Happy New Year 2017!

As most of you know the 4-H year started anew on September 1st and we have been busy planning and organizing for another great 4-H year in Wexford County. In an attempt to keep us all connected we will be publishing a quarterly email newsletter. This newsletter will also be available around town, online and at our office.

I want to make sure that all of our members know that once you have paid your participation fee for the year, you can join in on other clubs with no extra fee. So, be sure to stay connected and watch for other fun things throughout the year. You can also follow us on Facebook at Wexford County 4-H.

I’m very happy to report that we have received a donation from the Senior Center of 5 additional sewing machines. Our Sewing club started in November as a short term club but they have decided to become a project club and continue meeting throughout the year. Contact the office if you are interested in joining in on the sewing projects. You can even show them off at the Northern District Fair!

As always, if you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to contact Jessica, our office manager or myself. We are happy to have you as members of our fantastic Wexford County 4-H Family and we are here to help.

Sincerely,

Carol Blake
4-H Program Coordinator

Volunteers Needed

**Cloverbud Leaders:** We are looking for adults to help lead Hands-on activities in a variety of topics for youth ages 5-8.

**Cooking Club Leaders:** Searching for an adult leader to cover cooking skills with youth ages 9 and up.

**Resources available for new clubs**

Coming Soon!!

Mesick Babysitting Club

Happy Birthday to our Future Leaders!!

January
Chloe F.,
Tabitha F.

February
Barry A.

March
Elyse M.,
Shannon
### January
- 10: 4-H Council 6 pm
- 11: Livestock Council 7 pm
- 12: Fair Board 7 pm

### February
- 14: 4-H Council 6 pm
- 15: Livestock Council 7 pm
- 16: Fair Board 7 pm

### March
- 14: 4-H Council 6 pm
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### 4-H Council Meetings and Livestock Committee

## Current Clubs

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## 4-H Workshops & Events 2017

### January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=548EEEDFD1D97E0](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=548EEEDFD1D97E0)
MSU Pavilion, Lansing
This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and must own the rabbits or cavies (guinea pigs) they enter.

### January 28-29: Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular)
Kettunen Center, Tustin
The workshop features 21 incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills and career exploration and workforce preparation.

### February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2)
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Youth who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend two days learning about many different project areas while meeting youth from around the state.

### February 7: Cooking Matters for Families
Wexford MSU Extension Office
Cooking Matters for Families is a nutrition program where participants will learn how to eat healthy, cook and grocery shop on a limited budget.

### February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop)
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species.

### February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects.

### March 11-12: Challenge U 4-H Funfest
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest)
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Youth and adults who attend Challenge U 4-H Fun Fest will spend 2 days learning about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

### March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience)
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos
4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

### March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest)
MSU Pavilion, Lansing
**NEW IN 2017** This event will be held separately from the MI 4-H Equine Educational Contests. The Hippology Horse Bowl contests will be held in April.