



July/August 2023



Family News



**The 4-H
Auction is
Thursday,
August 10th!**



Buyer Pre-registration

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Auction trailer in front of the
Haberlein Arena

Buyer Registration on Auction Day

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Opens at 8:00 AM

Auction trailer in front of the
Haberlein Arena

If you are unable to attend, contact
Leslie @ 231-383-1780 to place a bid by
proxy by August 4, 2023

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It's Fair Season!

Scavenger Hunt



For any of our local 4-H'ers who are going to the fair, please sign up with your team and complete a GooseChase Scavenger Hunt! Explore the fairgrounds and win prizes! The game is intended for 4-H youth ages 5-19 (and their families). The game will start Saturday, August 5th at 8:00 pm and end on August 10th at 10 pm. Prizes will be given at the Awards Celebration on Saturday, August 12th. A big shout-out to our 4-H Teen Reps for working on this! The game code will be shared at the Opening Meeting Saturday the 5th!

Free Cloverbud Activities

Monday through Friday of Fair Week, with two hours each morning from 10:00-noon, and then again each afternoon from 2-4:00 pm. Each day we will have different craft activities and a free prize drawing (a cloverbud bag full of goodies). Youth may win a cloverbud prize drawing one time during fair week. Saturday the 12th will be our Cloverbud Games, under and near the DA Tent, starting at 4:00 pm. This year, we will have several activities and games, a couple of simple crafts, and prizes to take. We hope you will join us for our fun and free make-and-take! A big thank-you to our 4-H Cloverbud Chair, Kathy Swinney, and the clubs who have volunteered to be on the committee.

Tanner Building

We have several club booth displays this year telling their 4-H story, and competing for Best Club Booth Display 2023. Set-up will take place Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4, from noon to 9:00 pm, and then again on Saturday morning, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. These time periods are also when youth can drop off their independent judged projects in the spaces reserved for the four different age groups: cloverbud, 8-11, 12-15, and 16-19. We will have signs in those booths for those groups, and directions for how to arrange your projects. The barn will be closed from 2 pm to 6 pm for judging on Saturday the 5th. Judging will be for the club booth displays and the independent projects.





It's Fair Season! continued...

4-H Interviews and Demonstrations

Please come to the Tanner Building between 11 am and 3 pm on Monday the 7th, and we will connect you with an interviewer. This will be for the chance to win a ribbon in your age group. Also, our top three finalists for the 4-H Clover Award will be interviewed by appointment on the 7th. All Clover Award applications will be due to the Grand Traverse or Leelanau County offices by Wednesday, August 2nd.

Extras for the Tanner Building

We will again offer the 4-H clothing exchange in the Tanner Building, so please stop by to get a great item for yourself, or donate if you don't need something anymore. This is only for our 4-H youth showing at fair. We also will have the thank-you note station open, so anyone can come in and write a nice thank-you for their leader, buyer, fellow club members, species chair, assistants, barn superintendents, or fair board member. Note cards, envelopes, markers, and stickers will be available for your use.

BLOOD DRIVE

Stronger Together

Donate Blood

Tuesday August

8

11:30 AM — 7:00 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



1-866-642-5663 or visit versiti.org/MI

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN FAIR 4-H COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Everybody Welcome!

Join Us on the Blood Drive Bus at the Fairgrounds Entrance @ 3606 Blair Townhall Rd., Traverse City

Appointments preferred and Walk-ins are Encouraged to attend! Call 1-886-642-5663, www.VERSITI.org/MI or SCAN the QR Code below to schedule your appointment

Help Support your local 4-H Troop and Save Lives in your Local Hospital!



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Local Happenings!

Orchard Tours and More was Full STEAM Ahead!

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 NW MI Horticulture Research Center during Cherry Festival in July. We enjoyed hosting Lone Wolves, Frontier Quest, and Backyard Bunch, with extra appearances by Amanda King and her children, Linda Oosse and her son JC, and Isabelle Plamondon providing animals on two days that we didn't have full petting zoos in place. We also had 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 for two of the days with an Apple iPad STEAM trivia game, and helped kids win prizes after they dropped a plinko chip to find out what trivia question they would get to answer. There were questions for a variety of age levels. We had chickens, rabbits, goats, and bake sales, too! We also had fun coloring books focusing on the cherry industry and 4-H projects, temporary tattoos (cherries), 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 over 300 people over the four days with our cloverbud and STEAM trivia games, and more than that (over 500) visited with the animals. We are looking forward to being back again next year!





