



# WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

OCTOBER 13, 2023

Join 4-H

Volunteer with 4-H

## *Wexford County 4-H Member Celebration*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT NOON**

NANBOP FARM | 1 BROADCAST WAY, CADILLAC

Join us for our annual member celebration and awards followed by the Fall Festival at Nanbop Farm. All 2022-23 members and families are invited. **All members will be recognized!**

Note: food will not be served during the celebration but treats and a food truck (\$) will be available at the festival.

**Please RSVP by October 9:**  
[bit.ly/wexawards](https://bit.ly/wexawards)



## Member Celebration Tomorrow

Congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers on completing either their first year or another year in 4-H! We want to celebrate you! Join us for our annual member celebration and awards ceremony. All Cloverbuds and Members will be recognized, so please plan to join us at NanBop Farm on October 14th at Noon. We will not be serving food, but we will join in the Fall Festival starting at 1 pm, which includes many free activities and snacks. A food truck will be available to purchase additional refreshments. Please bring your own seating. We will be inside but the area will likely be very muddy. Dress accordingly.

## Friends of Extension Appreciation Open House

Thursday, October 19 | 5-7 pm

Do you support the work the MSU Extension is doing in our community? Then you're a Friend of Extension and we want to say Thank You.



**FRIENDS OF EXTENSION  
APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE**

WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF  
YOUR SUPPORT!

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DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2023  
TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
LOCATION: 9600 E 13TH ST  
CADILLAC, MI 49601

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PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 12, 2023  
TO JESSICA AT 231-779-9480

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Join us for this drop-in event to see what we have been up to and the work we've done to support MSU Extension goals in Wexford County. We will have Primos BBQ and refreshments, as well as displays, videos, and some youth activities. (Stop in before you head to the fair board meeting!)

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Jessica, 231-779-9480.



## 2022-2023 Photos Needed

Do you have photos from 4-H you'd like to share? We'd love to have them available for success stories, media, and promotion. Please upload them to our google drive. Please do not email or text them - it reduces the quality.

[Upload Program Photos](#)

SPOOKY SEASON IS HERE!

# Seeking Donations

Wexford 4-H is planning to participate in 3 community celebrations and would appreciate any donations of decorations, candy, or non-food treats. Please bring to the MSU Extension office in Baker College



## Accepting Halloween Donations

Wexford 4-H will be participating in 3 Halloween events this year. We are accepting donations of decorations and candy/toys to give out at these events. Please drop them off at our MSU Extension Office inside Baker College.

Save the dates:  
Halloween House at Diggins Park - October 21, 5-7 pm

Cadillac Downtown Trick or Treat - October 25, 4-6 pm  
Tractor Supply Trunk or Treat - October 29, 2-4 pm (Led by Wexford  
Whatevers 4-H Club)

We need 4-H families and teens to assist with these. Are you able to help?

Oct 21 - Halloween House

Oct 25 - Downtown Trunk or Treat

Oct 29 - Tractor Supply Trunk or Treat

## Wexford County Plat Books

WEXFORD COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL PRESENTS:

# 2023 PLAT BOOK

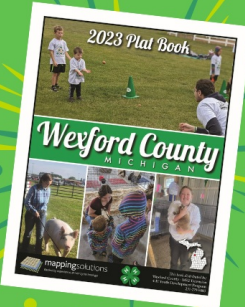
**ONLY \$30!**

AVAILABLE NOW AT


**Wexford County  
MSU Extension Office**  
9600 E 13th St, Cadillac  
Inside Baker College

or

**Northwoods Feed  
Horizon Books - Cadillac**



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



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.  
Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

Plat Books

## 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 Thanksgiving.



### 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,



### Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

**Nov 10-12**  
Register by Oct 20  
Scholarships available!

The Institute features a wide variety of fun and interactive sessions that will provide teens with knowledge and tools to improve their leadership skills and make a positive difference in



### Why You Should Join 4-H! Video Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) 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

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.

Learn More

their communities and the world. This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to ALL teens (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2024) and to adult leaders who have Gold Level Volunteer status with MSU Extension. Contact Kate for Scholarship Info.

Learn More

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.

Learn More

**EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE**  
WITH  
**4-H FUTURE SQUAD**

Are you 12-19 years old? Want to learn more about preparing for your future? YOU are invited to join 4-H Future Squad, a club created to meet new people and learn life skills for a successful future!

The club will meet virtually, October 2023-May 2024, covering a variety of topics! Joining unlocks access to all 4-H benefits and programs.

