

*Wexford County*

4-H Family News

OCTOBER 2019

Welcome Fall

Fall is a beautiful time in Wexford County, and hopefully you and your family will take some time to enjoy what mother nature has to offer. In addition, Wexford County 4-H has lots to offer. We are putting the finishing touches on a "menu" of program offerings that will be sent to each of the schools in the county. This will allow our programming to reach as many youth in the county as possible, and hopefully spark attentional interest in the great club offerings so many of you are aware of.

Speaking of club offerings, the sewing club will be meeting for the first time this year on Tuesday, October 15 at 4 pm in the conference room at the MSU Extension office in Cadillac. Anyone interested in learning more about the club is welcome to attend.

A new SPIN club will be offered beginning in November for any youth interested in cooking and/or baking. The club will be held in Manton but the specific location has not yet been determined. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to reach out for more information as details are finalized.

Sincerely,

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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 for 11 months as 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.



Happy Birthday

Alissa T.

Clarabelle L.

Ella B.

Jeremiah Q.,

Lauren W.



**4-H
scholarships
available**



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 \$2,500. 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.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

Frugthaven Farm, Greenville

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

October 19: Teen "Chopped" Competition

Harrison City Market, Harrison

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-1>

For more 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

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MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
now accepting applications

Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#). In 2015, the [Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#) was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

[Applications](#) are now available for the [2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#). 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.



From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly Squat Resources



The "[Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series](#)" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching_science_when_you_dont_know_diddly_squat_series.

Club Spotlight:
The Grands 4-H
Club



Leaders: Erma and Holly

Meetings: Second
 Thursday of the month in
 Cadillac.

Topics: A variety of
 animals and their care.
 Also, rabbit agility.



Local Clubs and Camps

October 7 @ 6:30 p.m. Teen Club Interest Meeting

Wexford County MSU Extension Office, Cadillac

Teens interested in forming a group to focus on leadership, community service, travel and social activities are welcome to attend. RSVP required with Laura at 231-779-9480.

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October 10@ 6:30 p.m. 4-H Grands Club Meeting

Cadillac

Discuss priorities and ideas for the upcoming club year.

October 13 @ 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Wild Ones Club

Wexford MSU Extension Office

Join us for the first meeting of the new year! Bring colorful leaves (pressed and dried) for a leaf collection and an art project. We'll also brainstorm club direction for the year and leadership roles for members. RSVP to 231-779-9480.

October 14@ 6p.m. Annual Leader Update: Getting youth involved in leadership roles

Evergreen Baptist Church, Cadillac

Enjoy time networking with fellow leaders from Wexford and Missaukee Counties while hearing about updates to policies. Guest speaker Sara Keinath will present opportunities and strategies to get youth involved in leadership roles within clubs and committees.

October 15:@ 4p.m. 4-H Sewing Club Meeting

Wexford MSU Extension Office, Cadillac

First meeting of the year. Discuss projects and ideas for the club year.

October 26: Save the Date! Member Celebration!

It's a PARTY! October 26! Details coming soon!