



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

MAY 3, 2024

JOIN 4-H

VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

Week at a Glance:

Sat 5/4	Sun 5/5	Mon 5/6	Tue 5/7	Wed 5/8	Thu 5/9	Fri 5/10	Sat 5/11
Bake Sale at Tractor Supply: 11-3 Weigh-In, Fairgrounds, 1-3				Wild Ones 4-H Club, 5:30 pm Carl T Johnson Center		Market Chicken Orders Due for NDF	4-H @ Single MOMM

MAY THE 4-H BE WITH YOU

Bake Sale
Saturday
May 4th
11-3
Tractor Supply
Cadillac

WEXFORD COUNTY
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"May the 4-H be with You" Bake Sale on May 4th

Join us for a bake sale on May 4th at Tractor Supply from 11 am - 3 pm. We are looking for youth to work the table and are seeking baked goods donations. All baked goods should be packaged for individual sale (i.e. baggie with 2 cookies) and need to have a list of ingredients to help our friends with allergies. Homemade animal treats and enrichments are also welcome. Bonus kudos if goodies are 4-H or Star Wars themed! This bake sale overlaps with our Spring Clover Days fundraiser, so having youth at the table is very important and helps create a strong image of 4-H in our community!

NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR CADILLAC, MI

DEADLINE REMINDERS:



MARKET LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION

DUE: MAY 1, 2024



MARKET GOAT/SHEEP WEIGH-IN + WORK BEE

MAY 4, 2024, 1-3 PM



MARKET CHICKEN ORDERS

DUE: MAY 10, 2024

Market Goat & Sheep Weigh In + Fairgrounds Beautification

All animal project participants are encouraged to attend Weigh In and help us "Beautify" the fairgrounds by picking up trash and planting flowers that will bloom during fair!

Save
the Date



Exploration Days Orientation: Saturday, May 18

Wexford County Exploration Days Orientation on Saturday, May 18 starting at 2 pm at The Pines Bowling Alley. We will start out with our orientation, then wrap up with pizza and bowling to get to know each other a bit. All costs are covered by the 4-H program. If possible, a parent/guardian should attend so everyone is on the same page.

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.

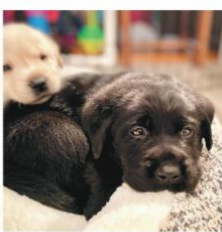
Tractor Supply Fundraiser is Underway!

Wednesday kicked off our Spring Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co. in Cadillac! Round up at the register to support growing the next generation of strong leaders in our community! Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H programs split the county portion of the proceeds and award youth scholarships to attend opportunities for leadership development. NOW EXTENDED TO MAY 12!



Raise a puppy. Change a life.

By being a volunteer puppy raiser, you and your family create life-changing moments, while helping a person who is blind or visually impaired regain independence.



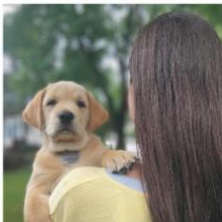
WHAT DOES A PUPPY RAISER DO?

- > Devote 12-15 months of your time, energy and love to raising a puppy
- > Provide daily care, such as feeding and walking
- > Teach basic commands based on Leader Dog guidelines
- > Introduce the puppy to a variety of people and environments
- > Receive tons of ongoing support from Leader Dogs for the Blind

There are multiple puppy raising options to fit your lifestyle.

ONE HOUSEHOLD

This traditional way to puppy raise is perfect for families, college students, active singles, retired couples and empty nesters.



CO-RAISING (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY RAISER)

This option is for someone who wants to share duties with a person from another household.



PASS-ALONG

One raiser has the puppy for the first six months and a second raiser has the puppy for the next six months.

- > Ideal for people who can commit only to a limited time raising a puppy
- > Individuals with pet weight/size restrictions or who may be more comfortable handling a younger, lighter dog can raise for the first six months, while individuals who prefer a dog that already has foundational behaviors may prefer raising the last six months.



CAMPUS PUPPIES

For college students raising on campuses approved by Leader Dog.