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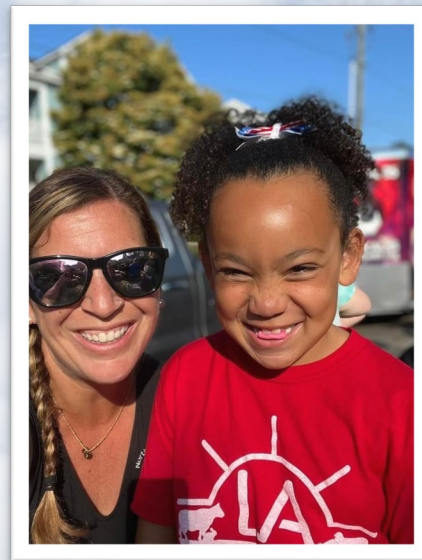




Local Happenings!

Leelanau County 4-H Stood Out During the Cherry Festival Cherry Royale Parade

A big shout-out to our Leelanau County 4-H volunteers and youth who helped organize our 4-H presence in the Cherry Royale Parade during Cherry Festival the night of July 6th. Special thanks goes to leader of Small Town Farmers, Dannah Miller, for heading up the parade committee for the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council. What a great turnout! I saw Leelanau County 4-H club members and volunteers from Small Town Farmers, Gotta Lluva Cool Critter, and Lake Ann 4-H Livestock. There were thousands of folks lining the streets on the route, which was well over a mile long. I had the privilege of handing out hundreds of cherry tattoos (of course) and small suckers. It was great fun to see and hear people yell out "There's 4-H! Oh, look at those baby goats!" We had horses, chickens, ducks, rabbits, dogs, and goats on parade, and it was great fun to come together on a beautiful evening in Traverse City to celebrate our community.





Local Happenings!

Sail Champion 4-H Adventure Camp July Crew Had a Blast On Board

Leelanau 4-H was able to successfully partner with the Maritime Heritage Alliance to have our first group of 4-H youth and a volunteer take part in one-day sailing adventures aboard the *Champion*, a 39-foot classic vessel. The July 12th trip was a big success (after rescheduling for weather), and the August 7th trip is just about to embark! The crew was guided by a licensed captain, “Captain Mark”, who also had 4-H volunteer Garry Taylor 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. They already want to sign up for next year! We still have two spots left for the August 7th sail—please reach out to Rosali at collierr@msu.edu to register.



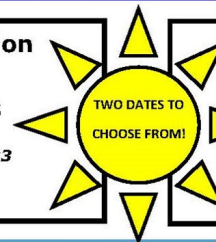
4-H Sail Champion Adventure Camp 2023



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

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





All Together Now with Leland Township Library and Suttons Bay Bingham District Library

Two large crowds joined in on our visits with both libraries 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 at the Leland Library event that day, including youth from Frontier Quest 4-H Club, Lone Wolves 4-H Club, and Kathy Swinney with Cloverbud Crafts. Every youth visitor was able to receive a free 4-H bag containing stickers, pencils, pens, sensory toys, coloring books and fun crafts. We had rabbits, several goats, and chickens, too! Youth also were able to play our STEAM trivia game on the iPad to win a free prize. 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 again this summer. We had a really challenging time figuring out how many visitors we had in total—we estimated that more than 100 people joined us for that event! We had to be flexible with our event scheduled with the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library, as a wild thunderstorm (with lightning) changed our outdoor plans at the North Park Pavilion. Luckily, Suttons Bay Public Schools was able to provide us a great location in the front of the school for a makeup day the next day. Our clubs were flexible, too, and we offered a similar experience to the one in Leland, with the added fun of having youth and teachers from the Suttons Bay Summer Migrant Program join us. We reached over 60 people with this event. A big thank-you to Youth and Family Services Coordinator Martha Topol for working with us to change up our plans and help to make it as successful as possible, and come in on her day off! Leelanau 4-H loves to partner with our local county libraries, and support their summer reading programs. Thank you, libraries!





Libraries continued....





Make Our Way 4-H Club is Making Their Way Through the Woods with D&D Adventures!

Michael Parsons, leader of Make Our Way 4-H Club, has now chartered his club, is adding more 4-H volunteers to help with running it, and expanded the club by adding more youth members. Currently there are five youth members taking part in this summer session of the club. He still works in focus sessions with the club (decided on by the youth members), and for the month of June and into July, the club used the Leelanau County 4-H Apple Education Initiative iPads, and worked to play an outdoor, real-world application of Dungeons and Dragons, using the iPads and drawing skills to create real maps, complete orienteering activities, and apply the traditional board game to outdoor adventures. Their most recent adventure started at the Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy, then truly began with a walking trip to the Narrows in Lake Leelanau, and then ended with some down time in the yurt near the Narrows. Interested in joining this club? Contact Michael at Michael.parsons.post@gmail.com to find out more!





