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Family News



Fair 2022!

This year's Northwestern Michigan Fair was a big success, with seven of our Leelanau 4-H livestock clubs attending: Frontier Quest, Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, Happy Hooves, Lake Ann 4-H Cattle Club, Proclites, Small Town Farmers, and Two by Two. We had 20 4-H adult volunteers and 76 4-H youth in attendance from our Leelanau County 4-H program, and it took everyone's focus and effort to help make this year a great one! We are always proud of our clubs and how they represent the four H's: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, with their quick-thinking and clear problem-solving, deep level of caring for others (animals and people), hard work throughout the year and especially fair week, and making sure that everyone in their club is healthy and that their animals and barn spaces are kept clean and organized. Our county clubs won four barn awards this year: a sign of dedication, great care, and showing a positive presence in the barn. This is a great honor, and an amazing one, since Leelanau has only 7 of the over 60 clubs that come to fair each summer.

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Happy Autumn!

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The 4-H auction brought in over one million dollars, a record-breaking total. An example of the generosity of our local buyers was shared by one of our 4-H youth, JC Oosse, who sold his production pen of chickens for \$60 a pound to a buyer (for over \$1300 total), a record high for him and his club. It is a hard thing to focus solely on the higher-level ribbons and Grand Champion and Reserve banners when you can walk through each of the barns at fair and easily see our Leelanau 4-H'ers in action, and their many ribbons posted by their animals. Their decorations show their great enthusiasm, with photos depicting smiling faces and fun facts about their projects and how much care they gave them in the months leading up to fair. Their pens and cages are clean, their animals are cared for, they are present and smiling and speak with visitors clearly, and they are helpful. Many of our youth also show in multiple barns and have extraordinary knowledge of multiple species of animals and poultry. I also can't say enough about our 4-H volunteers—they are always there, working with their 4-H families, mentoring their 4-H youth, and helping make things smoother for fair week. When I check in with them, they smile and say they are having a great week, even when there are rivers on the sidewalks from the torrential rain. They talk about how proud they are of their club members.

We also had a great presence in the Tanner Exhibit Building this year, with 4-H cloverbud (ages 5-7) activities and crafts all week long, club booth displays, independent judged projects, and 4-H interviews and demonstrations (including a cloverbud tap dance presentation). Our longstanding volunteer Kathy Swinney puts the cloverbud crafts and activities together for the kids, and loves coming back each year to bring more young children into the program. This year, she also had some help from 4-H teen leader Maddie Gallagher in the planning and prep work. Our new 4-H Tap Dance volunteer, Robin Carden, served as a 4-H interviewer during fair, as did 4-H teen leader Everett Howell. Our 4-H youth took part in all of the extras: farm dog competition, costume classes, 4-H dance, the Showmanship Showdown (highly competitive event for the Grand Champion winners), exhibit building projects, the Differently Abled shows, barn duty, and several of our youth won scholarships and awards in recognition of their above-and-beyond and can-do attitudes. Leelanau 4-H is so very proud of our great accomplishments at this year's fair! If you are interested in joining 4-H, either as a 4-H volunteer or as a 4-H youth, please reach out to the Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator Rosali Collier at collierr@msu.edu or by calling the Leelanau County 4-H/MSU Extension office at 231-256-9888.

4-H Gotta Lluva Cool Critter

Leader Renee Hobbins, with Kathy Easter, Annie Grant, Jeremy Grant, Amie Valkner, and Sarah Wolf Volunteering

Club Members: Marin Barrett, Morgan Barrett, Kinsley Crowther, Evelynn Grant, Garrett Grant, Kenneth Grant, William Grant, Brandon Hobbins, Amanda Tarsa, Eleanor Valkner, Bella Wolf, Carter Wolf

Entire Club: 4-H Llama and Alpaca Barn Award

Entire Club: 4-H Large Beef Barn Award

Marin Barrett "I was finally able to live out my dream of competing in the Showmanship Showdown and was able to be the second-place showman of the entire fair! I am pushing my goal up to first place for my last year next year. I am forever thankful for all that I get to do, and I hope one day I can give it all back. Here's to one last time next year; I already am counting down the days!"

1st in 4-H Showmanship Alpaca, Grand Champion Showman in Llama and Alpaca, 2nd in Open Alpaca Showmanship, Second Place Showman in the 4-H Showmanship Showdown; Fair Queen Finalist

Annie Grant: 4-H parent and 4-H volunteer, who has four children who show cattle projects at fair. "Blessed. Grateful. Proud. Thankful. So very thankful. Just a few words to describe how I am feeling as fair week has come to a close."

