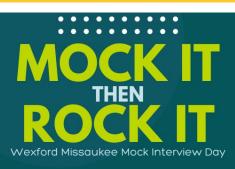
WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

January 26, 2024

<u>Join 4-H</u>

Volunteer with 4-H



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FEBRUARY 9, 2024 8 - 11:30 AM | BAKER COLLEGE OF CADILLAC

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Register: bit.ly/mock24

For more information Contact Kate King kingka26@msu.edu 231-779-9480

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Are you employed locally? Send your boss this:

Mock It Then Rock It: Wexford Missaukee Mock Interview Day Friday, February 9, 2024 | 8 am – 11:30 am Baker College

Mock It Then Rock It is an event for high school students of working age to learn workforce preparation skills in an experiential way. Students have the opportunity to engage in a practice interview, have their resumes reviewed, and learn about various topics in mini-breakout sessions. This year, we are also extending the invitation to all WMISD districts, area private schools, and homeschooled and virtual students. The event returned last year and saw over 200 participants and we're hoping to double that this year!

Volunteers* will continue to conduct practice interviews and review resumes. Based on feedback from last year, we will have a different setup to limit noise and improve event flow, and we are updating forms to it easier for you to give feedback to students. We are also offering volunteer orientation twice this year via Zoom on Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm and Friday, February 2, at Noon.

We'd appreciate it if you could spread the word about the event to your network. We're still looking for 50 volunteers!

*Volunteers not representing a business or organization may be asked to complete a screening process for student safety.

Any homeschooled or virtual students should register to attend by emailing Kate: kingka26@msu.edu

> Volunteer at Mock It then Rock lt

Animal Project Opportunities



Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan Competitors in this event are the young, singh minos who are the future of withingan agriculture. While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is the fourth annual competition testing both youth and adult competitors' broad knowledge of Animal Science.

Wednesday, March 6th, 4:30pm Eastern Saturday, March 9th, 9:30am Eastern

NO QUALIFIERS

- EVERYBODY COMPETES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP
- NEW CATEGORIES

- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
 MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)
- LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS
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 JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY
- EGISTRATION
- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024 YOUTH REGISTRATION: https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/
- FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

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Skillathon Details

Michigan Junior Livestock Conference

April 6 - Gaylord University Center Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H for the 2024 Michigan Youth Livestock Conference for ages 9-19. This event provides new opportunities to youth that are interested in or passionate about raising, exhibiting, producing, or showing livestock. Industry leaders will provide educational sessions on

2024 Animal Science Skillathon

Calling all livestock project youth and ADULTS! Looking to test your knowledge of 4-H Livestock projects without having to leave home? Open to 4-H members ages 8-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024) AND ADULTS, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is an annual competition that tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Wexford County has yet to have any participants since this event began. Let's show them our skills!

animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and career opportunities in agriculture.

Cost is \$25.00 includes lunch and a t-shirt. Space is limited and will fill up fast! Registration closes March 7th.

Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H

Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits & Poultry

Industry leaders bringing you educational sessions on animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and opportunities in agricultural careers.



All registration will be done electronically through 4-H Online Saturday April 6th 2024 University Center 80 Livingston Blvd Gaylord, Michigan

Registration Info Fee: \$25/participant *Includes lunch & shirt* Deadline: March 7, 2024

Livestock Conference Registration

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Youth Show Swine Workshop

DATE & TIME:

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- February 18, 2024 Presentations from 1 pm until 4 pm
- I OCATION.

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:

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This event is open to all youth from ages 5 to 19 years old. Parents This is 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 P Basic Pig Nutrition I bought a pig, now what?!

Registration link is below. Registration Deadline is February 12, 2023. Cash or checks are accepted for payment. Check can be r out to: Gratiot County Leaders' Council Kami Paksi 219 N State St Alma MI, 48801 (989) 875-5234

https://bit.ly/3u23JoA or

4-H 2024 Horse Judging Workshop

Interested in Horse Judging? Want to hone your skills to be ready for the State judging contest? Just want to try something new in 4-H? Here is the event for you! Consider attending the Michigan 4-H Horse Judging workshop and Clinic on February 2nd and 3rd at the MSU Pavilion for Ag and Livestock Education! Carded judge and Clinician Dr. Karen

Waite will present on Ranch riding and Ranch rail during Friday night's

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.

> Swine Registration

workshop. Saturday has youth and adults judging live horses in Halter, Ranch Riding, and Ranch Rail. As well as provide opportunity for the youth to give oral reasons and receive slight feedback.

HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP

WHEN

February 2-3, 2024 Friday workshop, 6:30-8:30p Saturday contest, 8:30-10:30a

WHERE MSU Pavilion

4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

FEATURING

Friday evening's workshop will feature carded judge & clinician Dr. Karen Waite, teaching Ranch Riding & Ranch Rail

Saturday's practice contest will have 3 classes with opportunity to give oral reasons: Halter, Ranch Riding and Ranch Rail.

Horse Judging Registration

4-H Sporting Events



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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

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!

ALL AGES WELCOME PRE-REGISTER \$15 per youth/adult/coach

REGISTER AT THE DOOR \$20 per youth/coach/adult

CONTACT

Carla McLachlan Event Coordinator Carlam@msu.edu

BENEFITING All proceeds of event will go directly to the MSU Horse Judging Team

Online registration and payment is available at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/mst 3645 ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.

