



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

APRIL 5, 2024

JOIN 4-H

VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

Week at a Glance:

Sat 4/06	Sun 4/07	Mon 4/08	Tue 4/09	Wed 4/10	Thu 4/11	Fri 4/12	Sat 4/13
Johnston Elevator Youth Stock Show Workshop, Clare, Free.		Livestock/ Animal Club meeting, Cadillac, 5-7 pm	Sewing Club meeting, Cadillac, 4:30-5:30 pm	Wild Ones Club meeting, Cadillac, 5:30-6:30 pm			Bluebird Nestbox Building Cadillac, Noon

2024 JOHNSTON ELEVATOR YOUTH STOCK SHOW WORKSHOP

APRIL 6TH AT "THE VENUE" IN DOWNTOWN CLARE, MI
SESSIONS RUN FROM 10AM TO 2PM

APRIL 6 | FREE | CLARE

FEATURED SPEAKERS

SHANNA SMITH HOGS (10AM - 11AM)

Shanna Smith has spent most of her life in and out of the show ring in some capacity. Whether it be exhibiting, judging, or serving as Gratiot County's Swine Superintendent, Shanna is passionate about teaching youth the importance of the livestock industry.



KENDRA VAN ORDER BEEF & DAIRY (11AM - 12PM)

Kendra Van Order is the 4-H Dairy Science Extension Educator for Michigan State University Extension. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Animal Science. Kendra spends much of her free time attending livestock shows across the state and country.



JENNA POHL DAVIS LAMBS (12PM - 1PM)

Jenna is the 2003 graduate from Clare High School, she and her husband Jesse currently reside in Maryville, Missouri where they own and operate Davis Show Lambs. Both grew up showing sheep at the local, state and national level and now enjoy helping the next generation achieve their goals by raising highly competitive lambs that have been sold across the US



DVM. JAN POL

BASICS OF LARGE ANIMAL CARE & WELFARE (1PM - 2PM)

Jan Pol is Central Michigan's most well known veterinarian starring in the Incredible Dr. Pol series. He will be discussing topics related to basic animal needs, how to detect signs of illness, perform basic first aid, worming and parasite control, medications and transportation considerations.



THIS EVENT IS FREE TO YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWMEN FROM ANY AREA. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL 989 386-7271 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
THE VENUE IS LOCATED AT 501 N. MCEWAN, CLARE MI 48617

WEXFORD COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

BLUEBIRD NESTBOX BUILDING

Construct bluebird nestboxes for donation to support biodiversity in our communities. Families may also make a second box to take home by bringing a food bank donation for Cadillac Veterans Serving Veterans' Food Bank.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 | Noon



Vets Serving Vets Park - 3740 41 Rd, Cadillac

Registration Required by April 10:

Visit bit.ly/NestBox24 or scan here



Next Weekend - Please RSVP Now!

Join us for our next Family Fun Day! **Saturday, April 13th | Noon** | Vets Serving Vets Park (3740 41 Rd, Cadillac)

Wexford County 4-H Families are invited to join us for another family fun day, this time building Bluebird Nest Boxes as a conservation community service project! Kits are pre-cut and will be assembled with screws and caulk.

1. Learn about the Eastern Bluebird and its importance to our ecosystem.
2. Assemble one nestbox to donate to the VSV Park.
3. Bring a food donation for the VSV Food Bank and assemble a second box to take home.
4. Meet 4-H families from other clubs and have fun!

[RSVP Here](#)

Save the Date: May 4th

Wexford County 4-H will have a busy May 4th.

11 am - 3 pm: Bake Sale at Tractor Supply
"May the 4-H be with you"

We will be looking for donations of homemade goods to sell to support our clubs and scholarships. Bonus points if they are Star Wars or 4-H themed!

1 pm - 3 pm: Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in & Fairgrounds Clean Up
Market goat and sheep must weigh in. Other animal project participants should attend to help *beautify* the fairgrounds by picking up trash and planting flowers!



HELP GROW STRONG LEADERS



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PAPER CLOVER IS BACK!
APRIL 24 – MAY 5

FUNDS SUPPORT 4-H CAMP, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.

