

*Wexford County*

# 4-H Family News

**August 2019**

## 2019 Fair in the Past. Looking to the Future

For those of you that participate in fair, congratulations on an a successful 2019 Northern District Fair. It was great getting to know the kids showing animals just a little better and sharing in some exciting moments.

September means a new year for the 4-H community. We are always looking for ways to improve our existing clubs and add new. We also want you to grow and improve every year.

We encourage each of you to take a step outside of your comfort zone and try something new. If you were involved in animal clubs last year, why not give either the model railroad or sewing club a try? If you were only involved in a SPIN club last year, try getting involved in a year round club.

A new programming year means it is time to re-enroll in [mi.4honline.com](http://mi.4honline.com) and pay membership dues. Dues can be paid by check through the mail or by check, cash or credit card in our office. We will try to attend the first couple of meetings of each club so we can collect dues and hand out scholarship request forms there as well.

Sincerely,

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Wexford County 4-H Program Coordinators

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## Happy Birthday

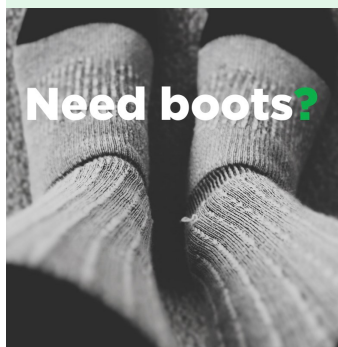
Erica C.  
Genesis W.  
Isabelle T.  
Terry U.  
Coral B.  
Hope H.  
Joshua G.

## Scholarships for Participation Fees

Did you join 4-H to participate in a summer SPIN club? Re-enroll before October 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 program year and the Wexford 4-H Advisory Council will pay your 2019-20 participation fee.

No youth will be turned away due to inability to pay. Scholarships are available to any youth who requests. Email [siglerbr@msu.edu](mailto:siglerbr@msu.edu) or [quistla@msu.edu](mailto:quistla@msu.edu) for a copy of the scholarship request form.

**Georgia Boots  
partners to  
support 4-H**



Georgia Boot is offering members of the 4-H community a 50% discount on any boots on their website (except clearance items) through Sept. 30.

Georgia Boot will also give part of all 4-H boot sales back to 4-H by donating 5% to the National 4-H Council. To get your discount code, go to [www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/](http://www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/) and register.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings**

*4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing*

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

**September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-leadership-global-citizenship-spectacular>

**September 24: Building Youth Leaders: 4-H Youth Leadership Program**

*Molecular Plant Sciences Building Atrium, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing*

Youth ages 14-19 are invited to apply to a part of this pre-event and full MSU Women's Leadership Institute.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-leadership-reception>

**October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting**

*Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing*

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

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

## Culver's Benefit Night for the 4-H Grands Club and Rabbit Agility

Monday, September 30. 4:45-8 p.m.

Culver's of Cadillac. 8645 E 34 Rd., Cadillac MI 49601

A percent of all purchases will be donated back to the 4-H Grands Club to purchase new rabbit agility items. Donations welcome and encouraged!



## Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUTH leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

## Michigan 4-H represented by two youth at 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Michigan 4-H was represented by two youth in the [4-H Shooting Sports National Championships](#) held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 23 through June 28.

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship is open to youth across the country to compete and present their skills in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and hunting.

"We're really proud of our two 4-H'ers who attended this national event," said Laura Quist, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator with MSU Extension. "Competing at the national level takes a lot of commitment, time and effort."

Preparation for youth to attend the national championships begins months in advance of the competition. The youth selected to participate put in considerable practice time in their chosen events in order to compete at their best.

The Michigan 4-H youth that attended and competed are:

- Joe Balkema, a 15 year-old Kalamazoo County 4-H'er, who received a gold medal in 3-D archery and third place overall in compound archery.
- Jackson Sokel, a 16 year-old Monroe County 4-H'er, who competed in shotgun.

"Congratulations again to these two youth on a great contest," continued Quist. "We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents of these 4-H'ers who helped to make their success possible."

Applications for youth wishing to attend the event in 2020 are due to Quist by September 22. For information about the competition or [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) in general, contact Quist at [quistl1@msu.edu](mailto:quistl1@msu.edu).

## Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit [www.4-h.org/youthinaction](http://www.4-h.org/youthinaction) to learn more or email any questions to [YouthInAction@4-h.org](mailto:YouthInAction@4-h.org).



## Save the Date



### 2019 LEADER UPDATE Helping youth assume leadership roles

- ⇒ Free Food
- ⇒ Useful information
- ⇒ Questions Answered

Monday, October 14,  
2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location:  
Evergreen Baptist Church  
11011 E M-55  
Cadillac, MI 49601

Guest Speaker: Sara  
Keinath

## Clubs and Meetings

Thursday, September 12: 6:30 p.m. Wexford Grands Meeting

*Wexford County MSU Extension office, Cadillac*

Poultry, rabbits, goats, and any other animals you might be interested in learn about and showing at fair.

Saturday, September 21: 10 a.m. Winter Rabbit Care

*Family Farm & Home, 2025 N Mitchell St, Cadillac*

Join Wexford 4-H Grands club leader, Erma Giem, and Missaukee County team leader, Gracie Bisballe, at this free seminar to learn how to prepare your rabbit, its habitat, and its food and water for the coming winter months.

Saturday, September 28: 11 a.m. Festival of the Pines Youth Archery Tournament

*Maple Grove Park, Lake City*

This open, informal competition seeks to promote youth archery interest in the community. Proceeds will be donated to Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Club. Contact Dale Mosher at 231-839-5574 for additional information.

## 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. 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](mailto:siglerbr@msu.edu) or stop into either the Wexford or Missaukee MSU Extension offices.

## New Program Year. Time to Re-Enroll.

### It's as Easy as 1-2-3.

Both youth members and adult volunteers need to re-enroll at [mi.4Honline.com](http://mi.4Honline.com) for the 2019-20 4-H year.

- 1 Log in with the credentials created when first registered. Please do not create a new account.
- 2 Review information for each member or volunteer, including club enrollment, and then click "Re-Enroll."
- 3 Pay participation fees for youth members by mail or in person at the MSU Extension Office at 401 N Lake St., Cadillac, MI.

If you need assistance accessing your account or re-enrolling, please call 231-779-9480.

### Club Spotlight: Model Railroad Club



Leader: Mike  
Team Leader: Adam

Meetings: First Thursday  
of the month @ 4 p.m. at  
Toy Town in Cadillac.

Workshops: typically  
before club meetings.

## You're Invited! Winter Rabbit Care Seminar

Join Wexford 4-H Grands club leader, Erma Gien, and Missaukee County teen leader, Gracie Bisballe, at this free seminar to learn how to prepare your rabbit, its habitat, and its food and water for the coming winter months.

When: Saturday, September 21 @ 10 a.m.

Where: Cadillac Family Farm and Home Store. 2025 N Mitchell St. Cadillac.



### Club Spotlight: Sewing Club



Leader: Roxanne

Meetings: Tuesdays. 4-6  
p.m. Beginning October  
15 at the Wexford County  
MSU Extension Office.



## Scholarship Opportunity!!!

Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitors is currently accepting applications for 6 scholarships of \$1,000.

### Requirements:

- ⇒ Must be a high school senior or currently enrolled in an institution of advanced learning.
- ⇒ Must be involved in a MAFE member fair or festival for the prior 3 years in some way.
- ⇒ Deadline: October 1!

Email [siglerbr@msu.edu](mailto:siglerbr@msu.edu) or call 231-779-9480 for more information or a copy of the application.