



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

January 5, 2024

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Happy
New Year



Happy New Year! 2024 is going to be a great year for Wexford County 4-H and we're happy you're here!



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4-H Military Partnership

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Wexford County 4-H Program Coordinator, Kate King, is now also the Michigan 4-H Military Partnership State Liaison and will be some of her goals to focus on Military-Connected families. She will be looking to build new partnerships across the state, so please reach out if you have any connections.

Meeting This Week:

Livestock Clubs

Monday, January 8, at 5 pm

We will meet at the Wexford County Annex Building (401 N Lake St, Cadillac) in the same room where we had the December meet and greet. We are working on getting our second club up and running, but for now, we encourage all livestock project participants to join us at these meetings. Youth will be playing games and 4-H staff and volunteers will be available to talk to parents about any questions or details. If you have not decided on the project(s) for this year, this is the time to ask any questions you need to help you decide.

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

Wild Ones

Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 pm

Our nature and outdoor recreation club is open to youth ages 5-19 and meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Join us this week at the Carl T Johnson Center in Cadillac West next to the state park.



Animal Project Opportunities

Project Summary

Members interested in participating in an animal project should be deciding on which animal they want to exhibit in 2024. Please refer to the 2024 Animal Project Summary for basic information and a rough timeline.

[Download Summary](#)

FAIR MARKET RABBIT DATES: 2024

Roasters

Fair	Breeding dates	Due dates
Marion	November 8th	December 9th
Ewart	December 27th	January 27th
Cadillac	January 11th	February 11th

Meat Pens and Single Fryers

Fair	Breeding dates	Due dates
Marion	February 29th	March 31st
Ewart	April 18th	May 18th
Cadillac	May 2nd	June 2nd

Market Rabbit Breeding Dates

Market Rabbit projects are expanding at the Northern District Fair! Please make note of the breeding dates in the photo. Any rabbit questions can be directed to Chris Garrett, superintendent - cmgpine98@gmail.com

4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Join us January 27th for the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show at MSU! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, and educational display. Here by popular demand, Rabbit and Cavy

showmanship! 11 educational sessions are throughout the day with support of The Rabbit School. Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 19, 2024

Registration

2024 STATE RABBIT AND CAVY EXPO AND SHOW

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Cost for the showmanship contest is \$2.00. Register by January 19th, 2024

- Day of show entry for:
- breed classes - \$4.00 per entry
 - photography - \$2.00 per entry
 - breed identification \$2.00 per entry
 - educational display \$2.00 per entry



📅 27TH JAN 2024

🕒 7.00 - 8.00 AM CHECK-IN
9.00 AM CONTEST BEGINS

📍 MSU PAVILLION
4301 FARM LANE
EAST LANSING, MI

👤 CONTACT GLENDA WITH QUESTIONS
517-676-7303 | WEISSGLE@MSU.EDU

REGISTER:



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https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/

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Youth Show Swine Workshop

DATE & TIME:

- February 18, 2024
- Presentations from 1 pm until 4 pm

LOCATION:

- Gratiot County MSU Extension Office
- 219 N State St Alma, MI 48801

COST and REGISTRATION:

- Cost is \$10
- Registration at MSU Extension office
- Cash or Checks Only
- Checks made out to: Gratiot 4-H Council

SPONSORS:

- MSUE Extension
- Gratiot County
- Gratiot 4-H Council

Stay tuned for a spring showmanship and judging workshop day!



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
This event is open to all youth from ages 5 to 19 years old. Parents also welcome to attend sessions.

DESCRIPTION:
This is an event is an afternoon of swine presentations for youth looking at showing pigs, whether you are a beginner or a veteran showman. The topics for this session include:
Selecting your Show Pig
Basic Pig Nutrition
I bought a pig, now what?!

HOW TO REGISTER:
Registration link is below. **Registration Deadline is February 12, 2023.** Cash or checks are accepted for payment. Check can be made out to: Gratiot County Leaders' Council

CONTACT: **REGISTRATION LINK:**
Kamii Paksi
219 N State St
Alma MI, 48801
(889) 875-5234
<https://bit.ly/3u23JoA> or 

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Gratiot County 4-H Show Swine Workshop - Feb 18

Gratiot County Extension is hosting a Youth Show Swine Workshop on Feb 18th, 2024. Any youth from any county is welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call the Extension office at 989-875-5233.

