



Family News

JULY/AUGUST
2022



We're Going to the Fair, Going to the Fair... Sunday, August 7th through Saturday, August 13th

We have so much going on during fair week this August! Please join in on the fun in the Tanner Exhibit Building, where we will have Club Booth Displays (following the "Explore Your Spark" theme), independent 4-H projects, 4-H displays, a thank-you note table, a show clothing exchange, 4-H fundraisers (including Leelanau County 4-H logo wear), and our wonderful cloverbud activities and crafts. These will be offered Monday through Friday, from 10-11:30 am and again from 2-4 pm, with the Cloverbud Games happening under the DA tent on Saturday the 13th starting at 4:00 pm. All free! We are also still taking our Clover Award applications through Wednesday, August 3rd, and holding interviews on Monday, August 8th for both the Clover Award and any 4-H youth (including cloverbuds) who want to take part. Ribbons will be earned!

Our 4-H clubs will be there, in almost every barn, showing their animal projects and ready to share their knowledge. Our 4-H Auction will be held on Thursday, August 11th, starting at 9 am for large animals in the Haberlein Arena and at 10 am for small animals in the Rosa Arena. There will be outdoor televisions displaying all youth names and information for buyers to see this year. Please join us and support our 4-H 'ers and their projects—they have been working so hard on them this year.

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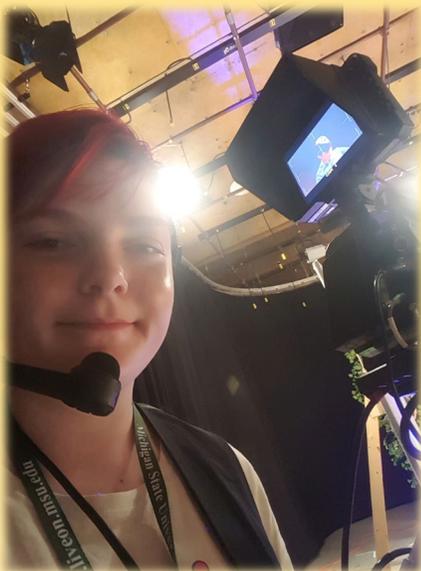


COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Exploring Our Spark at 4-H Exploration Days 2022



We did it! After two years of not being able to attend this annual event on MSU's campus in June, our Leelanau County 4-H delegation traveled on our two Leland school buses down to campus, with five other counties, and had a great time learning, exploring, making friendships, and figuring out how to navigate a large campus. Our delegation was smaller than normal, with 12 youth, 6 adults, and 4 youth from two other counties having oversight from our chaperones, but that was an okay way to get back into the swing of things. The youth who went had comments like "I really liked my session" and "I met these guys from Monroe County—they were really cool. We're going to hang out later." Youth figured out how to get to parts of campus for their sessions on their own, and other youth went up to people they didn't know and started conversations. It was great fun to see all of the growth in such a short period of time! Also, a big thank you to our wonderful chaperones Dave Winowiecki, Clay Couturier, and Steve Oosse and our fabulous bus drivers Galen Leighton and Bill Branch! We couldn't do these trips without our fantastic adults! We're looking forward to next year's trip, so tell your friends to hold these dates: June 21-23, 2023! Many 4-H scholarships will be available!





Exploring Our Spark at 4-H Exploration Days 2022 continued...





Orchard Tours and More During Cherry Festival was Pawsitively Fun!



A big thank-you goes out to our local 4-H clubs who helped out and provided the livestock projects for our 4-H petting zoo at the Horticulture Research Center during Cherry Festival in July. We enjoyed hosting Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, Frontier Quest, Pony Pals, Lone Wolves, and Backyard Bunch, as well as the wonderful cloverbud activities and crafts provided by Kathy Swinney. We also had the help of Everett Howell of our Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association, who ran a booth with a Money Carnival activity, and helped kids win a “squeaky pig” after they learned about good and not-so-good spending habits and budgeting. We had alpacas, calves, chickens, rabbits (including babies), ponies, goats, and bake sales, too! We also had fun coloring books focusing on the cherry industry and 4-H projects, stickers, pens, and pencils for everyone. The weather was wonderful all week, and it was great fun to visit with the public, talk about 4-H, and see our 4-H clubs do what they do so well: share their knowledge and give their time to others. We reached almost 300 people over the four days with our cloverbud and money carnival activities, and more than that visited with the animals. We are looking forward to being back again next year!





Orchard Tours and More continued...



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Orchard Tours and More continued...





4th of July and Cherry Festival Parades: Leelanau 4-H Shined!



