



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

January 19, 2024

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**MOCK IT
THEN
ROCK IT**

Wexford Missaukee Mock Interview Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
INTERVIEW - RESUME REVIEW - BREAK OUT SESSIONS

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

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Register:
bit.ly/mock24

For more information
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231-779-9480

Mock It then Rock It 2024 - Volunteers Needed!

**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. Our goal is to recruit 75 volunteers to assist with this event!

*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 It



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New Year, New Role

Wexford County 4-H Program Coordinator, Kate King, is now also the Michigan 4-H Military Partnership State Liaison and will be shifting some of her goals to focus on Military-Connected families. She will be looking to build new partnerships across the state, so please reach out if you have any connections.

Animal Project Opportunities

Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan 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

- LARGE ANIMAL (COMBINED: BEEF, DAIRY, EQUINE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS)
- SMALL ANIMAL (COMBINED: DOGS, RABBITS/CAVIES, AND POULTRY)
- NUTRITION
- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
- MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)

LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS

- NOVICE: 25 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (125 TOTAL) *WAS 150 PREVIOUSLY.*
- JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) *WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.*
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) *WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY.*

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- YOUTH REGISTRATION: <https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/>
- ADULT REGISTRATION: https://qfreeaccountssc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rHvZQzj93dmM2

FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon>



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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!

**Skillathon
Details**

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 an event in 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:

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219 N State St
Alma MI, 48801
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REGISTRATION LINK:

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



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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

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 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.

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/msu-3645>

Horse Judging Registration

4-H Sporting Events

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!

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

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



2024 ADULTING 101



- THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM
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Animal Science Career Quest

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Dept of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields. This event will be on February 17th on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers. Space is limited, so don't delay!

[Register](#)

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."

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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Registration & Information
www.caanr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
DATES: MARCH 17-19



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SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE WILDLIFE WITH JEREMIAH HEISE
ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGER, US FOREST SERVICE
February 13 | 6:30 PM EST
Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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\$100 for 300 Words!

Money, money, money!
The 2024 4-H Cash

See Government in Action!

March 17-19, 2024
4-H Capitol Experience

**Wild Spartans:
Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife**

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

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.*

Learn More

Feb 13 | 6:30 pm
Online

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

Volunteer Vault

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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

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

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

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.

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.

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 January 23rd at Noon or 7pm for a free webinar on Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat. 4-H volunteers will learn about 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.

[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 www.states4hexchange.org
Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

Learn
More

Exploration Days Session NEEDED!



Michigan State University Extension 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college 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

JAN 23

Leaders Council Meeting

5:30-7 pm | MSU Extension

All 4-H volunteers & leaders are encouraged to attend to help make decisions to direct the county program. 4-H teens, parents, and community members are welcome!

JAN 24

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*

JAN 25

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

JAN 25

Northern District Fair Board Meeting *Rescheduled*

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.

~~JAN 27~~

~~CANCELLED - Wexford Family Fun Day: Around the World Potluck~~

~~A new opportunity arose for a family day in mid-February. We will save this idea for another time.~~

FEB 1

Volunteer Orientation: Mock It then Rock It

6 pm | Zoom

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

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FEB 9

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8 - 11:30 am | Baker College

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FEB 12

Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

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

State Calendar

JAN 18

MSU Public Listening Session - Virtual

11:30 am - 1 pm | Zoom

Virtual listening session for the public to give feedback and help shape the future of Michigan State University Extension.

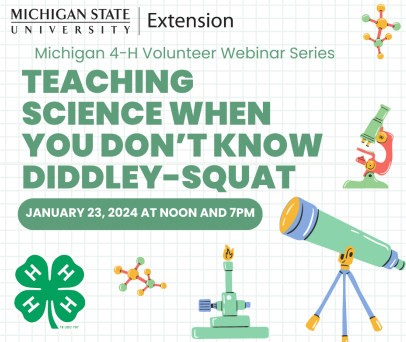
[Details and Registration](#)

JAN 23

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat

Zoom | Noon or 7 pm

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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

Michigan 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show

JAN 27

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 pre-register 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

FEB 13

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do the adult tasks of managing your

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