



Leelanau County 4-H Family News

May/June 2022

Welcome to our new Leelanau 4-H Office Assistant Patti Travioli!

We are so excited and happy to have Patti Travioli here with us in the Leelanau 4-H office! She has a background in horticulture, human resources, and customer service, and she has extensive knowledge about growing vegetables, flowers, and herbs. She owns her own farm here in Leelanau County, and also has experience with 4-H as a youth taking part in the program downstate. Patti still thinks of her 4-H experiences fondly. Her schedule will be part-time, working on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in our Leelanau 4-H office. She has been busily learning all of our systems and policies, and is already working to help folks who come in or call with questions. This newsletter is beautiful because of her hard work. The next time you stop in or call us, say a quick hello! Welcome, Patti!



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4-H Tractor Safety Class a Success



Our 16 youth all successfully passed their tractor safety driving and written tests this month, after taking part in our in-person offering of the course. Four class sessions were held on Sunday afternoons, taught by our new lead instructor Mark Miezio, and assisted by our other new 4-H volunteer/instructor, Clint Warren, on the driving day, and then all of the youth signed up for testing slots out at the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center here in Leelanau County. All of the teens were offered the chance to hop on a tractor prior to the testing day, to get some practice in, and everyone also got the chance to look at a tractor up close to see how it worked, what to do to safely start and stop it, and so on. The test day was a mild and beautiful day in May, and I spent much of the time being extremely impressed with these 14- and 15-year-old youth and their willingness to learn new skills and demonstrate what they have learned. About eight of the teens had never been on a tractor before, but they did so well! And, this course would not be a success without the use of the Horticulture Research Center—they lent us two John Deere tractors, equipment, and the use of their beautiful meeting room for our class meetings and written test time. This is a great partnership that we have had for a very long time.



4-H Hoverball Archery for MakerFest 2022 at the Traverse City Civic Center



Leelanau County 4-H joined Benzie and Grand Traverse County 4-H to provide a really fun five-hour exhibit at this year’s MakerFest 2022 held at the Civic Center in Traverse City in April. Our Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program has a 4-H inflatable hoverball archery set that can be checked out and used for promotional events, such as this one focusing on local entities that provide learning around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Hoverball definitely does all of that and more! We also had the help of our Leelanau County 4-H teen leader, Everett Howell, who worked hard to keep the targets floating (on a very windy day). We reached well over 100 people during the event, and it allowed people to have a very safe introduction to archery, without the pointed edge of the arrows. Foam-tipped arrows were used with the bows, and we had youth four and up trying it out (and being very successful). One of the other participants providing activities came over to us toward the end of the event and said, “You are the most popular thing here today! Everyone kept talking about how much fun they had doing the hoverball archery.”

New “4-H Grows Here” Yard Signs Available for our Leelanau Clubs

Thanks to a generous purchase by our District 3 Director Jennifer Berkey, we have some new 4-H yard signs to offer our year-round clubs! Please let me know if you would like one for your club, and I will get it to you!



Celebrating our Leelanau County 4-H Graduating Seniors!



Bella Wolf



Paige Cook

This year, we are celebrating five Leelanau County 4-H seniors, Marin Barrett of Gotta Lluva Cool Critter 4-H Club, Julianna Brower of Happy Hooves 4-H Club, Paige Cook of our 4-H Babysitting Club, Jenaya Thoreson of Hidden Beech Equestrians 4-H Club, and Bella Wolf of Gotta Lluva Cool Critter 4-H Club. Leelanau 4-H and the 4-H Youth Association mailed these five young women \$50 Amazon gift cards, cards of congratulation, and 4-H tassels. Congratulations, Marin, Julianna, Paige, Jenaya, and Bella! We wish you the best in your future adventures!



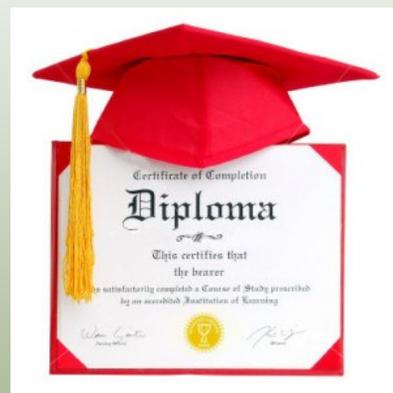
Julianna Brower



Marin Barrett



Jenaya Thoreson



Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association News

Our Youth Association is small but mighty, and **we are still looking for a 4-H Volunteer Treasurer!** If you have some time to give each month to reconcile our bank account and print simple reports, write checks as needed (rare), and attend our monthly meetings, please reach out to Rosali at collierr@msu.edu ! I would love to talk to you about the role. We do a lot of good in our group, and our goal is to serve our 4-H youth and volunteers by fundraising, providing scholarships, and supporting new programs. We love our 4-H outreach events, too!