Our very own Pony Pals 4-H Club signed up to be part of the Leland 4th of July parade and did an amazing job of stealing the show! As one of the parents, Amy Sutherland, wrote: “The 9 youth members of Pony Pals 4-H Club, along with leaders Kim Creamer and Natasha Martinson and many parents and siblings, walked in the Leland Fourth of July Parade with their horses and ponies. They demonstrated their skills in keeping their animals calm in an unpredictable environment, distributed 4-H stickers to spectators, and even took home the award for Best Costume!” Way to go, Pony Pals! Talk about a whole-club effort! So fun to see the parents taking such an interest in their kids’ interests. We also want to shine a light on Small Town Farmers 4-H Club and leader Dannah Miller who took on organizing our local 4-H’ers for the Cherry Festival Community Royale parade for the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council! She said it was an absolute “blast” and wants to do it again next year. What a great way to celebrate our 4-H youth and volunteers and our community, our country, and our world.





4th of July and Cherry Festival Parades continued...





Our Tiny Tappers is Clicking as a 4-H Club!

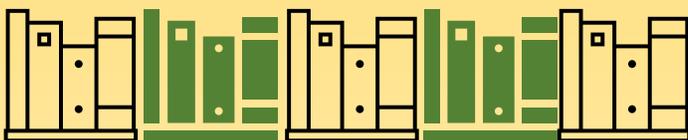
As Robin Carden, our new 4-H leader of Tiny Tappers 4-H Club said, "Today I got a hug from a Tiny Tapper. That is all and that is enough and more for any one day." It is amazingly fun to watch Robin in action with her Tiny Tappers, all cloverbuds, at the Center in Suttons Bay. They have been meeting on Tuesdays, and their final day will be during Fair Week. When Robin found out that one of her tappers was going to miss this last day because she was at Fair, Robin agreed to help out in the Tanner Building on Monday of Fair, so that her club member could do a cloverbud demonstration and earn a ribbon and show off her tap dance skills! Thank you to Robin for being so kind to these kids and thank you to the families for bringing your young ones in for a fun club! To celebrate all of this learning and excitement, Leelanau 4-H purchased backpacks just right for carrying tap shoes, 4-H water bottles, pencils, and stickers for each member. Look for upcoming details for the next Tiny Tappers 4-H Club to be held at Leland Public School starting in September! Only five spots left.



Leelanau Township Library Summer Reading Program with Leelanau 4-H

A large crowd joined in on our visit at the library in July, with families from all over the state and other states, and local families looking for some fun on a beautiful summer day. We had several 4-H youth and adult volunteers there that day, including youth from Frontier Quest 4-H Club, Lone Wolves 4-H Club, and Kathy Swinney with Cloverbud Crafts. Every youth was able to receive a free 4-H bag containing stickers, pencils, pens, squeaky pigs, coloring books and fun crafts. We had three rabbits, two goats, and several chickens, too! We also had baby chicks to hold. Chickens on leashes (after Norman the chicken ran over to the Art Center), rabbits the size of small dogs, and goats that wanted to see everyone (and eat all of the leaves on the library's front lawn). This was great fun, visiting the library in Leland, and a big thank-you goes to their Program Coordinator Chelsea Hilton for welcoming us to take part in their program there this summer. She told us it was their busiest program yet! (see next page for more photos!)







4-H Grows with the Inaugural Parenting Communities Street Fair



We joined our county's Parenting Communities organization by taking part in their street fair in July in Lake Leelanau and promoting all that we do in 4-H. The audience we reached was on the younger side, but getting the word out about all that 4-H has to offer to our local community was appreciated by folks and we had some great interest from families about joining us at this year's fair to learn more. A huge shout out to Frontier Quest 4-H Club for helping to provide a small petting zoo with rabbits, chickens, and baby chicks. They helped at three outreach events in the month of July, and should be commended on their community service! Kathy Swinney also provided fun cloverbud crafts, offering the chance for kids to create ladybug and bumblebee rocks to take home. We offered free giveaways with coloring books, stickers, pens, pencils, and squeaky pigs, too!





Sail Champion 4-H Adventure Camp Crews Learned the Ropes



Leelanau 4-H was able to successfully partner with the Maritime Heritage Alliance to have two groups of 4-H youth and volunteers take part in one-day sailing adventures aboard the Champion, a 39-foot classic vessel. The July 14th trip was a big success, and the August 5th trip is just about to embark! The crew was guided by a licensed captain, “Captain Steph”, who also had first mates and other Maritime Heritage Alliance volunteers assisting. The 4-H youth were able to learn about raising and lowering sails, tying several kinds of knots, charting a course, and actually steering the boat. This year’s camps were extended days, as they sailed out to Power Island, had the chance to swim off the boat, and more! The energy and positive comments of the youth as they left the boat was fun to see. Many wanted to go again! A special thank you to Garry Taylor for being a willing and very able 4-H volunteer on the boat with our youth crews, and congratulations to Everett Howell, who was asked to be a 4-H teen leader on the second trip! And, again, a huge thank you goes out to our local Rotary of Suttons Bay—Leelanau County as well as the Johnson Foundation for their generous support which allowed these youth to attend these camps for a wonderful price: the cost of a \$10 t-shirt.