Garrett Grant: 4-H Clover Award 2022 winner; 2nd place for 4-H Interviews in the 12-15 age division

Evelynn "Tiny" Grant: 4-H Rising Star Award Jr. Beef Barn, Cloverbud Ribbon for 4-H Tap Dancing Demonstration in the Tanner Building

Will Grant: 1st place for 4-H Interviews in the 16-19 age division

Kinsley Crowther: 4-H Rising Star Award for the Llama and Alpaca Barn

Bella Wolf: Reserve Champion Showman for Llama and Alpaca; Heather M. Barley Scholarship Award Winner (2nd Place)

Morgan Barrett: Reserve Champion Pack Llama/Alpaca; Grand Champion Junior Beef; 2nd Place Costume Class with her Llama

Eleanor Valkner: Grand Champion Steer, and Overall Grand Champion Steer



Happy Hooves

Leaders Kelly Kraeft and Mandy DePuy, with Allison Wittkopp Volunteering

Club Members: Bethaney Beaver, Callan Boeve, Eden Boeve, Greyson Boeve, Landon Boeve, Christian Brower, JohnMark Brower, Julianna Brower, Lydia Brower, Emma DePuy, Sophie DePuy, Grace Forton, Kate Forton, Hattie Hays, Lilly Hays, Addison Kraeft, Edward Walter, Ella Walter, Lewis Walter, Ella Wittkopp



Bethaney Beaver: 4-H Overall Age Division High Point for Horse

Emma DePuy Grand Champion Market Heifer; 2nd in 4-H Steer Class

Sophie DePuy took a 3rd and 4th with her heifer in showmanship

Mother and leader Mandy DePuy said: "Their daddy was certainly cheering from the heavens. Cows were his dream for the farm and his girls are definitely making his dream come true."

Lilly Hays: 4-H Overall Age Division Reserve High Point for Horse; 2nd Swine Showmanship

Addison Kraeft: 4-H Overall Age Division High Point for Horse; 1st in 4-H Showmanship Steer Class

Grace Forton: 4-H Overall Age Division Reserve High Point for Horse

Kate Forton: Reserve Champion Showman Horse, 4-H Overall Age Division Reserve High Point for Horse

Julianna Brower: Heather M. Barley Scholarship Award Winner (3rd Place)



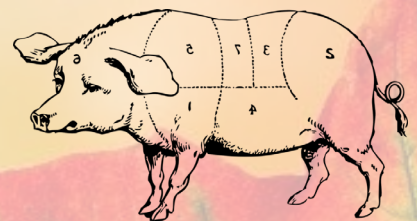
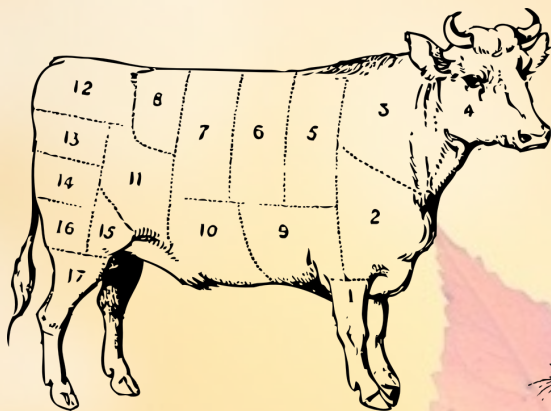
Lake Ann 4-H Cattle Club

**Leader: Winona Roper
Special Parent Helper Khiela Alpers, with
Returning Leader Amber Pomper**

**Club Members: Alta Alpers, Alivia Frederick,
Garrett Frederick**

The club is building back membership and having fun while doing it!

They are re-naming their club Lake Ann 4-H Livestock Club to incorporate rabbit and swine projects this year.



Frontier Quest

Leader Stephanie Steffens, with Linda Oosse, Steve Oosse, and Andrea Garavaglia
Volunteering

Club members: Jackson Anderson, Judd Cornutt, Aurora Jones, JC Oosse, Isabelle
Plamondon, Jaxson Plamondon, Faith Steffens, Judith Steffens

Entire Club: 4-H Poultry Barn Award

Quote from Jessica Plamondon: 4-H parent of two youth. "We are home from fair, and it's time to start working on next year's project! It takes a village to get Isabelle and Jaxson ready for fair. It was fun being at the fairgrounds more and watching the kids make new friends and enjoy being part of a team. Until next year!"

