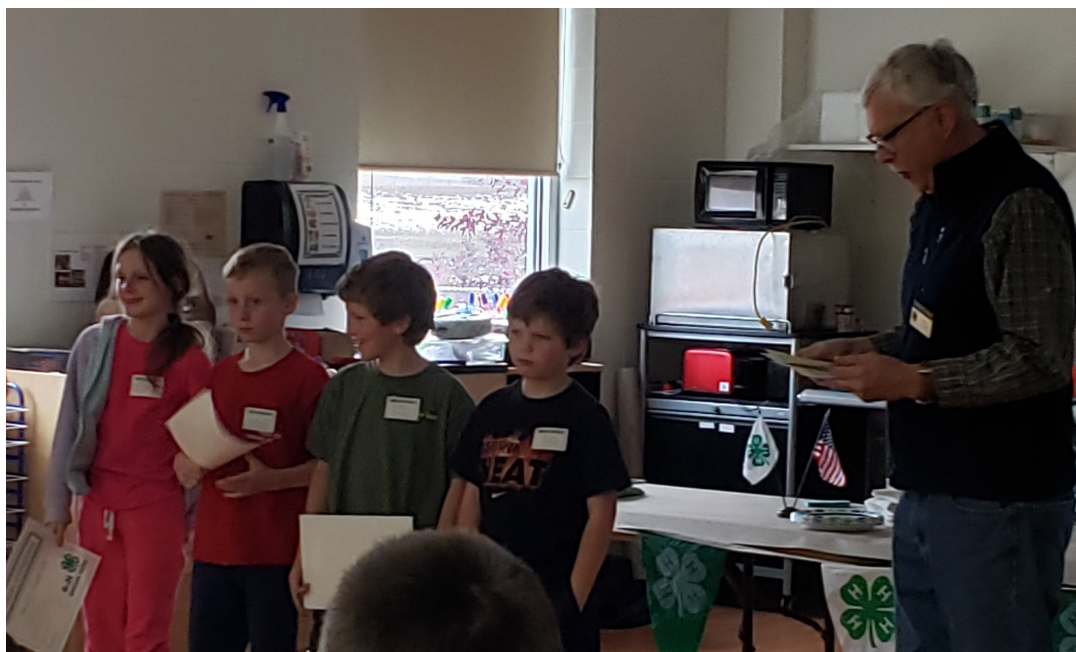
December 5: Wild Ones Club Meeting
Wexford County MSU Extension Office conference room

December 7: Breakfast with Santa
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Reservations are REQUIRED. Call 231-829-3421 starting Dec. 2 at 8 a.m.

View more information about these and other local 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wexford/wexford-county-4-h/upcoming-events>

Leaders Council Elects Youth Vice President

On Tuesday, November 5, the Wexford County 4-H Leaders Council met for its monthly meeting. As planned, elections were held for its board. Jill Benson will remain acting president. Janet Dunlap was elected secretary. Tabitha Fessler, age 14, was elected vice president.



Model Railroad Club leader Mike Moss presented awards to all of the club's youth participants who attended the annual member celebration November 2 at the Cadillac Area YMCA.



"I think it is important for youth to be represented on the board," said Fessler. "It is a great learning experience for me personally."

Tabby enjoys event planning and shared ideas to promote 4-H clubs in local schools. She's also gearing up to help create community service opportunities for 4-H members.



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4-H Events and Workshops

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 5: Family Holiday Open house

Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing

This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-openhouse>

Save the Date!

January 18-19: Regional 4-H Archery Instructor Certification

Gaylord

https://www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/leader-training-tools

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15: 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's Leadership Institute to energize women leaders

Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute](#) (WLI). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.



A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14–19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (CANR) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

After the keynote presentations, the youth interacted with the speakers, CANR and MSU Extension staff and each other to share their leadership stories. Following the reception, youth attended a WLI panel discussion at the Wharton Center, which featured world leaders Carolyn Woo, Tiffany L. Jones and Anne Whelan. Youth also participated in a pre-session in advance of the reception that discussed the themes of the evening and how to share their own leadership stories.

"The WLI was an awesome opportunity that challenged everyone, regardless of their stage in life, to be a better leader and develop their leadership skills," said Grace Schmidt, a 4-H'er from Livingston County. "I left the WLI feeling inspired to embrace authenticity in my own leadership," said another 4-H'er, Addy Battel of Huron County. "That experience is having lasting effects on my personal life."

Plans are already underway for another youth-focused event to be held in collaboration with the 2020 WLI.

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using [#GiveGreenDay](#) on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.