We also want to publicly thank the Paul T and Frances B Johnson Foundation for their amazing \$8,000 donation to our Youth Association Advisory Board! We are using some of the funds to help pay for the upcoming Leelanau 4-H logo wear order, the Exploration Days buses (taking five counties down to campus this month), and our two Sail Champion Adventure Camps in July and August. We also will be helping our new Jr. Master Gardener Program at the Pathfinder School work toward putting up a new greenhouse and purchasing more supplies. The entire school will benefit from this opportunity. It's donors like the Johnson Foundation that allow us to build up our 4-H youth and provide new experiences. Thank you!

If you missed the chance to order our fantastic logo wear through the online Threads Leelanau 4-H Fan Club store we had open in April, don't despair! We will be offering the chance to purchase more logo wear (t-shirts and hoodies) during Fair week, in the Tanner Building. Any profits brought in by the sale will go toward scholarships for our 4-H youth to attend shows and programs.





Two Days of 4-H Sail Champion Adventure Camp 2022

Leelanau County 4-H and the Maritime Heritage Alliance are partnering again to offer two different 4-H sailing adventure camps aboard the 39-foot classic sailboat Champion this summer. Champion is guided by a licensed captain, a crew of trained volunteers including a 4-H volunteer, and six youth participants. Youth ages 12-19 can choose one of two days, either Thursday, July 14th or Friday, August 5th, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm for a fun adventure in West Bay. The sail will include a trip to Power Island, the chance to swim in the bay, eat lunch on the boat, and learn how to tie knots, navigate a course, sail the boat, and more.

Want to join the crew? Contact Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator Rosali Collier to find out how to register for one of the days. Cost is just \$10 and includes a Sail Champion t-shirt.

Thanks to our generous donors, Rotary of Suttons Bay--Leelanau County and the Johnson Foundation, costs for youth are minimal.

Meet the crew at Discovery Pier, 13268 S. W. Bayshore Drive, in Traverse City. Bring a packed lunch, water bottle, hat/sunglasses, swimsuit (optional), and a towel.

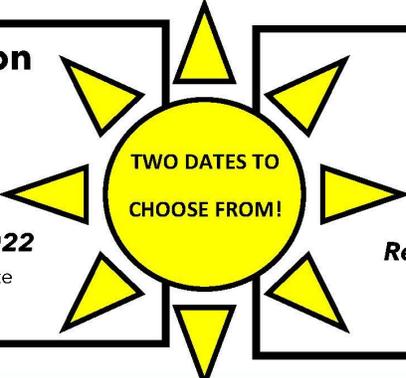
Questions or ready to register? Please reach out to Rosali at collierr@msu.edu or by calling our MSU Extension/Leelanau 4-H office at 231-256-9888.



4-H Sail Champion Adventure 2022



Sail Champion is a nonprofit that brings together sailing, history and community to build the capacity for resilience in youth in partnership with Leelanau 4-H. Sail the waters of West Grand Traverse Bay to Power Island aboard *Champion*, a 39 foot classic sailboat. Guided by a licensed captain, crew members, and you! Learn through hands-on experience and great adventure, go swimming in the bay, and more!

<p>4-H Sail Champion Adventure July 14, 2022</p> <p><i>Register by July 1, 2022</i> Inclement Weather Date July 15, 2022</p>	 <p>TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM!</p>	<p>4-H Sail Champion Adventure August 5, 2022</p> <p><i>Register by August 1, 2022</i> Inclement Weather Date August 11, 2022</p>
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6 Youth Per Adventure, Ages 12+ Cost: \$10 (includes t-shirt)
To register: Rosali Collier at collierr@msu.edu or 256-9888

Where: Discovery Center, 13268 S. W. Bayshore Drive, Traverse City

Time: 9:30 am-4:00 pm– sign in @ 9:30, fill out forms, and meet the crew

What to bring: packed lunch, water bottle, hat/sunglasses, swimsuit (optional), and a towel



We would like to thank the following for their generous support

Paul T and Frances B Johnson Foundation

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**Rotary Club of
Suttons Bay—Leelanau County**




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Leelanau 4-H Youth Preparing for Fair at Shows, Clinics, Petting Zoos, and at Home

Our local 4-H youth are attending shows and competing for ribbons and awards already, and with this experience, they are also preparing to compete at our fair in August. Youth are also enjoying time with each other during club meetings, learning from their volunteer mentors, and connecting with their livestock projects. Animals are even getting to know each other better! Please enjoy some of these photos from the last month of our amazing Leelanau County 4-H'ers!