Jaxson Plamondon received 2nd Place Poultry Showmanship; 3rd Place Cornish Game Pen; 2nd Place Eggs

Isabelle Plamondon won 4-H Grand Champion Poultry Showmanship, 5th Place in the Showmanship Showdown, and 2nd Place Best of Breed Pullet

JC Oosse got \$60/lb for his production pen of Columbian Wyandottes in the auction (with three buyers attempting to outbid each other); 2nd in Poultry Breed Class; 2nd place ribbon for a painting in the Tanner Building (ages 12-15); 5th place in Poultry Showmanship

Jack Anderson 1st place for his cherry pie for 4-H Independent Judged Projects ages 8-11

Judy Steffens 1st in Goat Showmanship, 2nd in Goat Breed Class, and 3rd in Market Goat, 1st in Showmanship with Rabbit

Faith Steffens 2nd in Goat Breed Class, 3rd in Showmanship with Rabbit and Best in Show with Rabbit



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Proclites



Leaders: Pam Zientek and Sami Zientek
with Dale Fritz, Dorothy Fritz, and Marni
LaPaugh Volunteering



Club Members: Kylee Berg, Adalee Butrick, Omeera
Butrick, Ruby Kortz, Addisen LaPaugh, Kendyl LaPaugh,
Ryker LaPaugh, Elodia Peplinski, Isabelle Peplinski,
Maggie Schichtel, Hope VanTassel, Payton VanTassel,
Amelia Verschaeve, Avery Verschaeve, John Verschaeve,
Luke Verschaeve, Nora Verschaeve, Taryn Williams,
Charlotte Zeigler

Entire Club: 4-H Junior Beef Barn Award



Small Town Farmers

Leader: Dana Miller

Club Members: Adeline Ankerson, Alivia Ankerson, Charleigh Glezman, Sawyer Glezman, Jadelynn Miller, MaKiah Miller, Katelyn Newman, Keira Newman, Brayden Parker, Luella Parker

A successful first fair for this club! They stepped up and helped out with the Cherry Festival parade this past summer and also with the cloverbud activities during fair week.

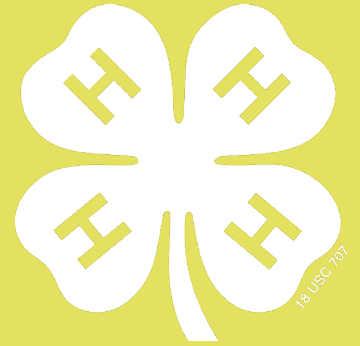
Two by Two

Leaders: Amanda Kohler and Nichole Kelenske

Club Members: Bridget Kohler and Jesse Kohler

Two by Two is also building up membership this year and helped in the Tanner Building during fair week with cloverbud activities.





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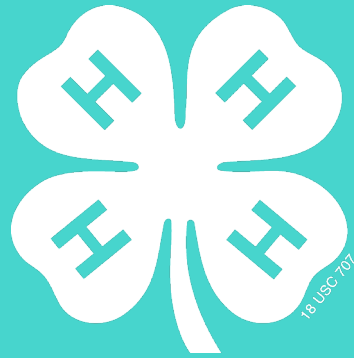


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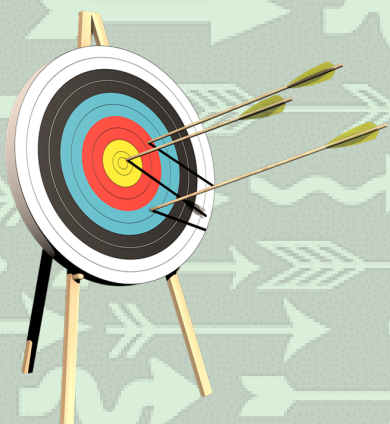
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Leelanau Shooting Sports Are On Target!

Our NW MI 4-H Shooting Sports Club has been meeting regularly out at Myles Kimmerly this fall, and the 26 youth members, along with 4-H leaders Stephanie Steffens and Shelly Roots, have been right on target! The two sessions have been meeting every Wednesday, and are looking forward to their final night of pumpkin targets, candy treats, 4-H giveaways, and getting their 4-H archery club t-shirts! This is a fantastic partnership with our county's Parks and Recreation Committee, as we use the old 4-H horse park space for this outdoor club, free of charge.

