



Summer 2023



Family News



Leelanau County 4-H Celebrating 17 Seniors this year!



Sarah Elshaw

Wow! We are very proud of and excited for our seventeen graduating seniors this year! Our Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association provided \$50 VISA gift cards, and Leelanau 4-H provided Proud 4-H Alumni decals and a personalized note of congratulations for all of our seniors, to say thank you for being an important part of our program over the years and good luck on your next adventures!

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We reached out to our 4-H seniors to ask for their photos and future plans and heard back from several!



Amelia Kish of Hidden Beech Equestrians 4-H Club graduated from Glen Lake Community School and will be attending Albion College to study pre-veterinary science and will be on the school's Equestrian Hunt Seat team.



Emma DePuy of Happy Hooves 4-H Club graduated from Glen Lake Community School and will be attending Michigan State University in the fall to study Business and Marketing.



Lydia Brower of Happy Hooves 4-H Club graduated from Traverse City Christian School. She is attending Cornerstone University in the fall to study early childhood education.



Adeline LaCross of Hidden Beech Equestrians 4-H Club graduated as this year's co-valedictorian from Leland Public School and will be attending the University of Michigan to study biology.



Tyler Peer of Thunderbirds on Target 4-H Club graduated from The Leelanau School and will be attending Kalamazoo College in the fall.



Alu (Peyton) Rawls of Thunderbirds on Target 4-H Club graduated from The Leelanau School and will be attending the College of Wooster in Ohio.



Seniors continued...



Connor Richards of Thunderbirds on Target 4-H Club graduated from The Leelanau School and will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall.



Nathan Sanderson, teen leader for Tiny Tappers 4-H Club, graduated from Leland Public School and plans to begin a degree in anthropology through Central Michigan University's online degree program. .



Katie Roots, teen leader for the Northwest Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Club, graduated from Glen Lake Community School and she is currently applying to several manufacturing plants in the area to work in production and machining. She is hoping to work to do something in the STEM industry. .



Sarah Elshaw of Hidden Beech Equestrians 4-H Club will be attending Aquinas College to study psychology in the fall while participating in Competitive Cheer and STUNT.

Not pictured: Isa Aucello, Landon Boeve, Bethaney Beaver, Maia Hanson, Jesse Kohler, Ruby Kortz, and Taryn Williams.

Congratulations to you all, as well!

COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Leelanau 4-H Outreach Events with Petting Zoos: Come Join Us!

Orchard Tours and More (Cherry Festival) at the NW MI Horticulture Research Center in Bingham Township: July 3, 5, 6, and 7, from 10-1 each day, with cherry products, rides around the center, activities, giveaways, and 4-H petting zoos.

Friday, July 14th: Leland Township Library with Leelanau 4-H 10:30-11:30 (petting zoo, activities, and free giveaways)

Saturday, July 15th: Benzie Leelanau Health Department in Lake Leelanau: Parenting Communities Street Fair with food, fun vendors, crafts, 4-H giveaways and a petting zoo. 10-2.

Thursday, July 20th: Suttons Bay Bingham District Library Reading Event at the North Park Pavilion (Suttons Bay): crafts, activities, giveaways, and a petting zoo. 10:30-11:30



Fourteen Area Youth Earned Their 4-H Tractor Safety Certificates



Our 14 youth all successfully passed their tractor safety driving and written tests earlier in June, after taking part in our in-person offering of the course. Three class sessions focused on the Purdue Extension Gearing Up for Safety curriculum were held on Sunday afternoons, taught by our lead instructor Mark Miezio, and assisted by 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 on all of the days 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 June, 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. A few 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. Thank you again to Mark and Clint for their excellent teaching!





4-H Tap Clubs Final Performances in May: Lu-Wow!