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Leelanau 4-H Events and Clubs

Tiny Tappers 4-H Club at Leland Public School:
Wednesdays, September 7-October 12 for 8 Cloverbuds

Northwest MI 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Club:
Wednesdays, starting in September at Myles Kimmerly Park in Maple City. For youth ages 8 and up (as of January 1, 2023).

School Farm Markets: We are scheduling our Farm Markets at several of our local schools this September and October and are hoping that some of our volunteers can show up with small animals or poultry for children to visit with and learn about.

Leland, Friday, 9/23, 9am – 12pm

Glen Lake, Tuesday, 9/27, 9am-12pm

St. Mary, Tuesday, 10/4, 9am-12pm (tentative)

Suttons Bay, Wednesday, 10/5, 9am-12pm

Northport, Friday, 10/14, 12:30pm-3pm

Time to Re-enroll

Date: September 12th

Re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 4-H year starts in 4HOnline for both volunteers and youth. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll.



Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council Meeting

Date: September 12th

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Fairgrounds Pavillion

What is it about? Reminder: bring your project Record Books!

By-laws proposals are due prior to this meeting and will be voted on at the November Annual Meeting.





Calling all 4-H Club Leaders and 4-H Volunteers!

Please start thinking about getting ready for Fall Leader Updates with Rosali this fall, starting in September. These are for every club leader in Leelanau County. Leaders should contact Rosali to set up a time to meet in person. Paperwork required: Annual Financial Summary Report (even if your club does not have a bank account), Copy of Meeting Minutes, Signed Civil Rights Form, and any other club paperwork (such as fundraising report forms).

Financial account records should be sent to our office if they are not already, or leaders need to provide copies of these for the past 4-H year. Remember that the dates for the last 4-H year were September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Volunteer Central is also going to be more user-friendly: If you are a volunteer (leader or not) and plan to remain active in the program, you do not need to do anything in Volunteer

Central until your birth month. You will then just authorize your background check in the system then. Also, for every 4-H volunteer in Leelanau, we do have one requirement: completion of the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol module in Volunteer Central. If you have not already completed this, you must do so by December 31, 2022. Please reach out to Rosali if you need assistance with this.

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**Thank You
4-H Volunteers for
Your Continued
Support**





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 7

5:30 - 7 p.m.



North lawn outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture



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Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 7.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

August 1-5: MSU Tollgate Farm Vet Science Camp

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

Campers ages 12-14 can explore the Tollgate barns and pastures as they investigate the worlds of veterinary science and animal medicine. Gain animal handling experience, learn about veterinary tools and technology, practice physical exams, and take the opportunity to explore various animals and animal care with visiting vets and animal care specialists.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-vet-science-camp-2022>

August 2: Adulting 101 – Healthy U

Online

Learn strategies and ways to advocate for your wellness and to stay mentally and physically healthy as you transition into adulthood.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101summer8-2>

August 15-19: MSU Tollgate Farm Outdoor Adventure Camp

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

Campers ages 12-14 can take survival camp to a whole new level and challenge themselves with exciting wilderness skill-building experiences. Try your hand at fire-building, wilderness first aid, outdoor cooking, shelter-building, climbing, and team-building trust initiatives. An optional Thursday overnight campout on the farm is included.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-outdoor-adventure-camp-2022>

August 20: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The Michigan 4-H State Dog Show will provide classes in agility, obedience, rally, team, brace and showmanship. Spectators welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-dog-show>

August 20: 4-H Bullseye Bash

Northern District Fair, Cadillac

Participate in the first Wexford County archery competition! This new event is designed to help 4-H members meet new friends, test skills, and provide positive experiences through friendly competition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-at-northern-district-fair>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!



MSU Extension is happy to partner again in 2022 with the Michigan State Fair for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 1! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more. There is no cost to participate, and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting project photos and videos. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 1-5.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

Michigan 4-H Foundation 2022-23 grant cycle re-opened

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently re-opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 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. Applications are due by the extended July 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.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2022 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced



The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 20 4-H members from 16 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"With tens of thousands of 4-H'ers across the state, the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished 4-H'ers," said Julie Chapin, 4-H state leader of Michigan 4-H and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "Their commitment to bettering themselves

and their communities through service and extensive 4-H work make them true leaders in their clubs, counties and across our state."

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 19 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills, and experience. Recipients of the 2022 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Charlee Klink of Delta County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Malachi Sims of Shiawassee County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Sophia Nielsen of Ingham County (junior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Vishal Swamy of Oakland County (junior division)
- **Equine Science:** Jayleigh Williams of Lenawee County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Rebecca Thomas of Ionia County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Brooke Richards of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Caitlynn Pratt of Otsego County (junior division) and Audrey Martin of Midland County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Noah Hecht of Saginaw County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Jadyn Herzog of Allegan County (junior division) and Jaycie Brown of Livingston County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Blake Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Corinna Aulph of Monroe County (junior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

Senior delegates (ages 16-19) and groups then complete an interview using video conference technology. Completing a video interview provides an opportunity for 4-H members to practice real-world skills that are trending in the workforce.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.