New 4-H shooting sports archery leader Joe Blondia has brought back our other archery club in Leelanau held at the Leelanau School: Thunderbirds on Target! The 13 members in the club are all high school students, and chose to take part in this club as an "outdoor arts" experience, combining such experiences as hiking, fly-cast fishing, decoy-painting, and archery. Usually, the group has archery in the winter months, using their Leelanau 4-H archery backdrop curtain, their targets, and new archery equipment. Leelanau 4-H is working with Mr. Blondia to build the club up and support its other pursuits—fishing is the next focus for help with funding and supplies.



It's Time to Re-Enroll in 4HOnline!

The new 4-H year started on September 1st! Please go to your existing family account and re-enroll each member for 2022/2023. No participation fees anymore, so the process is quick! If you are enrolling your youth the first time, you will need to create a family account first, and then add your youth member to that account. Please do not add any adults to the account who have not gone through the volunteer selection process with MSU.




Thank You
4-H Volunteers for
Your Continued
Support



All 4-H Volunteers Need to Complete Steps to Be Active Again

For any 4-H volunteer who is also a club leader, you must contact Rosali to set up a fall leader update meeting. We will get your annual paperwork completed, make sure you have re-enrolled, look at your current club roster, talk about this year, and you will get to choose a thank-you gift for you or a family member. Your club will not be truly active until this is done. We also must have all club Annual Financial Summary Reports filled out and submitted to our office before October 28th. This is a hard deadline this year and must be met. Please reach out with any questions on this. Your annual background check will now be completed through Volunteer Central during your birth month. The system will send you a reminder email to let you know it's time. All 4-H volunteers must complete the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol module in Volunteer Central by the end of December to be active for this year. Let me know if you need help getting this completed.

**Next Livestock Council Meeting:
 November 7th at 6:30 pm
 Redeemer Lutheran Church
 1896 Rogers Rd, Grawn, MI 49637**


2023

4-H Project Sponsorships

Sponsor a Project Animal:

	Junior Beef: \$750	Goat: \$200	
	Dairy Feeder: \$125	Rabbit: \$30	
	Swine: \$250	Poultry: \$100	
	Lamb: \$350		

Sponsor a Feed Grant:

	Horse: \$200	Small Market Animal: \$50
	Llama/Alpaca: \$125	Large Market Animal: \$100

4-H believes in developing young people who are empowered, confident, hard-working, determined, responsible and compassionate - seeing a world beyond themselves so that they have the life-long skills to succeed in college and career.

Support a 4-H Youth by becoming a 2023 Sponsor!

	<p>To Become a Sponsor Contact: Kayce Caugh - President ckcaugh@yahoo.com 231-342-2014</p>	<p>Send payment to: NWMI 4-H LC PO Box 134 Grawn, MI 49637</p>
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Officers and By-laws Elections: to be eligible to vote, you (youth and adults) must be pending or active for this year in 4HOnline. All 4-H Livestock Council members are able to vote if they took part in last year's fair and are 4-H age 8 or older. 4-H Volunteers must be active in our system to be eligible to vote, so even if you are a 4-H parent, you must be an "official" volunteer in the system to vote.

Record Books/thank you notes must be turned in or youth will be suspended from this coming fair. Some youth were given their record books back to make changes.

2023 Sponsorship Giveaway: winners will be drawn to receive a project animal or a feed grant! Youth must be present to win.

4-H Grows Here at our School Farm Markets!



We had an amazing school farm market season this fall, with five markets: Leland Public School, Glen Lake Community School, Suttons Bay Public School, St. Mary School, and Northport Public School. Many of our Leelanau County 4-H youth were able to take part in them, and even help with their club animals! MSU Extension/Leelanau 4-H partnered with Northwest Educational Services, the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Center, farm market vendors, and our five schools to hold these markets, some outdoors and some indoors (depending on the weather). The public was invited, and staff, parents, and students all had plenty of fun, education, taste-testing, and great local produce and products to experience! We had two smoothie bikes, fresh farm produce tasting, a cider press with free apples, free 4-H giveaways and a petting zoo, and more! Thank you also to our 4-H volunteers Linda Oosse, Kathy Swinney, Stephanie Steffens, Faith Steffens, Jessica Plamondon, Isabelle Plamondon, and Steve Oosse for bringing baby goats, rabbits, chickens, and pet rocks (crafts) to the markets to show to our county youth. Those five baby goats were a huge hit! Frontier Quest 4-H Club earned a large, moveable fencing system to use for future 4-H petting zoos by showing up to all five markets!



More School Farm Market FUN!



Double the Fun at Two Horse Camps in August!