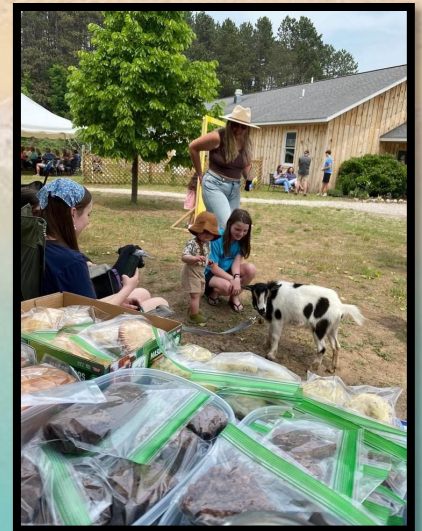


Tiny Tappers (our cloverbuds) and Tap Time (our just slightly older youth) both performed for the final time this 4-H year with a Luau theme—and they did amazingly! Thank you to Robin Carden for her dedication and focus on these two clubs, and to Natasha Martinson for being there to work with these young tappers, too. The most amazing thing is to have seen how much all of these young people have learned over the past year. And so many smiles while tapping! A big thank you to Leland for hosting the clubs, and providing such a great space to tap! We will keep families posted about the next tap opportunities in 2024.





Leelanau 4-H Had a Gouda Time at This Year's Cheese Fest!



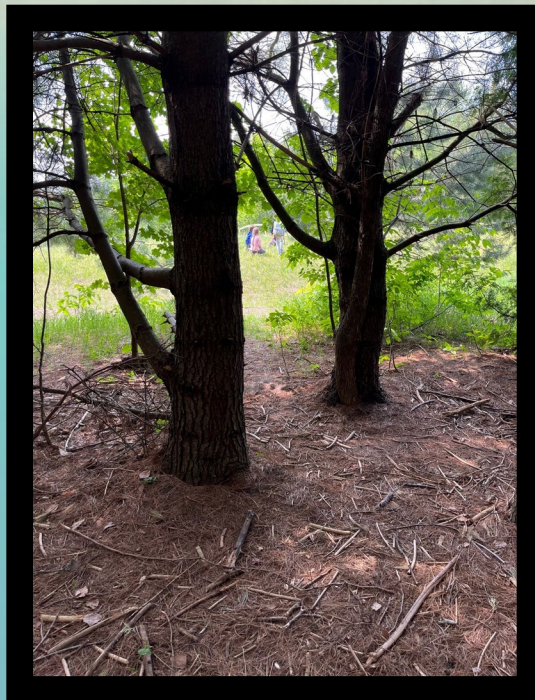
We were invited by Leelanau Cheese to take part in their annual Cheese Festival this year, and what a fun event! We offered a STEM cheese trivia game (with fun prizes) using our iPads and plinko board, 4-H giveaways, some very fun cloverbud cheese crafts with Kathy Swinney, and Frontier Quest brought goats and chickens for a 4-H petting zoo. We reached over fifty people that day, and it was great fun to see the other activities for visitors. They hold this every year around National Cheese Day. If you missed the fun workshops and activities that day, Leelanau Cheese is continuing to offer more. Check out their website for more information:
leelanaucheese.com



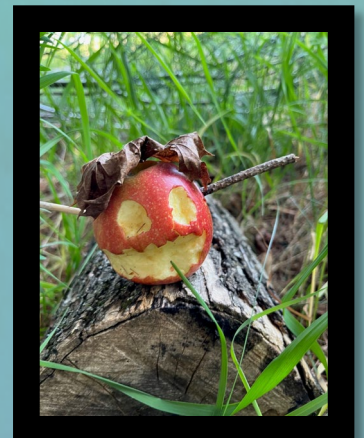


Make Our Way Started Up a D&D/Orienteering Session in June

The Make Our Way 4-H Club (now fully chartered) has moved on to a new interest: Dungeons and Dragons, with a real-life focus on mapmaking and orienteering and playing the game outdoors. The club has some new members, and meets at the Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy. As leader Michael Parsons says, it's up to the kids to decide what's next and what to focus on. He is there to help guide them, and help them learn new things. So, because 4-H is all about learning, I had to go online and look up what D&D is, even though I remember my brother playing the game with his friends a few decades ago. This is what I found: "Dungeons and Dragons is the world's most popular tabletop roleplaying game. It is a cooperative, storytelling game where you and other players take on the roles of different characters within a story. As you play, your character will make friends and enemies, fight monsters, discover loot, and complete quests. The ultimate goal of D&D is to tell a story. There are dice and maps, but the tools that come into play the most often are the imaginations of the players." This was from dndbeyond.com, if you are interested in learning more. If you are interested in having your child join in on the club's adventures, please reach out to me at collierr@msu.edu and I will put you in contact with Michael.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