Spot On Shooting Club

MISSAUKEE | WEXFORD
Spot On Shooting 4-H Club

MEETINGS YOUTH AGE: 9-19

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Location: Cadillac Sportsman's Club, 11424 W. Watergate, Rd, Cadillac, MI, 49601

APRIL 4, 2024
APRIL 18, 2024
MAY 2, 2024
MAY 16, 2024
MAY 30, 2024

INSTRUCTORS

SCOTT VANDERMEULEN: 231-920-7745
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All safety gear, rifles, ammunition, etc. will be provided.

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We are very excited to launch our new club in partnership with Missaukee County 4-H and the Cadillac Sportsman's Club! Spot on Shooting is intended to be a long-term club focusing on finding and exploring passions and interests and practicing the safe and responsible handling of equipment. We plan to grow this program to offer several disciplines and we will be looking for more volunteers to make it *thrive*.

Spot On Shooting will begin with Air Rifles with youth ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024). Equipment will be provided, please do not bring your own.
Cost: Free

Every other Thursday beginning 4/4, 6:30 PM | Cadillac Sportsman's Club Summer meetings will be determined later.

Email Kate for enrollment instructions and questions: Kingka26@msu.edu

Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H Photo Contest

Photo & statement due
11:59 p.m. CST on
May 1, 2024

"Hit Me with Your Best Shot"
4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>
Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>
Questions? Email: fourhphoto@umn.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION

4-H Day @ Detroit Tigers - 4/28

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

tickets available

April 28

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Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers is back! Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun

NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR

CADILLAC, MI



COVER DESIGN CONTEST WINNER: CORAL BUTLER

Congratulations to Wexford County 4-H's very own *Coral Butler* for being selected as the winning artist for this year's Northern District Fair Book Cover Contest.

This year's contest was sponsored by *Cookies and Canvas*, the youth program from Cadillac's new [Wine and Canvas](#) art event studio. Coral will enjoy a \$100 gift certificate to participate in multiple classes and learn some new techniques!

Thank you to all of the youth who entered and to parents and teachers for encouraging their artist development! All entries to this year's contest will be displayed with the still exhibits during the fair.

NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR REMINDERS:

- All market projects are required to complete a record book while raising the animal. This can include photos and weights from day 1, so be sure to look at your record books now: [NDF Record Books](#)
- Most animals should be in your possession by May 1 - exceptions: market poultry and rabbits
- All market projects must be declared with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form by May 1. All Swine (pig) projects must go to auction and will not be weighed in until Sunday of the fair. Instead, you must submit several photos of your pig with the Youth Livestock Market Registration Form as specified on the form: [NDF Youth](#)
- All market goats and sheep must be weighed in at the Northern District Fairgrounds on May 4th.
- Please plan to attend Weigh-in on May 4th, 1-3 PM for fairground clean up / work bee.
- Expect meetings to shift to the fairgrounds in May and to increase to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
- Market Broiler/Cornish Orders are due by May 10
- Rabbit meat pens and single fryer breeding date: May 2nd, Due date: June 2nd. You must own the breeding pair.
- 4-H fitting and showmanship guides explain the steps to showing the animal for judging and are available on our website for those looking to practice: [About Wexford 4-H - Wexford County \(msu.edu\)](#)

NDF Youth Department

Teen Topics

Wexford 4-H Teen Committee Interest Meeting

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council!

What teens will do:

- plan fun events for 4-H families to meet each other
- help the 4-H leaders understand what teens in our communities want
- learn how groups work together to make decisions and keep records
- help direct the 4-H program into the future, like ideas for fundraisers
- act as role models for younger 4-H'ers to look up to
- represent 4-H at community, statewide, and national events

Email Kate to Join

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Show Your Money Smarts Contest

Open to ages 13-19

Answer 30 questions for a chance to win \$50!

Register by April 29, 2024



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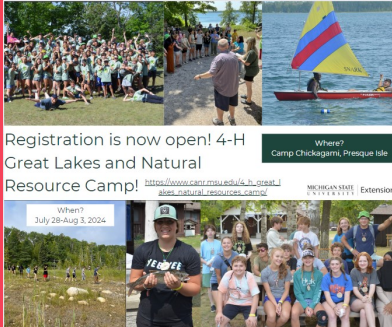
COVER LETTERS AND RESUME WRITING

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 pm ET

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumewriting>

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Registration is now open! 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

When? July 28-Aug 3, 2024

When? Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

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Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

Money Smarts Contest

The Show Your Money Smarts Contest is back for its sixth year!! Young people, 13-19, learn how to keep your money safe and compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a