Eleanor Miller's Horse Camps this August were a huge hit with the 11 campers who participated! I had the chance to visit the morning of the first camp to drop off fun 4-H bags for each camper and talked to several of the youth about their excitement for the upcoming day. When the two camps were over, families were already planning on taking riding lessons, and joining the club later. This camp is successful because of the teen leaders from Eleanor's club, Hidden Beech Equestrians, who help plan the events, activities, and work directly with each of the campers to help them learn how to do everything from feeding and bathing the horses to riding them safely. Thank you to Eleanor and her dedicated club members who work so hard to make this a memorable and delightful experience for all, and who were willing to switch up their schedule to hold one-day camps instead of not being able to run their typical one-week camp. This new format allows for busy summer schedules and the chance for 4-H teen leaders to shine as they help younger youth get excited about horse projects. Thank you Amelia Goad from Hidden Beech for these wonderful pictures!



Horse Camp 2022



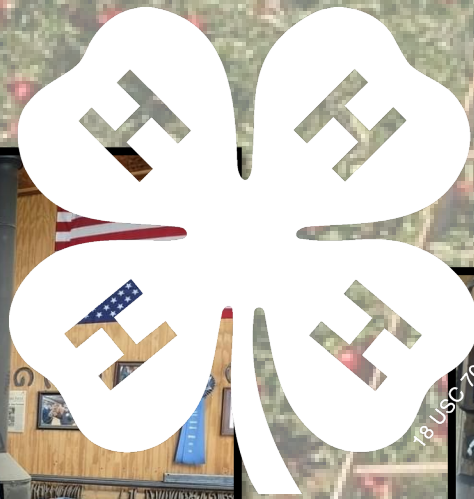


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Clubs Going on Field Trips for 4-H Experiential Learning

One of our local clubs, Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, had a great idea for a club learning experience back at the end of August. They visited Cole Creek Forge with Patrick and Jennifer Smith to learn about how Patrick makes knives. Parent and 4-H volunteer Annie Grant wrote: “Not only did they get to see how he starts one, they got to try their hand at it too! We can’t thank the Smith family enough. We all had a great time!” Calling all Leelanau 4-H clubs! If you have a fun field trip idea and are worried about covering the cost of attending it, please reach out to our Leelanau 4-H office. The Youth Association has funds to help support your 4-H experiential learning, and we would love to see more 4-H clubs having adventures together!



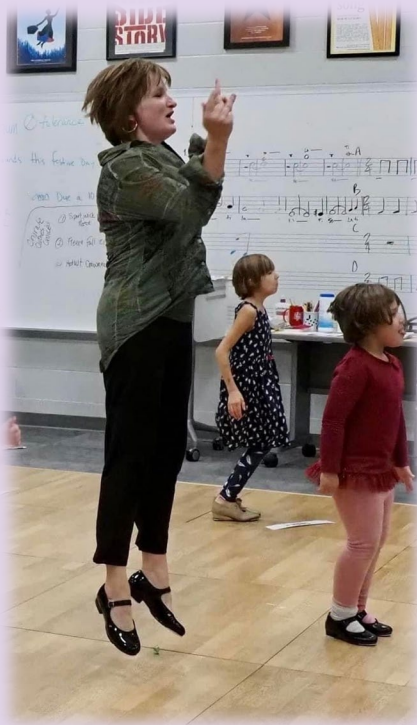
Jr. Master Gardener Club at the Pathfinder School Growing and Sharing

We have a new 4-H Jr. Master Gardener Club here in Leelanau County being held at the Pathfinder School, and they have been really active so far under the leadership of new 4-H volunteer Tom Kain. The club has processed tomatoes and peppers and turned them into amazing salsa, cut flowers and dried herbs for bouquets and future seasoning, and has started working on putting in their brand-new greenhouse purchased in most-part with funds from the Michigan 4-H Foundation mini school garden grant we received this fall! The club is one of the things students at the school can choose to take part in, but every grade at the school also has their very own raised garden bed. All of the teachers have access to the complete Jr. Master Gardener curriculum provided by Leelanau 4-H, and we hope to see even more growth and learning this school year. This will also be made possible by some of our local MSU Extension Master Gardeners working alongside the youth as they work in their gardens and in the greenhouse. We love our partnerships with our county schools!



Tiny Tappers Get Moving Again at Leland Public School!