4-H GROWS HERE



4-H Sail Champion Adventure Camp 2023

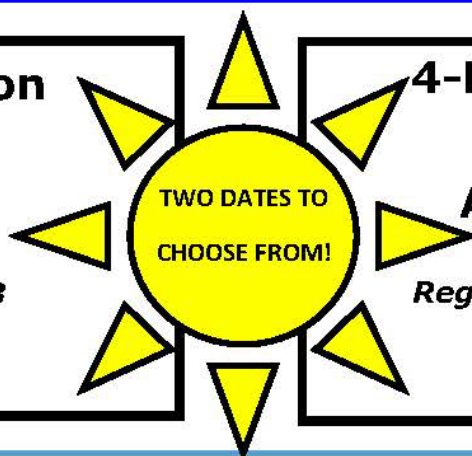


Sail Champion is a nonprofit that brings together sailing, history and community to build the capacity for resilience in youth in partnership with Leelanau 4-H. Sail the waters of West Grand Traverse Bay to Power Island aboard *Champion*, a 39 foot classic sailboat. Guided by a licensed captain, crew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

**4-H Sail Champion
Adventure
July 10, 2023**

Register by July 1, 2023

Inclement Weather Date
July 11, 2023



**4-H Sail Champion
Adventure
August 7, 2023**

Register by August 1, 2023

Inclement Weather Date
August 8, 2023

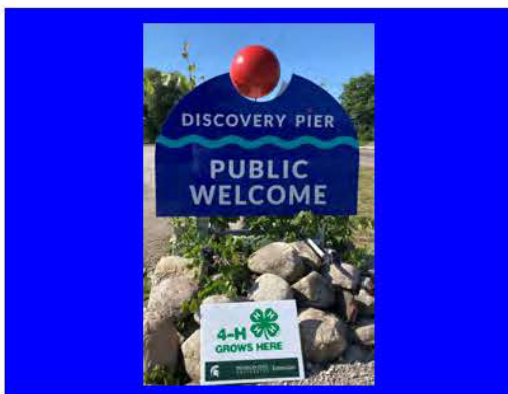
**A FEW
MORE
OPENINGS!**

**6 Youth Per Adventure, Ages 12+ Cost: \$30 (includes water bottle)
To register, contact Rosali Collier: collierr@msu.edu or 256-9888**

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

Time: 10:00 am-4:00 pm– sign in @ 10, fill out forms, and meet the crew

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

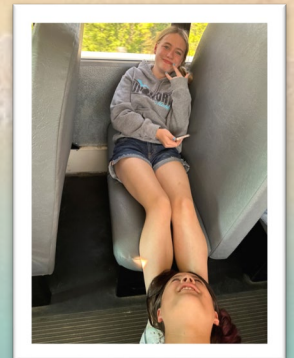
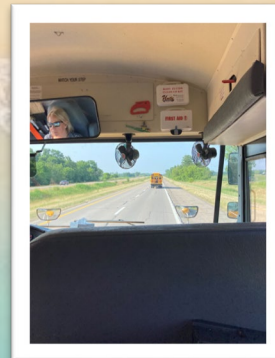


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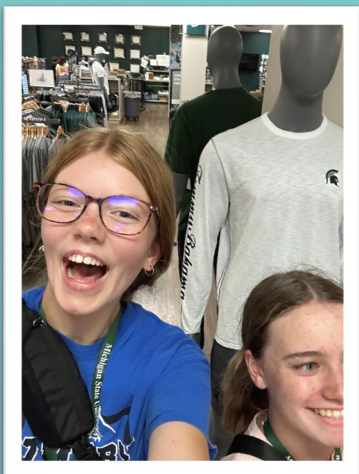
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All Paths Led to MSU for the 2023 4-H Exploration Days Trip!