- > Must participate in campus puppy club and meet with assigned puppy counselor
- > All supplies, veterinary care and food paid by Leader Dog



To get more information, scan this QR code or visit LeaderDog.org and click on Volunteer.



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND®



Puppy Raisers Wanted!

Looking for a new way to give back to your community? Ready to try something new in your 4-H Dog project? Leader Dogs for the Blind is looking for puppy raisers! Participating families can select the time commitment that works best for them, including a 6 month program, 12-15 month program, or a co-raising program with another household! Your family can help a person who is blind or visually impaired regain independence, while creating life changing moments and growing in your 4-H Dog

Program skills! For full details, please see the attached flyer or reach out to 4-H staff. To help answer any questions you may have, we are hosting an informational zoom session with Question and Answer at 12pm EST on Saturday, May 18th. For other questions, or if you have accessibility needs, please reach out to Kat VanDouser at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.

Register Here

Animal Project Opportunities

BIOSECURITY PRACTICES

PROTECT YOUR ANIMALS FROM DISEASE



-  Wear clean clothing & footwear while caring for animals
-  Regularly clean & disinfect tools & equipment used on the farm
-  Limit visitors to your farm
-  Separate new animals for 14 days & monitor for symptoms of illness
-  Care for new, separated, or sick animals last

Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- [How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects \(8 part series\)](#)
- [Biosecurity for Dairy and Beef Cattle Farms](#)
- [Remain Vigilant to Protect against HPAI](#)
- [Avian Influenza](#)

SHEEP CLINIC

FEATURING: JENNA POHL DAVIS

JENNA IS A MICHIGAN NATIVE. SHE AND HER HUSBAND JESSE CURRENTLY LIVE IN MARYVILLE, MO WHERE THEY OWN AND OPERATE DAVIS SHOW LAMBS. BOTH GREW UP SHOWING LAMBS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL AND NOW ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

TOPICS

- BREAK DOWN OF SHOW DAY PREPARATIONS, LEG WRAPS, HAIR PILLS, DRENCHES, ETC.
- ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP TECHNIQUES AND INSIGHT TO THE LATEST TIPS & TRICKS
- CUSTOMIZED FEED AND NUTRITION FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL LAMB. BRINGING SHEEP PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

JUNE 22, 2024

9AM-3PM | MISSAUKEE AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SHOW, FALMOUTH MI

FEES:

REGISTRATION BY MAY 11, 2024 \$50.00

LATE REGISTRATION MAY 12, 2024-JUNE 20, 2024 \$75.00

ANY SPECTATORS NOT ACCOMPANYING A REGISTERED EXHIBITOR, WILL NEED TO PAY A 15.00 SPECTATOR FEE. SPECTATOR FEE CAN BE PAID THE DAY OF THE EVENT. IF WE DO NOT HAVE 20 REGISTERED EXHIBITORS BY MAY 11, 2024 THE CLINIC WILL BE CANCELED & REFUND ISSUED.

MISSAUKEE COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITORS WILL GET 25.00 SCHOLARSHIP FROM MAYS, TO HELP COVER COST.

REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE PAID TO MISSAUKEE AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SHOW (MAYS). IT CAN BE PAID AT OR CODE OR MAIL A CHECK TO P.O. BOX 94, FALMOUTH, MI 49622. YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL WE RECEIVE PAYMENT.

REGISTRATION CODE

REGISTER AT <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> OR USE QR CODE

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT: SUSAN BEERENS @ 231-510-8701 OR BEERENS@MSU.EDU

Clinic brought to you by: Davis show Lambs, Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, McBain Grain-Purina and Missaukee 4-H

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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
beerens@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

Classes include:	Age Groups Are:
Showmanship for:	Skill A Thon for:
* Chicken	* Poultry
* Duck	* Rabbit
* Turkey	
* Rabbit	
* Cavy	
	17-19
	14-16
	11-13
	8-10
	5-7 Cloverbuds

These ages represent the age you were on January 1, 2024.