Isabelle Plamondon
and Her Winning Chicken Art



Addison Kraeft



Evelyn Grant and calf



Judy Steffens 2022



Evelyn Grant
and cattle project

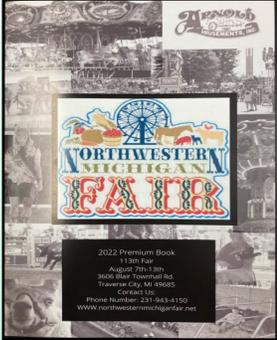


Will Grant Showing at the
Lakeshore Beef Classic May 2022



Garrett Grant Lakeshore Beef
Classic Breed Champion

Work Bees, Tagging, 4-H Council Meetings, and More!



113th Fair

August 7-13, 2022

3606 Blair Townhall

Traverse City, MI

We have been very active lately with our Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council, meeting out on the fairgrounds for several work bees, tagging events, and our recent Council meeting. We will be holding more events and clinics on the grounds, and our next Livestock Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 27th, starting at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

Another fun announcement is that the fairgrounds has a wonderful new addition coming soon! A brand-new rabbit barn is being built, just in time for this year's fair! A huge thank-you for the generous donation from the Paul T and Frances B Johnson Foundation! They also donated funds for auction improvements, LED lighting in the swine, goat, and calf barns, and fans and ventilation in the swine barn. Tractor Supply Company (US-31 store) donated \$5,000 toward the poultry barn improvements. Our fairgrounds are going to be amazing this August!

There are still two scheduled work bees to sign up for on June 14th and July 27th, if you haven't done that yet: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4cada622abf85-2022>

For all things related to our Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council, to print out a 4-H livestock record book, or to check out policies or meeting minutes, please visit the website: <http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org/>

To get your hard copy of this year's **Fair Premium Book**, stop by our office in the Leelanau County Government Center (Suite 107) and pick one up! Remember: Animal Registrations are due by July 1st and Non-Animal Registrations (Tanner Exhibit) are due by July 15th!!



Upcoming 4-H Programs

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We will be back at **Orchard Tour and More** during Cherry Festival! Our local 4-H clubs will be out at the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center during Cherry Festival week with their livestock projects, crafts, 4-H giveaways, and more! Please come visit us, or team up with another club to show some of your livestock projects. We do have the option for a club to join Pony Pals 4-H Club on Thursday, July 7th with more animals. Each day we meet from 10 am to 1 pm, and then clubs are responsible for clean-up. Feel free to have a simple fundraiser—bake sales by donation are a big hit for visitors! Contact Rosali to find out more and get on the list.



We are holding an in-person 4-H petting zoo with Frontier Quest 4-H Club volunteers and 4-H'ers, Kathy Swinney (with cloverbud crafts), and 4-H giveaways at the **Leland Township Library** on Friday, July 15th, at 10:30 as part of their story hour outdoors. We will keep you posted on this fun event!

We are holding our usual events in the **Tanner Building** during Fair Week this August, with cloverbud activities and make-and-take bags, club booth displays, individual judged projects, 4-H interviews, and the 4-H Clover Award interviews. Interested in applying for the **4-H Clover Award**? Find the updated application on the Livestock Council website. For ages 10-19, with the winner receiving a giant ribbon and a \$100 gift card. The best club display will be given a giant ribbon and a pizza party! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons and feedback will be given to individual judged projects (in four age brackets). Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon and feedback. Reach out to Rosali Collier or Emily Kotz for more information, and remember to enter your club booth display by June 27th using the online registration form <https://forms.gle/1R77jLkFkvG4faQVA>



Tanner Building 2022 Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds



*What is happening and
how to get involved*



Club Booth Displays

All 4-H Clubs from Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Antrim and Kalkaska are welcome to create and exhibit a club booth display. Club booth display should present the theme "Explore Your Spark". Create an educational display, tell a story about your 4-H club, show community service and project areas your club has participated in, etc. It is okay to use pictures and content from previous years! Booths will be awarded certificate such as most creative, best organized, and the overall winner will win a Little Caesars Pizza Gift Certificate card and a ribbon for their 4-H Club!

