



# WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

November 17, 2023

Join 4-H

Volunteer with 4-H

Happy  
Thanksgiving

We are so grateful you're here!



## Updated Club Meeting Schedules

### **Livestock Clubs: Wexford Whatevers + The Grands (meeting together)**

Now through Spring - meeting the 2nd Monday of each month, 5-7 pm. Typically in Cadillac, Locations may vary. Meetings will increase to twice a month as it warms up.

- You do not need to have an animal to attend. We can help you find the right project.
- You do not need to own property to participate, we have families willing to host animals with appropriate commitments.
- You do not have to sell your animal; pets come in all shapes and sizes.

Next Meeting: December 11

### **Nature and Outdoor Recreation: Wild Ones**

Meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:30 at the Carl T Johnson Center in Cadillac West.

Next Meeting: December 13

## Volunteer Webinar Series: Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Join Michigan 4-H on November 21st at 12pm or 7pm for a free webinar on Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences!

4-H leaders will learn ways will learn strategies to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences.

This series will continue in 2024 including "Teaching Science when you don't know Diddley-Squat" and "Animal Science Education". Find previous webinar recordings and register below.



Registration and Recordings

## Wexford County Plat Books

**WEXFORD COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL PRESENTS:**

# 2023 PLAT BOOK

**ONLY \$30!**

**AVAILABLE NOW AT**

**Wexford County  
MSU Extension Office**  
9600 E 13th St, Cadillac  
Inside Baker College  
or  
**Northwoods Feed  
Horizon Books - Cadillac**

A photograph of the 2023 Plat Book cover. The cover features the title "2023 Plat Book" at the top, followed by "Wexford County MICHIGAN" in a stylized font. Below the title are several small photos showing people engaged in various outdoor activities. At the bottom of the cover, it says "mappingoutdoors" and "4-H GROWS HERE".

Plat book sales directly support 4-H programming in Wexford County. Thank you for your support!

The Wexford County 4-H logo, which is a circular emblem with "WEXFORD COUNTY" around the top and "4-H GROWS HERE" around the bottom. In the center are the letters "4-H" with a clover leaf design.

Our Wexford County Plat Books serve as our Leaders' Council's main source of income and fund clubs, family activities, and scholarships for youth and volunteers. These are available at our MSU Extension Office, Horizon Books, and Northwoods Feed for \$30. They make great gifts for all of you outdoors-people in your life and even your real estate agents!

We are looking for additional locations across the county to sell these books. Please contact Kate if you would like to discuss a resale opportunity.  
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Plat Books

## 2024 Host Family Applications Open!



**What:** 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

**Increase:** Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

**When:** Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21 to August 16

**How:** A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

**Applications to host:** found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

**Questions:** contact Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or Co-Coordinator John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

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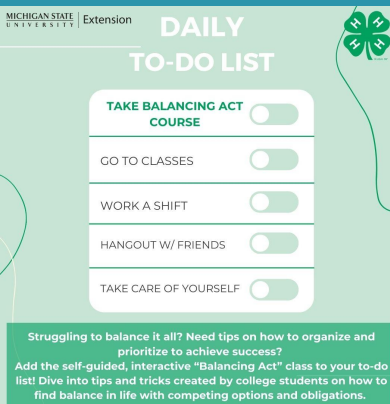
## Teen Topics

### Announcing the Wexford 4-H Teen Committee

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council! This committee will focus on developing leadership

skills and youth-adult partnerships to expand the youth voice in our decision making for the county program. Any teen interested in participating should email Kate (kingka26@msu.edu) (Yes, the teen should be doing the contacting!). We are hoping to have the first meeting before Christmas.

Email Kate to  
Join



## 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 \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify. All applications are due by November 1.

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## Balancing Act - Self-Guided

Teens can have a lot going on including work, school, a social life, family, extracurricular activities, and self-care. This interactive, self-paced, online class will share information on how to find balance in life with competing options and obligations. Learn about ways to stay organized and manage your time, the importance of building a supportive social network, options for working as a student, avoiding burnout, and getting academic support and enrichment to round out your education. Add this course to your To-Do list and complete at your own pace.

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## Video Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 sec.) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, "Why You Should Join 4-H!" Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others! This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024. If you're interested, our friends at CTC are willing to mentor with video and editing! Contact Kate.

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### CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

*What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?*

Open to ages 9-19  
Essays due Feb 29, 2024

### States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most visitors rarely get to see.

### Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE · RESEARCH · CAREERS · CONSERVATION

CASTING FOR A CAREER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION  
WITH JAMIE VAUGHAN  
GREAT LAKES ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TROUT UNLIMITED

December 12 | 6:30 PM EST  
Registration required:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

## Exchange Program

## Cash Composition Contest

Money, money, money! The 2024 4-H Cash Composition Contest is now open! Youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024), have a chance to win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship by Extra Credit Union. To enter, write a 300 word (or less) essay on budgeting and submit your essay by **February 29, 2024**. Three youth from each age bracket will win!

Do you need resources to help you? Reach out to Kate for a list.

[Learn More](#)

## Outbound Application Due December 8

From Costa Rica to Japan, Norway to Argentina, and Taiwan to South Korea, where will Michigan 4-H take you?!

This is an opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience to live with host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. We are also looking for host families for incoming students.

[Learn More](#)

## Wild Spartans: Coldwater Conservation

Dec 12 | 6:30 pm  
*Online*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a dive into the Great Lakes and rivers to explore their cold-water residents. Join us on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 6:30pm EST for "" You will meet the Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, Jamie Vaughan, learn about her field work, and the education and career path she followed to get there.

**Pre-Registration Required**

## County Calendar

**NOV 23**

**NO MEETING - Sewing Club**

4:30 - 5:30 pm | Cadillac: MSU Extension in Baker College

Sewing Club returns weekly Nov 2 - December 15. Ages 9+

will learn to use a sewing machine and complete small projects.

#### 4-H Office Closed

NOV 17-26

Kate will be out of the office for the holiday. The office will reopen November 27th.

#### Leaders Council Meeting

NOV 28

5:30-7:30 pm | Fair Board Office

All 4-H volunteers & leaders are encouraged to attend to help make decisions to direct the county program.

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#### Livestock Clubs Meet & Greet

DEC 11

5-7 pm | Cadillac: Location TBD

The Wexford Whatevers and The Grands 4-H Clubs will be meeting together this year! Please join us for a Meet & Greet meeting with a fun winter craft and activities.

#### Wild Ones Returns!

DEC 13

5:30-6:30 pm | Cadillac: Carl T Johnson DNR Center

Wild Ones gives youth opportunities for nature and recreation exploration. Appropriate for all 4-H ages, 5-19.

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## State Calendar

NOV 10

### 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute



The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! Participants in this exciting, energetic, interactive Institute will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, community engagement, and

global citizenship.

Two Wexford County Teens are attending with a Leadership Development Scholarship thanks to our national Tractor Supply Fundraisers.

NOV 21

### Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences



4-H leaders will learn strategies to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences.

November 21, 2023 12:00PM-1:00PM

November 21, 2023 7:00PM-8:00PM

[Register](#)

[Click Here for Full List of Statewide Events](#)

# VOLUNTEER WITH WEXFORD 4-H

Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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## Help Wanted: Shooting Sports Instructors

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club. We are looking for volunteers to attend training this spring to become instructors. Archery is in high demand, as well as the other disciplines.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate: [Kingka26@msu.edu](mailto:Kingka26@msu.edu) | 231-779-9480

Apply to Volunteer

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