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# 4-H Family News

## Grand Traverse County 4-H



### WELCOME TO A NEW 4-H YEAR 2022-23!

Happy fall to all 4-H youth, volunteers, and families!

I am excited about the start of a new 4-H year and all the change that the colorful season brings. As your clubs begin to re-enroll and pick your club projects for the year, please let me know how I can best help your group succeed with any new ideas, projects, or adventures! In the last newsletter we highlighted two current 4-H youth within the "4-H Member Spotlight" articles. This edition we have three youth members to highlight – Sophia Shuff, Alyssa Wares, and Morgan Lane (on pages 2 and 5). This series will continue in every season of newsletter (February, May, and October) so please contact me with any youth member spotlight submissions! Have a great start to the 4-H year and enjoy all the possibilities of the season.

Sincerely,

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### County Announcements, Dates, and Events!

National 4-H Week | October 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> | Weeklong photo/video challenge

4-H Leader Update Meeting | October 6<sup>th</sup> | 6:30-8:00pm | Grand Traverse County Office, 520 W. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49684

YMCA Fall Festival | October 28<sup>th</sup> | 4-6pm | Grand Traverse Bay YMCA

Club End of Year Paperwork Due | October 28<sup>th</sup> | Due to County Office

Thank you everyone for working so hard to complete your club's needed financial paperwork prior to the October 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. As a reminder, the forms that are needed from each club leader are as follows:

- Annual Financial Summary Report
- Club Authorization Form
- Club Civil Rights Form
- A copy of monthly club minutes

Please contact Emily Kotz at [kotzemil@msu.edu](mailto:kotzemil@msu.edu) or 231-922-4825 with any questions



# 4-H Member Spotlight

## WELCOME...

### Welcome New 4-H Grand Traverse County Volunteers!

- Tammara Sanchez, Project Volunteer, Long Lake Livestock 4-H Club



## Sophia Shuff, Excaliburs Mazkaraders 4-H Club

*Name: Sophia Shuff, Age: 14,  
Current 4-H Club: Excaliburs Mazkaraders,  
How many years have you been in 4-H?: 5*

*What 4-H project are you currently working on?: Poultry (turkeys and chickens)*

*What has been your favorite 4-H project?:* Up to this point my favorite projects I have done have been my community service projects. For example, I have fostered over 25 kittens in total and that was one of my community service projects I entered for 4-H.

*1. What do you like the most about 4-H and/or why have you continued to participate?*

One thing I like about 4-H is all of the opportunities it brings. There are so many different things you can do in 4-H than just an animal project. Some examples being craft projects, community service projects and things like MSU Exploration Days. I have attended the MSU Exploration Days, taken 2 coding classes, earned the 2021 clover award and done many interviews all through 4-H. This is why I continue to participate in 4-H because there are so many opportunities to learn or try something new.

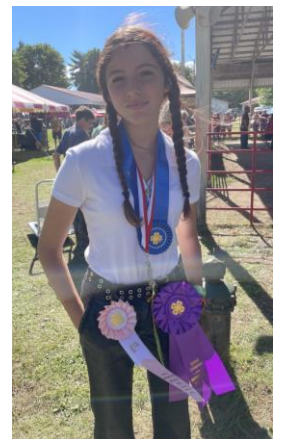
*2. What do you think senior age 4-H participants can bring to the larger 4-H community?*

I think that senior age 4-H participants can bring a lot to the table when it comes to the 4-H community. Senior age 4-H participants are able to help younger kids out and share their knowledge with

younger members. As a senior they have a lot of life experience that they have been able to learn and grow from which might come in handy for younger 4-H participants. I have been able to learn a lot about animal care from older 4-H participants at the fairgrounds and at the education clinic that I have attended the last 2 years.

*3. How has your participation in 4-H helped you grow as a person in different ways throughout your involvement?*

4-H has helped me step out of my comfort zone because I am quite a shy and quiet person usually but 4-H has given me the chance to do things like stay a couple nights at MSU away from home. While there I stepped out of my comfort zone and made some friends. Delivering buyers letters also gives me the chance to step out of my shell and inform people about my 4-H project.





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



### IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 5-16<sup>TH</sup> 2022

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) from Oct. 5-16.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

### October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

*Madison, Wisconsin*

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

### October 3-24: Adulting 101 Webinar Series

*Webinar*

Michigan State University Extension's FREE Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently. Join us every Monday during October 3-24, 2022, 6-7 p.m. Eastern Time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22>

### October 7: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*East Lansing, MI*

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

### October 11: Wild Spartans Series

*Webinar*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a leap into wetlands and riparian areas and climb to the high desert grasslands to take a closer look at plant biodiversity.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-october-2022>

### November 11-13: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

*Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Center, Roscommon, MI*

Join this popular overnight 4-H workshop with sessions in sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, art of cooking, photography, poetry, music, folk art, and much more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-creative-arts-celebrate>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Michigan 4-H Photo/Video Contest

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a photo/video contest to help celebrate National 4-H Week – October 2-9, 2022!

We are asking 4-H volunteers, youth and alumni to share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H.”

### Contest Details

- Contestants will share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H” on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok including the hashtag #iloveMI4H. (Make sure the post is public.)
- For members of the Michigan 4-H community without social media access, submissions may also be sent by email to Gwyn Shelle at [heyboerg@msu.edu](mailto:heyboerg@msu.edu).
- Ten prizes will be awarded randomly to those who share a photo or video, either through social media or by email, during National 4-H Week. Prizes include MSU Extension 4-H swag!
- The contest will go live on Oct. 2 and submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 9, 2022.

For video guidelines/support and full contest rules, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/contest>.



## 4-H scholarships available; apply by Nov. 1

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.



A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years).

**All applications are due by November 1.**

Learn more and access applications materials at: [http://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

# 4-H Member Spotlight

## Alyssa Wares and Morgan Lane, Windy Acres 4-H Club

Names: Alyssa Wares and Morgan Lane, Ages: Alyssa 13yo, Morgan 12yo, Current 4-H Club: Windy Acres, How many years have you been in 4-H?: We've both been in 4-H for 6 years.

What 4-H project are you currently working on?: We're still deciding exactly what we will be doing for our projects this year.

Alyssa: I know I want to market a Boer breeding doe, but I also want to still show my chickens so I will have a poultry project too.

Morgan: I want to do so many things, I like learning about new animals every year so I haven't decided yet. I also want to do horses again because I really like horse showmanship.

What has been your favorite 4-H project?:

Alyssa: Showmanship Boer (meat) Goats

Morgan: Showmanship Horse

1. How has your participation in 4-H helped you grow as a person in different ways throughout your involvement?

It helps build leadership, teamwork, and friendships along with agriculture knowledge. Being in 4-H gives you a sense of community and contributing to something larger than yourself.



2. What type of 4-H activities or projects are you excited to work on this year?

We're looking forward to expanding our knowledge in livestock and to be more socially active. We spent last year working together with our projects and are excited to help each other again this year.

3. What is one thing you would you tell someone about 4-H who didn't know anything about it?

4-H is a life changing experience where you learn about community, leadership, and creativity. Along with that, it expands knowledge about agriculture to be less dependent on larger businesses and more independent and involved in the community. 4-H also includes ways to express yourself, for example drawing, painting, photography, wood working, and arts and crafts. It is not a limited environment; you can do anything that brings you joy from meat projects to showmanship to arts and crafts. You can be who you are and be recognized for being you. That is why we love 4-H.

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