**JOIN US NOW!**

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## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Looking for a fun virtual club where you meet others across the state and build your skills for your future? Youth 12-19 years old are invited to join 4-H Future Squad, a twice monthly club meeting online from October 2023-May 2024. Learn about navigating relationships, global connections, how to sew a button and

chartwells MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

October 9, 2023: Applications due

Prizes

**TEEN "CHOPPED" NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

WITH CHEF: JARED MILLER

October 16: Mandatory Meeting

For more information: 989-317-4079 or lynchka4@msu.edu

## Teen "Chopped" Competition Returns!

Sign up now for Teen "Chopped", a fun and challenging way to learn more about food and create a unique dish as you compete against other teams. Will you be the next local "Chopped" champion? Application deadline is 10/9/23. *To register for the event: Watch these clips of past competitions to find out more:* <https://vimeo.com/299279199> and

Join Us Online

**WILD SPARTANS**

SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION

SNAKES AND FROGS: FIELDWORK IN THE TROPICS

WITH DR. D. BRUCE MEANS  
BIOLOGIST, COASTAL PLAINS INSTITUTE AND LAND CONSERVANCY & ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

October 10 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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## Wild Spartans Oct 10

*Online* Participants will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, adjunct professor at Florida State University and biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

more!

<https://vimeo.com/245234991>

Learn  
More

Learn  
More

## County Calendar

OCT 13

### The Business of Baking 4-H SPIN Club

5-7 pm | Cadillac

Full. In this 6-week program, youth ages 12-19 learn to bake various goods while calculating costs along the way. They discuss Michigan Cottage Food Laws and how to sell goods at local markets as their own business.

*This SPIN club was offered without cost to participants thanks to a sponsorship from Cadillac Meijer.*

### 2023 Member Celebration

OCT 14

Noon | NanBop Farm, Cadillac

We're excited to bring back our annual member celebration and awards ceremony this year. Please join us October 14th at Noon at NanBop Farm (9&10 News Property) for games, awards, and NanBop's Fall Festival!

New 4-H Families are welcome to join but will not get awards until after the first year.

OCT 19



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### Wexford Friends of MSU Extension Open House

5-7 pm | MSU Extension  
Office

If you participate in MSU Extension programs or use our services, we'd like to thank you for your support with an informal, drop-in style open house and free Primos BBQ. Meet our staff and see some of the impacts we've been making. Please RSVP to Jessica at 231-779-9480



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### Trick or Treat at the Halloween House at Diggins Park

OCT 21

5-7 pm | Cadillac

Wexford 4-H will be one of many participating in the 2nd annual Halloween House of Cadillac's Tricks, Treats, and Tunes Event and Food Drive. Donate 3 non-perishable foods to enter! Contact Kate if you'd like to assist with this event.

### Downtown Cadillac Trunk or Treat

OCT 25

4-6 pm | Cadillac

Join us at the Downtown Cadillac Mitchell Street Market Trunk or Treat! Mitchell St will be shut down for increased safety. Kate needs help decorating her little green car! Reach out if you're available.

### Tractor Supply Trunk or Treat

OCT 29

2-4 pm | Cadillac

Join the Wexford Whatevers Livestock Club at Tractor Supply for our final Halloween event of the year. Contact Makayla if you'd like to assist with this: 269-394-0563

## State Calendar

OCT 4-15

### Fall Tractor Supply Co Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store or online! A portion of the proceeds raised at the Cadillac location support Wexford and Missaukee 4-H Leadership Development.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

## Adulting 101: Wealth Building

OCT 18



*Online*

This workshop will provide tips, tools and goal-setting strategies. Learn about different types of savings and investment products, evaluate your risk tolerance and explore investment timelines.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23)

## Volunteer Webinar Series: Helping Youth Find Their Spark

OCT 23



*Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers. **12-1 p.m.**

**session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark)  
**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm)

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

## VOLUNTEER WITH WEXFORD 4-H

Your time and talents can make a big impact!

[www.canr.msu.edu/wexford](http://www.canr.msu.edu/wexford)

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**Now is the time to Volunteer!**

Wexford County needs new volunteers to offer exciting program to our youth.



Our clubs work on your schedule and meet as often as you'd like. We will start you off with a short-term program (6-8 meeting) to see how it works, then can move toward something more permanent, if you choose.

We've also had several parents interested in helping more with clubs. Now is the time to apply so that we can have all hands on deck as we move into fall. Remember, our screening process is for the safety of YOUR children. If you are interacting with any other children that are not yours, we would like you to be screened.

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

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