To reserve a club booth space, sign up on [this Form](#) and be prepared to set up your booth Thursday or Friday, August 4 and 5th anytime from 12-9:00 PM in the Tanner Building.

Individual 4-H Projects

Individual 4-H Projects may be submitted for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Please visit the 2022 Northwestern Michigan Fair Premium Book, pages 65-66 for classes. Complete and turn in to the Fair Office the registration form from page 73 in the Premium Book. Projects from any 4-H member from the five county area are welcome. Non-Animal Registrations are due July , 2022.

Clover Award Interviews

[Fill out and submit a Clover Award Application](#) by Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Finalists will be contacted to be interviewed on Monday, August 8th in the Tanner Building.

Cloverbud Activities

Cloverbud activities will be held in the Tanner Building Monday-Thursday from 2-4:00 and Saturday at 4:00 PM. Join 4-H youth leaders and volunteers with youth aged 5-7 to make and take crafts.

Share your 4-H story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 18—20: Shiawassee 4-H Camp

Camp Neyati, Lake

Join a fun filled overnight camp experience! Campers will be bused to Camp Neyati from Shiawassee County. Open to youth ages 7-12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-camp>

June 27: Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

A fun-filled day of everything outdoors! From nature walks to crafts, and bug hunting to meeting animals, this fun camp is open to youth ages 5-8.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp-1>

June 27-30: 4-H Creative Clovers Camp

Various southeast Michigan locations

Come enjoy a fun filled 4-H camp where you can learn about the creative areas of photography, drawing, music and video production using Apple iPad technology.

Locations include the VerKuilen Building in Clinton Township, the MSU Extension office in Pontiac or the MSU Detroit Center in Detroit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-creative-clovers-camp>

June 27: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener June 2022

LISD Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. Youth in grades 5-8 will earn a certificate.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/lenawee-junior-master-gardener-june-2022>

July 13: State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo, the contest allows participants to enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest1>

July 18-22: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days>

July 23: 4-H State Shooting Sports Championships

TBD

This one-day event offers competition to youth statewide in BB, hunting and wildlife, air rifle, small bore rifle, target archery, 3-D archery, muzzleloader, trap and more! Anticipated registration window of June 1-25.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-shooting-sports-championships>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

2022 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2022, the following 15 4-H members from 11 counties were selected as the 2022 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- **Berrien County:** Maizie Murphy and Gemma Richards
- **Cass County:** Conner Baker
- **Gratiot County:** Joshua Grigar
- **Isabella County:** Ben Kropf and Grace Russell
- **Lenawee County:** Eliana Pinson
- **Midland County:** Benny Scott
- **Monroe County:** Morgan Schmidt
- **Muskegon County:** Layla Behm
- **Saginaw County:** Samantha Hecht or Elliana Specht
- **Van Buren County:** Karleigh Stamp
- **Washtenaw County:** Amelia Long and Westin Rogers

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](#) and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!



Register now for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp!

Teens ages 13-15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp. It could be the highlight of your summer or even change your life!

This fun MSU pre-college program helps youth to explore natural resources, environmental stewardship, career choices and so much more. In addition, they'll have fun charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

The 2022 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp will be hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, July 31—August 6. Registration is now open! The 2022 camper fee is \$500.00, which includes six nights in a cabin setting, all meals and snacks, water activities, camp crafts, night hikes and charter fishing, plus a t-shirt!

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

Bird biosecurity reminders



With cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza on the rise, owners of poultry projects and other birds are encouraged to implement preventative measures. This includes keeping animals contained at their own facilities, as well as:

Preventing contact between domestic and wild birds by bringing them indoors or ensuring their area is enclosed.

Washing hands before and after handling birds and when moving between different coops.

Disinfecting boots and other gear when moving between coops.

Not sharing equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms.

Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and other supplies between uses.

Using well or municipal water as drinking water for birds.

Ensuring there is no contact between poultry feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.

Wearing clean clothing and footwear that has not been worn in a home coop into public venues.