The eight cloverbuds who joined the club this fall at Leland Public School learned so much from 4-H volunteer Robin Carden and her co-leader Natasha Martinson. The club met a total of six times over six weeks after school in Mr. Evans' room, which is equipped with a wooden dance floor, a wall of mirrors, and bleachers for the audience. And when these Tiny Tappers danced for their performance, there was a large audience of community members, parents, teachers, and older students. They did an amazing job, and also wore their Halloween costumes for their performance. You've never seen the Monster Mash performed like that! Every club member received 4-H gear and a 4-H medal for being part of the club. The next session of Tiny Tappers will be held in November and December, with 7 students (already full), and there will also be a new club for older youth and returning Tappers: Tap Time, for 7 students. To register, contact the Leelanau 4-H office at 256-9888.



TAP TIME 4-H CLUB



4-H Tap Dance Teacher: Robin Carden

Who: For up to 7 youth, experienced ages 5-7 and **FREE!** beginners ages 8-9

When: Wednesdays, Nov 9-Dec 14 (no Nov 23), 3:30-4:00

Where: Leland Public School, Mr. Evans' Room

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Leelanau County 4-H Awards Celebration for 2021-2022



The awards nomination packets are being given to all of our Leelanau 4-H Club Leaders at our fall leader updates to fill out by Friday, December 2nd. Just an email listing your club members and what they are being nominated for works very well. Please save the date of **Sunday, January 15th, from noon to 3:00 pm**. We will be holding the awards celebration at the Bay Theatre in Suttons Bay. Our Youth Association Board and I are working together to plan this event, and we will include the awards, food (movie snacks) and a fun movie for all. All clubs are welcome to attend, even if you don't think your club members are eligible for any of the awards. Questions or suggestions? Contact Rosali!

Local Sponsorship Funding Available Here in Leelanau!

Our Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association Advisory Board has a sponsorship form for youth to fill out if they are planning to attend a 4-H event (Capitol Experience, Exploration Days, Spartan Coding Camp, Great Lakes Camp, Washington Citizenship Focus, Vet Science, and more). Please contact our office for a copy of the application. Are you a past recipient of a sponsorship? Please send the Advisory Board a thank-you note. These mean so much to our volunteers who help to make these financial decisions to help our 4-H youth experience new things.

Coming Soon!



The annual 4-H Ski and Snowboard Program will hopefully be held this winter in January and February. The Homestead is searching for ski and board instructors. If you know anyone who might be qualified, please have them reach out to Kristie at The Homestead!
khayes@thehomesteadresort.com If we are able to run this wonderful program again, we will advertise in November.

Amelia Kish Excelled at MSU's Vet Science Camp

Amelia Kish, a member of Hidden Beech Equestrian 4-H Club, attended MSU's Animal and Vet Science Camp, a week-long experience held on campus every summer. Only 50 youth were selected to attend, out of many applicants! This is what she wrote about her experience:

"Michigan State University's Animal and Veterinary Science camp has opened many doors for me as a senior in high school. I had the privilege of meeting many other wonderful students attending the camp from in and out of state with varying animal experiences. This was extremely valuable as I was able to talk with and learn from other students what it is like to show and grow up around all kinds of animals. I have been heavily involved in horses and 4-H for six years ever since I attended a wonderful horse camp led by Eleanor Miller of Hidden Beech Farms.

In MSU's Vet Science Camp I was able to share my horse experiences and gain more information about animals I had never been involved with. I listened to many guest speakers and alumni who shared their experiences in the workforce and the versatility of an Animal Science Degree. Spartan Alumni shared their experiences ranging from an everyday veterinarian to teachers and FDA workers. I was then able to tour MSU's Horse, Dairy Cattle, and Swine Teaching and Research Centers as well as their Beef and Sheep farms bringing to life all of the information and experiences I had heard about. My favorite part of the camp, aside from making many new friends, was watching a calf necropsy and participating in a small group piglet dissection. This camp doesn't just tell you about careers with animals, it allows you to sample all areas of the animal industry. Over the course of the week spent at camp, me and four other campers worked together in case study groups researching different animal ailments and treatment options, which we presented at the end of the week to our peers and parents. This camp allowed me to discover what I enjoyed and disliked about different careers so that I can apply it to my future." Congratulations on being selected for this amazing experience, Amelia, and for sharing it with us!



Halloween at the Government Center is Baaaack!

Please join Leelanau MSU Extension and Leelanau 4-H during our annual Halloween event at the Government Center in Suttons Bay (off M-204) from 3 to 5 pm on Monday, October 31st. Feel free to bring youth right after school, in costume, to trick-or-treat indoors by visiting all of the government offices, play games, make crafts, enjoy some light refreshments, and more! Every youth will receive a free bag and candy, as well as some simple 4-H giveaways!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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