TICKETS AVAILABLE! MICHIGAN 4-H DAY WITH THE DETROIT TIGERS April 28

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Baseball Details

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



\$100 for 300 Words!

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 <u>Extra</u> <u>Credit Union.</u>

Snag some cash in 3 easy steps! 1. Learn about budgeting 2. Write an essay 3. Submit your essay by Feb 29, 2024

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

> Learn More

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.

Adulting 101 Returns Feb 12

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."

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

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lunch and a t-shirt. Space is limited and will fill up fast! Registration closes March 7th.

See Government in Action!

March 17-19, 2024

4-H Capitol Experience registration is open until March 4! Who: Youth in 9th grade through 12th grade. What: a 3-day event where youth can meet with peers to talk about issues that are important to them, network with folks that work in a wide variety of roles related to public policy and see state government in action at the Michigan Capitol.

Cost: \$365 includes conference registration, lodging, and meals *Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.

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Wild Spartans: Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE WILDLIFE WITH JEREMIAH HEISE ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGER. U.S. FOREST SERVICE

February 13 | 6:30 PM ES Registration required:

Feb 13 | 6:30 pm Online

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This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore our forests. Join us on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 6:30pm EST for "Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife." You will meet Jeremiah Heise, **Ecosystem Program** Manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

> Pre-Registration Required

Register

Volunteer Vault

4-H Plant Science Sampler Workshop



February 21st | 10 AM-2 PM | Muskegon MSU Extension

 \Box 100% Cocoa: Explore chocolate's history, taste the "Food of the Gods," and start a "CHOCOLATE" SPIN club!

□ Budding Botanists: Dive into plant science, Junior Master Gardener curriculums for "hands-on" learning, and grow your own food.

□ Dinner Table Science: Discover plants we eat, try new recipes, and explore after-school programming.

□ Clover Bud's Love Plants: Kids' workshop with stories, activities, and snacks for family science nights.

□ Let's Growing Grapes: Intro to Michigan 4-H Viticulture Project at Muskegon MSU Extension.

□ Spa Adventure with Plants: Relax and learn about plant-based spa treatments.

 $\hfill\square$ Junior Master Gardener: Cultivate a love for gardening and appreciation for the environment.

Please RSVP by 2/14 to wassonj3@msu.edu or at 231-724-4739.

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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 are looking for volunteers to assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other **disciplines**.

Help Wanted: 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.

Help Wanted: Wild Ones Club

Wild Ones is a yearround club focusing on outdoor recreation and nature. The club is looking for 2 or more leaders to help youth develop a passion for nature and conservation. We have a significant number of supplies to help facilitate your ideas and adventures.

Tentative Certification Workshop: April 26-27, 2024 in Charlevoix, MI

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

4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Join Michigan 4-H on February 7th at Noon or 7 pm for Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal SCIENCE Education. Animal science projects are a 4-H favorite! Join us for information about the curriculum and resources available to volunteers to engage 4-H youth in their communities in animal science education. This webinar will



also include announcements about statewide 4-H animal science offerings for 2024.

Webinar 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: found at <u>www.states4hexchange.org</u> Questions: contact Jan Brinn <u>brinn@msu.edu</u> or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

> Learn More

Exploration Days Session NEEDED!

EXPLORATION

WE NEED YOU! STILL NEEDED! SESSION PROPOSALS due deg 5



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Michigan State University Extension <u>4-H Exploration Days</u> is a precollege 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

County Calendar

Sewing Club Meeting 4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

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

FEB 1

	Volunteer Orientation: Mock It then Rock It 6 pm Zoom	
FEB 1	Teens from Wexford and Missaukee Counties are invited to participate in mock interviews, resume reviews, and breakout sessions to help prepare them to enter the workforce. Volunteers helping with the event should attend one of the orientations.	
FEB 2	Volunteer Orientation: Mock It then Rock It Noon Zoom	
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	Sewing Club Meeting 4:30 pm MSU Extension Office	
FEB 8	Join Roxanne and learn to use the sewing machine while completing small projects. Club is currently full. *Seeking New Leader*	
FEB 9	Mock It then Rock It: Wexford Missaukee Mock Interview Day 8 - 11:30 am Baker College	
	Teens from Wexford and Missaukee Counties are invited to participate in mock interviews, resume reviews, and breakout sessions to help prepare them to enter the workforce.	
	Livestock Clubs Meeting	
FEB 12	5 pm Wexford County Annex Building	
	Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19	
	Wild Ones Club Meeting	
FEB 14	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*	

FEB 15	Sewing Club Meeting 4:30 pm MSU Extension Office Join Roxanne and learn to use the sewing machine while completing small projects. Club is currently full. *Seeking New Leader*	
FEB 15	Northern District Fair Board Meeting 6 pm Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac) Volunteers are needed to make the fair a success. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.	
	State Calendar	
JAN 23	<text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text>	
JAN 27	Michigan 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show East Lansing 9 AM Join us for the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show! 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! Showmanship exhibitors are required to preregister 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

Adulting 101: Fostering Healthy Relationships

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FEB 13





THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM
 FOSTERING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 AT 5 PM
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https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/

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

Click Here for Full List of Statewide Events

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