



# WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

December 15, 2023

Join 4-H

Volunteer with 4-H



## 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](#)

### 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

# 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

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! Educational sessions will be scheduled throughout the day with support of The Rabbit School. Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 19, 2024

### 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

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EAST LANSING, MI

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REGISTER:



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship-state-rabbit-and-cavy/>

Registration

## 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





## 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 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:**

Kami Paksi  
219 N State St  
Alma MI, 48801  
(889) 875-5234

**REGISTRATION LINK:**

<https://bit.ly/3u23JoA> or



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## Contest Alert! You have TWO opportunities to win CASH!



### 4-H Day with Spartans Women's Basketball

SAVE THE DATE! 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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**4-H GROWS HERE**

INSPIRE KIDS TO DO

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:  
Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

## Wexford County Plat Books

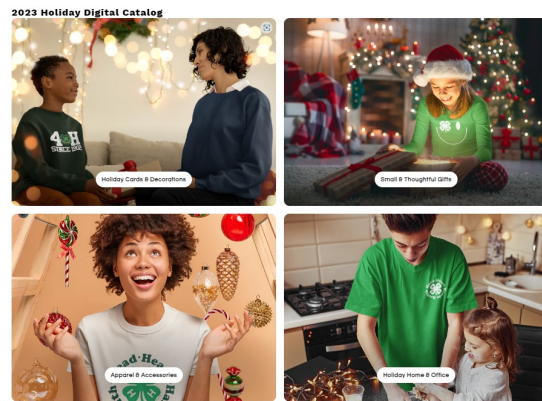


Our Wexford County Plat Books serve as our Leaders' Council's main source of income and fund clubs, family activities, and scholarships for youth and volunteers. These are available at our MSU Extension Office, Horizon Books, and Northwoods Feed for \$30. They make great gifts for all of you outdoors-people in your life and even your real estate agents!

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

[Plat Books](#)

## Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season!



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store! Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

[Shop the Store](#)

## 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](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



**Looking for a longer hosting opportunity?**

Welcome a CIEE high school student into your home and form a bond that lasts a lifetime!

Experience a new culture, practice a foreign language, and have a great time sharing the

best parts of U.S. life with another. CIEE will match your family to an international student based on personality traits, hobbies, and more. Founded in 1947, CIEE is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit study abroad and intercultural exchange organization.

*Note: CIEE is not affiliated with 4-H and has its own hosting requirements.*

Here are just a few of the students looking for hosts:

Mira from Italy

- 12th grade next year
- 3 siblings
- has studied English for 10 years, Spanish 3 years, German 2 years
- Interests: rock climbing, skiing, ice-skating, playing cards, paddle boarding, pottery, comic books, manga/anime, baking, travel, pottery
- Describes herself as: "spontaneous, direct, and honest, loves nature & animals"

Triet from Vietnam/ American Name: Daniel

- 11th grade next year
- older brother lives in Boston
- has studied English for 7 years
- Interests: chess, cooking, soccer, movies, swimming, travel, board games, volunteering, student government
- Describes himself as: "warm, open-hearted, honest, and reliable"

Emma from Germany

- 11th grade next year
- half German & half Japanese
- has studied English for 5 years, French 4 years

- Interests: ballet, choir, reading, current events, badminton, student council, and pop music
- Lutheran Youth Leader
- Describes herself as: "talkative and cheerful"

Contact CIEE  
Coordinator

## 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



### 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](#)



### 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](#)



## 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

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## 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**  
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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

DEC 18

4-H at School: WMISD Transitions Class



This session is Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddle-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

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East Lansing | 9 AM

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Contact Glenda Weiss for further information: [weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu) | 517-676-7303

Register

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

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