

MARCH 29, 2024

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Family Fun Day: Bluebird Nestbox Workshop

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 <u>bit.ly/NestBox24</u> or scan here





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")

1 pm - 3 pm: Fairground clean up and Market Goat & Sheep weigh-in



Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H Photo Contest



Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13. In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo from the current 4-H year and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024.

Photo Contest Details

Spot On Shooting Club



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

Youth Camp Councilors Needed



Great Lakes and Natural Resources camp is looking for youth counselors for camp week! Camp runs July 28th through August 3rd this year and there is a counselor orientation on July 26th and 27th. This is a great opportunity for youth ages 16-20 looking to get some leadership experience in a fun, fast-paced camp setting! Attached is a graphic you can use to promote this opportunity to youth in your counties who may be interested. Counselors attend camp for FREE!

Please reach out to Laura at potterla@msu.edu with any questions.





April 28

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

Deadlines This Week:

MI 4-H's Highest Honor



It is that time of year! So, grab your pen! Spark your imagination! Join us as we roll out the 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest. This year, youth can submit either a video submission or a short journal reflection focusing on the theme "Because of 4-H I can!"

The Mark of Excellence is exclusively for 11–12-year-olds. To enter, a 4-H member submits an entry (video or journal entry) on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ..." Entries are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by April 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' entries as their representatives and submit those names and entries to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

Graphic Design Contest



Creative? Always drawing? Boy is this an opportunity for you!

The Michigan 4-H State Horse Show Volunteer Committee would like to invite you to create some graphic designs for our Statewide events!

We have our State Horse Show T-shirt design picked but need more options for our program cover and keychain.

Any interested youth can submit their designs (JPG format) by **March 29** to be considered for this year's events!

Artists of the chosen designs will be notified!

Submit Design Here

Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge



The commitment you put into "Making Your Best Better" is significant. Through your 4-H experiences you are molding your future by growing your skills, becoming a leader, and serving your community. Your efforts are commendable and deserve to be recognized with a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on a 4-H member.

Applications and interviews are based on communicating your 4-H participation and learning experiences. Applicants are eligible to compete for cash prizes and be recognized for their 4-H involvement. 4-H members who meet the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration. The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during the 4-H Exploration Days pep rally on June 19 at MSU.

Learn More about State
Awards



ATTEN-TION! The Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge returns April 7-20, 2024! Youth ages 5-19 complete life skills missions to learn more about military life, celebrate military children, and earn points for prizes using the GooseChase app. Participants do not need to be in 4-H or have any previous military knowledge or connection to play. The first 50 registrants will receive a free 4-H Build-a-Boat Activity Kit to use in the challenge. Check out the recap from last year: https://bit.ly/MOMC23VID

Register by March 29!

Join the Challenge!

Animal Project Opportunities







Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, May 18, 2024 Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show 171 E Prosper Rd Falmouth, MI 49632

COST:

\$2.00 entry fee \$3.00 per class Pay at the door in cash or check payable to Missaukee 4-H Advisory Board.

CONTACT:

Susan Beerens Missaukee MSU Extension office beerenss@msu.edu 231-510-8701

REGISTER:

Scan QR code to register. Registration ends May 5, 2024











DESCRIPTION:

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
 Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
 Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available Grand & Reserve Rossette and awards.
- Prizes for all Cloverbuds. Open to all youth

Age Groups Are: 17-19 14-16 11-13

Classes include:
Showmanship for:
Chicken

Poultry
Rabbit * Duck * Turkey 8-10 5-7 Cloverbuds Rabbit

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2024 JOHNSTON ELEVATOR YOUTH STOCK SHOW WORKSHOP

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

SPEAKERS

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FEATURED SPEAKERS SHANNA SMITH HOGS (10AM - 11AM)

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



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

the livestock industry.

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, preform 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

Registration for a brand new 4-H dairy program is live!

Join us on MSU's campus on Saturday, **April 20th,** 2024, for an educational event for any 4-H youth ages 12-19 as of January 1st, 2024, or 4-H volunteers who are interested in dairy science!

This day program will cover multiple topics about dairy health. Participants will select two of the three sessions. Lunch and t-shirts are provided! Participants will also participate in a GooseChase scavenger hunt!

The cost is \$35 per participant. Registration spots are limited to 60 spaces! Click the link below to get registered!"



SESSION TOPICS

- ➤ Optimizing Calf Health Through the First Few Days of Life: Why Colostrum & Calf Nutrition are Important
- ➤ A Happy Cow is a Healthy Cow: Strategies to Evaluate Her Health
- ➤ Getting Them Started Right: Caring for Newborn Calves

Who: Any 4-H youth (ages 1219 as of January 1st, 2024) &
4-H volunteers who are
interested in dairy science!
What: An educational
workshop that focuses
on dairy cattle health
When: Saturday,
April 20th, 2024
Where: Anthony Hall
474 S. Shaw Lane
East Lansing, MI 48824
Cost: \$35 per participant

Lunch & a t-shirt are included!





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 <u>Wine and Canvas</u> 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: <u>NDF</u>
 <u>Record Books</u>
- 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

 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: <u>NDF Youth</u>
- 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 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: <u>About Wexford 4-H Wexford County</u>
 (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



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 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 Leaque!

Enter by April 29.

Adulting 101: Resume & Cover

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 Preparation Educators

Adulting 101

Learn More



Michigan 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

Registration opens April 1st at noon

July 8-9 or 10-11, 2024

Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science related projects and activities. Participants must be ages 13 to 17 as of January 1 of the current programming year. New for 2024 - shorter event with 2 dates. Despite doubling capacity, this is expected to fill very quickly.

Registration opens April 1. *Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.

Learn More





Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

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! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! 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 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.

Learn More

Volunteer Vault

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 year-round 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.

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



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



4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

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.

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 2	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 4	Spot On Shooting Club Meeting 6:30 pm Cadillac Sportsman's Club Learn how to handle air rifles with Wexford and Missaukee 4-H. Ages 9-19.
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

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Noon | Vets Serving Vets Park

project!

APR 13

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.

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.

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APR 16

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