Registration

4-H Animal Science Career Quest

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields. This event will be on February 17th on MSU's main



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campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers. Space is limited, so don't delay!

Registration

4-H Sporting Events



4-H Day with Spartans Women's Basketball

Tickets now available! You're ALL invited to attend the eighteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game, Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Ticket Price: FREE for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families!

Basketball
Details

4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers
Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers is back! Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy exclusive gameday opportunities and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.



Baseball
Details

VOLUNTEER WITH WEXFORD 4-H

Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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Apply to Volunteer

Help Wanted: Shooting Sports

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club to meet at the Cadillac Sportsmans Club. We already have a few certified instructors and are looking for volunteers assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors. Seeking instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other disciplines.

Help Wanted: Sewing Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking 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.

Help Wanted: Cloverbud Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking volunteers to start a club for our Cloverbud member 5-7 years old. This club would focus on introductory projects that help to grow a lifelong learner while having fun with new friends. We have many resources available to support volunteers, including "The Big Book of Cloverbud Activities".

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate:
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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

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

Learn
More

Exploration Days Session **NEEDED!**



4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

WE NEED YOU! SESSION PROPOSALS DUE DEC 5

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state of Michigan. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2024 event is set for June 19-21, 2024 on the campus of Michigan State University.



We are seeking volunteers to lead engaging, hands-on sessions for Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21.

What are the benefits to you as an instructor? You will get to:

- Share your passion and knowledge about a topic important to you and youth
- Support youth experiencing college life on the campus of MSU

Think outside the box for session ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics.

Proposal Submission Form: <https://bit.ly/EdaysProposal24>



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The explorations days team is still looking for sessions to be offered on Thursday and Friday. Sessions are about 2 hours long and can be on just about any topic as long as it is engaging. Curious? Contact Kate to chat: 231-779-9480 | Kingka26@msu.edu

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

Interest Meeting coming soon. How do you want to meet for the first time?

Virtual

In-person

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Adulting 101

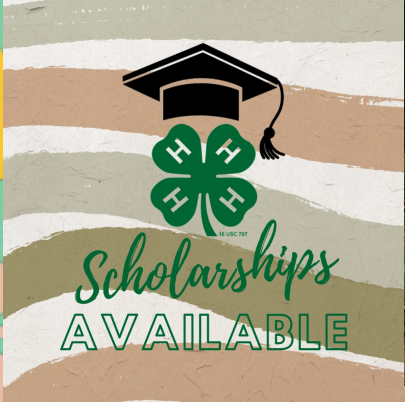
THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING

Explore your emotional connection with money and how it can affect your budget!

January 17, 2024
6pm
Free to join!

LAKE TRUST
THE POWER OF ALL THINGS

The flyer features a green and yellow color scheme with a 4-H logo, a brain icon, and a dollar sign icon. It includes a list of bullet points on the left side.



Adulting 101 Returns in 2024

MSU Extension 4-H has an exciting new line up of Adulting 101 sessions coming up in 2024. Join us monthly for free sessions to build life skills helpful in transitioning to "adulthood."

- The Psychology of Spending and Saving - January 17 at 6 pm
- Fostering Healthy Relationships - February 12 at 5 pm
- Keeping Your Money Safe - March 19 at 6 pm
- Cover Letter and Resume Writing - April 10 at 6 pm
- Build and Protect Your Credit - May 15 at 5 pm
- Traveling on a Budget - June 6 at 6:30 pm

[Learn More](#)

Scholarships Available!

Did you know that Wexford 4-H has scholarships for you to attend cool state-wide events?

1. 4-H Council has scholarships to attend 4-H Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.
2. The 4-H Office has scholarships for up to \$150 per 4-H year for 4-H camps, workshops, and trainings.

Email Kate for apps.
* You need signatures, give yourself enough time! *

4-H also offers many regional and state-wide college scholarships.

[State Scholarships](#)

Save the Date: Exploration Days

Save the Date for Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. Attendees can also qualify for a scholarship to attend MSU by attending this event.

Wexford County 4-H sends a delegation each year and provides transportation and scholarships.