Adulting 101: Resume & Cover Letters

April 10 | 6 PM Are you thinking about earning some money this summer? Now is the time to start preparing for your job search! Join MSU Extension for our next Adulting 101 session, Cover Letters and Resume Writing on Wednesday, April 10 from 6 to 7 pm ET. Create or improve your resume and cover letter with useful tips and tricks from our experienced Workforce

Registration Open! July 28-August 3 | Presque Isle County Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! Camp will be held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, on the shores of Lake Esau. This year's camper fee is \$500 per camper and includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and

financial institution that works for you! Learn more and sign up here to get money smart: Thank you to our generous sponsor, Michigan Credit Union League!

Preparation Educators

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experiential learning. Camper age is 13-15 and they do not need to be a 4-H'er to attend. *Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.

Enter by April 29.

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INSPIRE KIDS TO DO

Apply to Volunteer

Start a New Club: Babysitting

Wexford County 4-H has hosted several short-term babysitting training programs over the last few years. Many of these members would be interested in a club they can join after the training to keep learning as they start their babysitting businesses. Requires 6 meetings over the year on your schedule.

Take Over an Existing Club: Sewing Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking 2 volunteers with sewing experience to assist and/or lead sewing club meetings in the coming year. Our club is very popular and could expand in the near future. We have many supplies waiting to be used, a class set of machines, and many resources available to support volunteers.

Start A Short-term Club: Self-Defense

Would you be interested in teaching teens about personal safety, situational awareness, self-defense, and mental and physical health? We have interest in a summer club geared towards teens that are going off to college. Requires 6-8 meetings on your schedule.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate: Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

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MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

GROUP MANAGEMENT FOR 4-H CLUBS AND GROUPS

March 18, 2024 at Noon and 7pm

4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Upcoming sessions:

- Working with CloverBuds, April 22
- Preparing for Fair, May 13
- Managing Risks, May 22

Each session is offered at noon and at 7 pm. Registration and recordings are available through the link below.

Webinar Series

Walking Challenge

Starting May 5th!
Get those walking shoes ready
Register soon for a chance to earn prizes for your county 4-H program!
Prizes sponsored by Michigan 4-H Foundation



Starting May 5th, MSU Extension will host another 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

[Walking Registration](#)

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: www.states4hexchange.org
Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

[Learn More](#)

County Calendar

APR 8

Livestock Clubs Meeting
5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19

APR 9

Sewing Club Meeting
4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

Members learn the ins and outs of sewing with Roxanne. Ages 9-19. Club is Full.

APR 10

Wild Ones Club Meeting
5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

Join Kate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for fun hands-on adventures and activities relating to nature. Ages 5-19. *Seeking New Leader*

Family Fun Day: Bluebird Nestbox Building

Noon | Vets Serving Vets Park

APR 13

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Northern District Fair Board Meeting

6 pm | Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac)

APR 18

Volunteers are needed to make the fair a success. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.

Spot On Shooting Club Meeting

6:30 pm | Cadillac Sportsman's Club

APR 18

Learn how to handle air rifles with Wexford and Missaukee 4-H. Ages 9-19.

Sewing Club Meeting

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

APR 16

Members learn the ins and outs of sewing with Roxanne. Ages 9-19. Club is Full.

Cadillac Earth Day Celebration

1 - 3:30 pm | Cadillac Commons Market Pavilion

APR 21

Join Wexford 4-H and several other community organizations as we celebrate Earth Day with this free family event.

Sewing Club Meeting

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

APR 23

Members learn the ins and outs of sewing with Roxanne. Ages 9-19. Club is Full.

Sewing Club Meeting

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

APR 30

Members learn the ins and outs of sewing with Roxanne. Ages 9-19. Club is Full.

Spot On Shooting Club Meeting

6:30 pm | Cadillac Sportsman's Club

MAY 2

Learn how to handle air rifles with Wexford and Missaukee 4-H. Ages 9-19.

Bake Sale at Tractor Supply

11 am - 3 pm | Tractor Supply Co, Cadillac

MAY 4

Help Wexford County 4-H Leaders Council raise funds for program supplies and scholarships! Donations of goods is appreciated.

Goat/Sheep Weigh-In + Fairgrounds Clean Up

1 pm - 3 pm | Fairgrounds in Cadillac

MAY 4

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