Register by May 5 in 4-H ONLINE

NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR

CADILLAC, MI



MARKET CHICKEN ORDERS DUE MAY 10TH

Youth Market Chicken projects must be ordered through the Northern District Fair Livestock Committee to be sold in the livestock auction. Exhibitors must enter a pen of 4 Broiler birds, with 3 selling at the auction, or a pen of 5 Cornish birds, with 4 selling at auction.

More details on the form:
NorthernDistrictFair.org/Youth

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

Starting this Summer! Wexford 4-H Teen Committee

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,


Email Kate to Join



2024 ADULTING 101






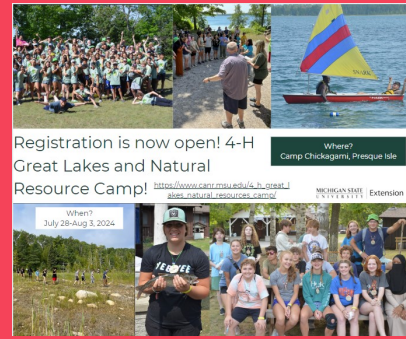




- THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM
- FOSTERING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 AT 5 PM
- KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE - MARCH 19 AT 6 PM
- COVER LETTER AND RESUME WRITING - APRIL 10 AT 6 PM
- BUILD AND PROTECT YOUR CREDIT - MAY 15 AT 5 PM
- TRAVELING ON A BUDGET - JUNE 6 AT 6:30 PM
- COOKING BASICS - JULY 16 AT 4 PM
- SUMMER BERRIES: JAM AND JELLY - AUGUST 12 AT 4 P.M.
- CHANGING THE WORLD WITH YOUR VOTE - SEPTEMBER 16 AT 5 PM
- PAYING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - OCTOBER 16 AT 5 PM
- CRACKING THE CODE TO COLLEGE - NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 PM

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>



Registration is now open! 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp | <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h/great-lakes-natural-resource-camp/> | Where? Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

When? July 28-Aug 3, 2024 | <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h/great-lakes-natural-resource-camp/> | Michigan State University Extension

Feedback Wanted

Michigan 4-H is looking for feedback from youth ages 13-18 regarding their experience in 4-H. You will be receiving a survey and information in your email through 4-H Online. Please take some time to help us improve Michigan 4-H and our county programs by completing the survey. The survey can be accessed here or from the email you will receive. For questions, contact Kathy Fischer at fisch226@msu.edu.

Take the Survey

Adulting 101: Build & Protect Your Credit

May 15 | 5 PM

Learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

Adulting 101

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! 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

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Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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INSPIRE KIDS TO DO

Apply to Volunteer

Start a New Club: Babysitting

Take Over an Existing Club: Sewing Club

Start A Short-term Club: Self-Defense

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.

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.

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

4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Join Michigan 4-H on May 13th at Noon or 7pm to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events.

Upcoming sessions:

- 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 Foundation Opens 24-25 Grant Cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.



Grant Application

4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

Starting May 5th, MSU Extension will host another 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking



4-H Alumni & Supporters



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



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

MAY 4

Bake Sale at Tractor Supply

11 am - 3 pm | Tractor Supply Co, Cadillac

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

MAY 4

Goat/Sheep Weigh-In + Fairgrounds Clean Up

1 pm - 3 pm | Fairgrounds in Cadillac

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!

MAY 6-10

4-H Offices Closed

4-H Staff will be attending our annual institute staff meeting. Kate will not be available to assist you this week, but our MSU Extension office will still be open.

Wild Ones Club Meeting

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

MAY 8

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*

Wexford Whatever / The Grands Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Fair Grounds

MAY 13

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

Northern District Fair Board Meeting

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

MAY 16

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

Exploration Days Orientation

2 pm | The Pines Bowling Alley

MAY 18

All members attending Exploration Days are required to attend orientation.

Missaukee Cluck, Hop, & Wiggle Show

10 AM | Falmouth

MAY 18

4-H Office Closed

**MAY 20-
JUNE 2**

Kate will be attending the 4-H Military Partnership Conference in D.C. and taking a week's vacation before diving into summer programming. She will not be available to assist you, but our MSU Extension office will still be open.

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

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