[Learn More](#)

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

Extra Credit UNION MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

National 4-H Conference



April 19-24 Arlington, VA

For youth ages 15-19 who are currently enrolled in 4-H

SAVE THE DATE!

Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS
SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION
ANISHINAABE PERSPECTIVES IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: ANISHINAABE GIICKENDAASOWIN AND WESTERN SCIENCE
WITH BRAD SILET
BIOLOGIST, SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
January 9 | 6:30 PM EST
Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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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

National 4-H Conference

April 19-24, 2024
MI only attends even years

National 4-H Conference is *the* experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing an opportunity to connect, learn, engage, lead, & impact your communities, nation, and world. At the conference, delegates (ages 15-19) will have the opportunity to participate in round table discussions, present to federal partner agencies, and engage with politicians.

Scholarships available from NIFA; Due Jan. 1

Learn More

Wild Spartans: Anishinaabe Perspectives

Jan 9 | 6:30 pm
Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will delve into how tribes use traditional knowledge and values (giickendaasowin) in natural resources management. Join us for Perspectives in Natural Resources Management: Anishinaabe giickendaasowin and Western Science." You will meet Brad Silet, biologist with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

County Calendar

Livestock Clubs Meeting

JAN 8

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

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

Wild Ones Club Meeting

JAN 10

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

Join Tanya on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for fun hands-on adventures and activities. Ages 5-19.

Sewing Club Meeting

JAN 11

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

Join Roxanne and learn to use the sewing machine while completing small projects. Club is currently full.

Sewing Club Meeting

JAN 18

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

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Leaders Council Meeting

JAN 23

5:30-7 pm | MSU Extension

All 4-H volunteers & leaders are encouraged to attend to help make decisions to direct the county program. 4-H teens, parents, and community members are welcome!

Sewing Club Meeting

JAN 25

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

Join Roxanne and learn to use the sewing machine while completing small projects. Club is currently full.

Wexford Family Fun Day: Around the World Potluck

JAN 27

Save the date for our next 4-H Family Fun Day. We encourage you to explore your cultural heritage this winter and share a dish at our Around the World Potluck. Stay tuned for more details!

Adulting 101 Returns for 2024

JAN 17



Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do the adult tasks of managing your finances, home, health, or finding a career? Zoom in for FREE to learn real life skills to help you successfully transition to living independently.

See 2024 Monthly Sessions

JAN 23

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat

Zoom | Noon or 7 pm

This session is Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat is a series of science lessons that can be taught with no science background and materials you probably already have at home, or with a quick shopping trip. If you have a club meeting coming up tonight, and don't have much time to prepare – these lessons are for you. They are designed to get young people thinking using their natural curiosity. Science isn't about memorization; an internet search can give you facts. It is about using critical thinking to ask questions and discovering answers on your own. (and determining whether those internet answers are correct)

Register

JAN 27

Michigan 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show

East Lansing | 9 AM

A poster for the '2024 State Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show'. It features a photo of a person holding a brown rabbit. The text includes: '2024 STATE RABBIT AND CAVY EXPO AND SHOW', 'SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST', 'Cost for the showmanship contest is \$2.00. Register by January 19th, 2024.', 'Day of show entry for: - breed classes - \$4.00 per entry, - photography - \$2.00 per entry, - breed identification \$2.00 per entry, - educational display \$2.00 per entry.', '27TH JAN 2024', '7.00 - 8.00 AM CHECK-IN, 9.00 AM CONTEST BEGINS', 'MSU PAVILLION, 4301 FARM LANE, EAST LANSING, MI', 'CONTACT GLENDA WITH QUESTIONS: 517-479-7293 | WEBSIDE@MSU.EDU', 'REGISTER:', and a QR code. At the bottom, it says 'MSU Extension programs and material are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, marital, marital status, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status.' and provides the URL 'https://events.ans.msu.edu/showmanship-4-rabbit-and-cavy/'.

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and Cavy Showmanship! Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by **January 19, 2024**. Educational sessions will be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School. We will have the schedule posted in the showroom as well as on the Facebook Page: MI State 4-H Rabbits.

Contact Glenda Weiss for further information: weissgle@msu.edu | 517-676-7303

[Register](#)

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