



# WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

APRIL 12, 2024

JOIN 4-H

VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

## Week at a Glance:

Sat 4/13	Sun 4/14	Mon 4/15	Tue 4/16	Wed 4/17	Thu 4/18	Fri 4/19	Sat 4/20
Bluebird Nestbox Building, Vets Serving Vets Park, Noon			Sewing Club meeting, Cadillac, 4:30-5:30 pm		Fair Board Meeting, 6 pm Spot On Shooting Club, 6:30 pm		

## 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 [bit.ly/NestBox24](https://bit.ly/NestBox24) or scan here



## TOMORROW - Join us even if you didn't RSVP!

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!

## 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"

We will be looking for donations of homemade goods to sell to support our clubs and scholarships. Bonus points if they are Star Wars or 4-H themed!

**1 pm - 3 pm:** Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in & Fairgrounds Clean Up  
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!



# HELP GROW STRONG LEADERS



**TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.**  
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**PAPER CLOVER IS BACK!**  
**APRIL 24 – MAY 5**

FUNDS SUPPORT 4-H CAMP, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.

## Spot On Shooting Club

**MISSAUKEE | WEXFORD**  
*Spot On Shooting 4-H Club*

**MEETINGS** YOUTH AGE: 9-19

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm  
Location: Cadillac Sportsman's Club, 11424 W. Watergate, Rd, Cadillac, MI, 49601

APRIL 4, 2024  
APRIL 18, 2024  
MAY 2, 2024  
MAY 16, 2024  
MAY 30, 2024

**INSTRUCTORS**

SCOTT VANDERMEULEN: 231-920-7745  
BRENT DELLER: 231-878-0366  
WAYNE MULDER: 231-878-4058

**All safety gear, rifles, ammunition, etc. will be provided.**

**4-H GROWS HERE**

**QUESTIONS:**  
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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

**Hit Me with Your Best Shot 4-H  
Photo Contest**

**4-H Day @ Detroit Tigers - 4/28**



## "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>  
Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>  
Questions? Email: [fourhphoto@umn.edu](mailto:fourhphoto@umn.edu)

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Photo & statement due  
11:59 p.m. CST on  
May 1, 2024



## Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



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.

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.

Photo Contest Details

Baseball Details

## Animal Project Opportunities

### 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. [Pay Code](#)

REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE PAID TO MISSAUKEE AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SHOW (MAYS). IT CAN BE PAID AT QR CODE OR MAIL A CHECK TO P.O. BOX 94, FALMOUTH, MI 49632. 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

SUE 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](mailto: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:	17-19
* Chicken	14-16
* Duck	11-13
* Turkey	8-10
* Rabbit	5-7 Cloverbuds
* Cavy	

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

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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 DAIRY HEALTH DAY AT MSU



### 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 12-19 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!

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!"

[Register Here](#)

# NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR CADILLAC, MI

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### 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**

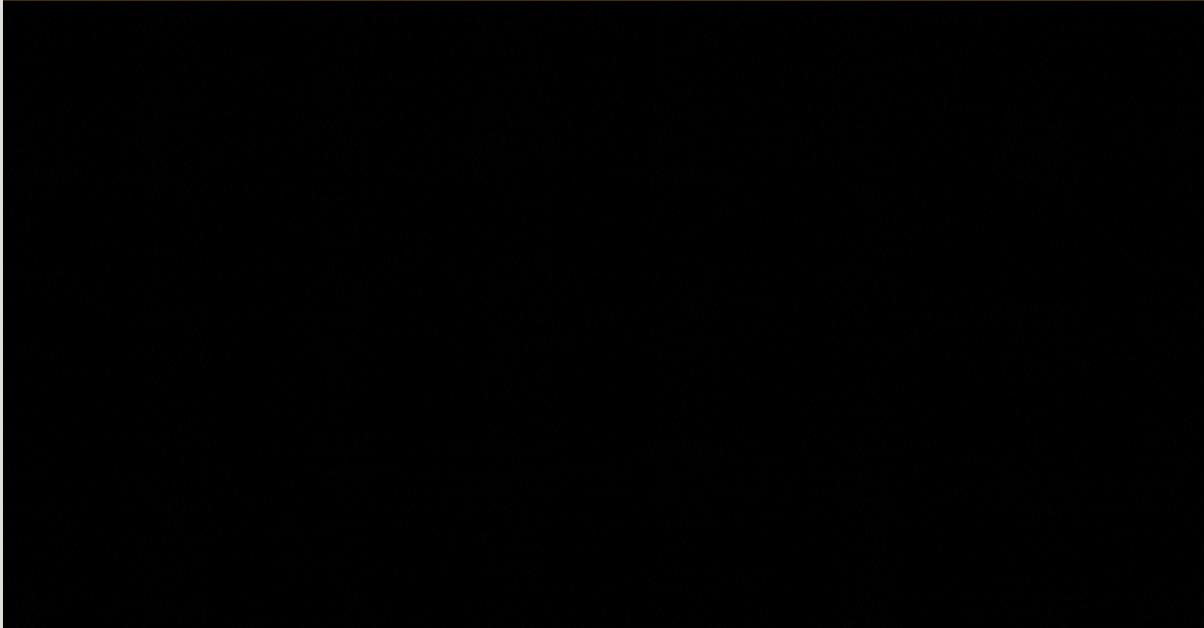
#### NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR REMINDERS:

- 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 \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/about-wexford-4-h-wexford-county)

## NDF Youth Department

# 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

## Great Lakes & Natural

## 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 League!

Enter by April 29.

[Learn More](#)

## Adulting 101: Resume & Cover Letters

May 15 | 5 PM

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

[Adulting 101](#)

## 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

# VOLUNTEER WITH WEXFORD 4-H

Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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[Apply to Volunteer](#)

### Start a New Club: Babysitting

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.

### Take Over an Existing Club: 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.

### Start A Short-term Club: Self-Defense

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](mailto:Kingka26@msu.edu) | 231-779-9480



## 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Join Michigan 4-H on April 22nd at Noon or 7pm for Working with Cloverbuds. 4-Hers, 5-7 years bring a level of excitement, curiosity, and intuitiveness. 4-H volunteers can help these youth start to identify their spark and build their connection to the program. Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with cloverbuds and project ideas that work well with this age group.

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!

#### 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



## 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.

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](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

Questions: contact Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or Co-Coordinator John Wurm [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

Learn More

# County Calendar

**APR 13**

## Family Fun Day: Bluebird Nestbox Building

Noon | Vets Serving Vets Park

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**APR 18**

## 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.

**APR 18**

## 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 16**

## 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 21**

## Cadillac Earth Day Celebration

1 - 3:30 pm | Cadillac Commons Market Pavilion

Join Wexford 4-H and several other community organizations as we celebrate Earth Day with this free family event.

**APR 23**

## Sewing Club Meeting

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

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4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

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**MAY 2**

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**MAY 4**

## Bake Sale at Tractor Supply

11 am - 3 pm | Tractor Supply Co, Cadillac

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## Goat/Sheep Weigh-In + Fairgrounds Clean Up

1 pm - 3 pm | Fairgrounds in Cadillac

**MAY 4**

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## 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\*

## Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Fair Grounds

**MAY 13**

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

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