Time To Register for Our 4-H Fall Archery Club!

The Northwest Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Club, led by state-certified 4-H leaders Stephanie Steffens and Shelly Roots, is now taking registrations for archery for youth ages 8 through 19 (with birthdates on or before January 1st, 2024). The club will meet outdoors near the old 4-H Horse Pavilion across from Myles Kimmerly Park in Maple City, September 6 through October 11, on Wednesdays, with the choice of two separate session times, 5:00-5:45 or 5:45-6:30 pm.

The cost is \$20 which includes a club t-shirt and equipment fees. All skill levels are welcome, and youth may bring their own equipment or may borrow a club recurve bow and arrows. Register by September 5 by 4:00 pm by emailing the MSU Extension 4-H Assistant Patti Travioli at patti.travioli@affiliate.msu.edu and providing your participant's name, session choice (5:00 or 5:45), age, skill level, contact phone number, and adult t-shirt size (small, medium, large, x-large). You may also call the Leelanau 4-H office at 256-9888.

Please bring your \$20 fee (cash or check written to Leelanau 4-H) to the first club meeting. An email will be sent to all registered families prior to the start of the first club meeting on September 6 with more information about how to enroll in 4HOnline.

Questions may be sent to Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator Rosali Collier at collierr@msu.edu

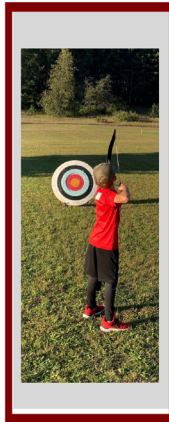


NW Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Club: Archery in Leelanau County



Held at the Old 4-H Property
1397 W. Burdickville Road, Maple City

For Youth Ages 8 Years Old & Up*



September 6th - October 11th

Wednesdays - 2 Sessions

5:00 - 5:45 pm *or* 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Cost is \$20 - Includes Club T-Shirt and Equipment Fees

All Skill Levels Welcome!

Youth can bring their own equipment or a recurve bow & arrows will be available for their use

* participant must be 8 years of age by January 1, 2024

Registration Deadline: 9/5/23 by 4:00 p.m.

Enrollment Requirements: Registration

1. To pre-register email Patti Travioli at: patti.travioli@affiliate.msu.edu with: your participant's name, session choice (5:00 or 5:45), age, skill level, phone number, email, and adult t-shirt size (S, M, L, or XL)
2. You will then receive an email with a form to fill out and return to us for 4-H Online, a requirement to participate.
3. Bring your \$20 fee, cash or check (payable to: NW MI 4-H Shooting Sports Club), to your first session.



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. 6

5:30 - 7 p.m.



North lawn outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension # 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the sixth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 6.

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 at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

As we explore the wonderful world of bubbles we will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

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

August 11: 4-H Children's Garden 30th Birthday Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We will celebrate the garden's pearl birthday with activities and games. We will open the time capsule, eat cake and much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-30th-birthday-party

August 13: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the insect pollinators around you? Join us for prizes, vendors, a bee petting zoo, face painting and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 13: Tri-County Archery Tournament

Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Ypsilanti Township

Archers to the line! 4-H archers aged 9 and up are welcome to meet fellow competitors and test their skill. Registration is due Aug. 6.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tri-county-archery-tournament

August 15: Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles and Pedals, Bellaire

Learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

August 16: Adulting 101 – Eating Healthy on a Budget

Online

Preparing healthy food and staying within your budget does not have to be a challenge. Planning, preparing, and purchasing strategies will be shared so you can stretch your food dollars further.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-8-16

September 16: Festival of the Pines Archery Tournament

Maple Grove Park, Lake City

Archers to the line! 4-H members are invited to meet fellow competitors and test their skill

www.canr.msu.edu/events/festival-of-the-pines-archery-tournament





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 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, 22 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"All of our 4-H'ers across the state are amazing but the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished," said Julie Chapin, state 4-H leader for Michigan and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "They have demonstrated their dedication to improving themselves and their communities through 4-H, service and more."



Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2023 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidl of Menominee County (senior division)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Career Development:** Avery Stallman of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bliesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior 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.

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.