We took 40 people from four counties down to the MSU campus this year on our two Leland school buses, and our 16 Leelanau County 4-H youth members enjoyed their time on campus, meeting other youth from across the state of Michigan and experiencing college living for three days. We stayed in Holmes Hall, ate in the Akers Hall cafeteria, and walked all over campus to different session locations. Many of our youth took field trips off campus for their sessions, as well. There were so many fun extras, like a concert, the dance, opportunities to explore campus, ice skating, free Dairy Store ice cream, and more! A big thank-you to Leland Public Schools for offering the use of their school buses again, and to our two wonderful drivers, Galen Leighton and Sandy Nesky, who not only got us there and back safely and quickly, but also took several groups to field trip sessions on Thursday and Friday. Thank you also to our lead male chaperone, Dave Winowiecki, for his great efforts and work with our youth. This is always a wonderful adventure for our youth, and they handle the unknown very well! It was great fun to see these young people take on this new schedule, the responsibility of getting to their sessions on time, and working to get (some) sleep in the dorms. There were quite a few nappers on the return bus ride! Of course, the thing I liked the best was how our young people connected with each other and became such good friends. Next year's trip will be June 19-21st, and generous scholarships will be available. Please consider joining us!





It's Almost Time for Fair 2023!

For specific information about Fair and the Tanner Building activities, please visit both the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council website and the Northwestern Michigan Fair website.



Reminders.....

Tanner Building **4-H Independent Judged Projects** are due (online) with the fair's new registration system by July 14th! We have several more sub-classes that you can register your projects under. An exhibitor may display more than one entry per class. Please note the new sub-classes for this year. Example: Class 7: Expressive Arts Subclass a: Photography. Be sure to fill out and turn in the online NWMF registration form for your projects (page 75) at the online link given in the Fair Premium Book! Due July 14th! Exhibitors must attach their entry tag(s) from the fair office to each project if they are to be judged. Each class (and subclasses) will have four age groups to be judged, at four different booths in the barn: cloverbud (ages 5-7) will not be judged--they will receive a cloverbud ribbon and feedback, youth ages 8-11, youth ages 12-15, and youth ages 16-19. 4-H project entries are to be the work of the exhibitor and current year project (September 1st, 2022 until the start of fair.) The classes are listed on pages 67-68 in the Fair Premium Book. 4-H projects will be judged on Saturday from 2-6 **pm**. Items may be put in club booth displays after they are judged, or they may be left in the booths throughout the week of fair. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will be awarded for each subclass, for each age group.

If your club is putting up a club **booth display**: Set up will be Thursday & Friday August 3rd & 4th from noon to 9 pm and Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*ALL displays and independent projects need to be completed and in place by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th.

The **4-H Clover Award** applications are due Wednesday, August 2nd to either the Grand Traverse 4-H office or the Leelanau 4-H office. For all youth ages 10+. The top three candidates will be interviewed the Monday of Fair for the chance to win the award (including a large ribbon, certificate, and \$100 VISA card.) These candidates will be contacted by 4-H staff prior to Monday to arrange an interview appointment.



Reminders continued...



4-H Interview and Demonstrations in the Tanner: 4-H Interviews are available for any 4-H members interested, including cloverbuds. 4-H Exhibit interviews will be held on Monday from 11 am – 3 pm in the Tanner Building. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will be awarded for interviews in the following age groups: 8-11, 12-15, 16-19. Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) are encouraged to participate in the interviews, and will receive participation ribbons. Demonstrations must be no longer than 15 minutes in length.

Cloverbud Activities: Cloverbud activities will be held again this year in the Tanner Building Monday-Friday from 10-11 am and again from 2-4 pm. Join 4-H youth leaders and volunteers with youth ages 5-7 to make and take crafts. Our Cloverbud Games will be under the DA Tent on Saturday the 12th at 4:00 pm! Join us for fun activities, more crafts, and free giveaways!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at:

<https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship 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](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

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. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

