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Leelanau County 4-H Program



4-H Newsletter

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4-H Exploration Days 2022: Explore Your Spark! June 22-24

4-H Exploration Days will be open for registration starting on Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 pm (to allow families to register after working hours). Leelanau County youth are invited to join over 1,000 young people for three

days of fun, adventure and learning at 4-H Exploration Days 2022. “Find Your Spark” is the theme for this annual 4-H event, held Wednesday, June 22 through Friday, June 24 on the campus of Michigan

State University. We hope that you will join us this year – just be registered as a current 4-H youth

and be part of our delegation! Don't miss the excitement on MSU's campus! From magic to spa science, or fused glass to dog grooming, participants may take part in sessions that are suited to the interests of everyone--choose from over 100 different action-packed options! When not involved with their learning sessions, students may experience recreation and MSU facility tour choices such as the MSU Breslin Center, Demmer Center, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, and the 4-H Children's Garden. Participants must be at least 12 years old by January 1, 2022.

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The event is sponsored by the Michigan 4-H Program, but participants do not need to be a current 4-H member to attend. So, invite a friend to join you! Parents and 4-H volunteers are invited, too!

The fee to attend as a youth is \$220 and includes 2 nights lodging, 7 meals, an event T-shirt, and the learning option(s) of your choice (a few options have age restrictions). It also includes optional recreational activities like skating, bowling, a dance, and other fun evening activities.

Transportation to and from campus is provided via school buses for a small fee. Registration will be online in a new system this year, with a **\$50 deposit**. (All adult chaperones may use a coupon provided by Rosali so that their registration is fully covered.) You can pay by cash, credit card, or check. Depending on the payment option, follow the below instructions:

- If paying by electronic check or credit card, you may apply payment of the \$50.00 deposit directly to your registration upon submission. If paying by check or cash, you will need to contact our Leelanau 4-H Office prior to

registering to receive the 2022 coupon code and to submit payment.

The registration link will be **open as of April 14th at 7:00 pm** on the Exploration Days website. Early registration is strongly encouraged as many sessions fill quickly, and there are only 1000 spots for youth this year. You can pick an A and B session with a D session OR choose a C session and D session. A helpful trick is to pick a few choices in case your favorite is full. Sessions may have age limits, may be repeated at a different time (noted with an asterisk), or have special considerations for dress or pre-work so read the descriptions closely. There will be an orientation on May 26th for all participants and their parents.

For more information, call the Michigan State University Extension office at 256-9888 or email Rosali Collier at collierr@msu.edu. Information booklets are also available at most of our local school offices (Glen Lake, Leland, Northport, Pathfinder, St. Mary, Suttons Bay) and/or you can also get additional information about the registration link and download copies of the sessions list at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

Youth who attend this event and are entering 8th, 9th, or 10th grade will qualify for an MSU Pre-College Scholarship (worth \$2,000) this coming fall.

Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience



4-H Capitol Experience Youth Summit was a 2-day hybrid version of the usual 4-day in-person experience in Lansing. The teens met via Zoom on Sunday, March 20, and then they had the choice to attend in person in Lansing or via Zoom on Wednesday, March 23. Out of 30 youth from the entire state, Leelanau County 4-H had two youth in attendance. They had a very busy and engaging agenda, many guest speakers (including senators, state rep-



Everett Howell w/ Senator VanderWall

resentatives, tribal leaders, and legislators), and trained youth facilitators who took the lead in different breakout groups for this event. Leelanau County had two 4-H members attend: Everett Howell, a 9th grade student at Greenspire High School and Patrick Sutherland, a 9th grade student at The Leelanau School. Everett said, "I really liked my issue group and all that we talked about (wind and solar energy and policies in Michigan). It was really cool to go to the Capitol Building, take photos, and visit with some of the senators and have them listen to what I was saying. I liked meeting Senator VanderWall, and he said that he would be happy to help me with any projects I could think of in Leelanau. I think I would like to help with next year's event,



Everett Howell at Capitol Experience

and I am really excited about it being more than one day down in Lansing." Everett was offered the opportunity to reach out directly to both his representative and his senator to ask them to join the group at the legislative reception, and he emailed them both, and had responses from both. 4-H Capitol Experience allows our local teens to take part in a highly-meaningful leadership event in our state capitol. Scholarships are always available through Leelanau 4-H for this event.

Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club: Responsible Leaders

Our Babysitting Club met five times in January and February, and our 20 participants were able to complete their CPR/First Aid Certification through the American Heart Association, thanks to Josh Porter of the Suttons Bay Bingham Fire and Rescue Station and our five-year partnership with the station. I had a wonderful co-leader, Kathy Swinney, who worked with me to run the snacks, crafts, and activities smoothly. Picture 20 young people making slime, all at the same time, and you get the picture. Glue. Glitter. Food coloring! Kathy is also our Cloverbud Chair for the 4-H Livestock Council, and is used to working with groups of young people having fun with hands-on activities. We also had the assistance of Everett Howell, who served in a teen leader role for the second year in a row with the club. He helped facilitate discussions, shared personal insights, and demonstrated everything from

how to hold an infant to what they would put in their babysitting “magic bag”. The youth got to know each other very well by the end of the club, as they had worked as partners to create snacks, crafts, role play, and diaper and hold doll babies. Everyone took turns talking, sharing their ideas and questions, and it was an engaging group. One of the things we talked about in our babysitting club was safety, especially sharing personal information about yourself on social media. This group of young people did a fantastic job participating and I think they will all do very well if they choose to work with children in the future.

Congratulations!



Kathy Swinney- Babysitting Club Snacks



Diaper Changing Exercise



Babysitting Club - Certificates & Pins

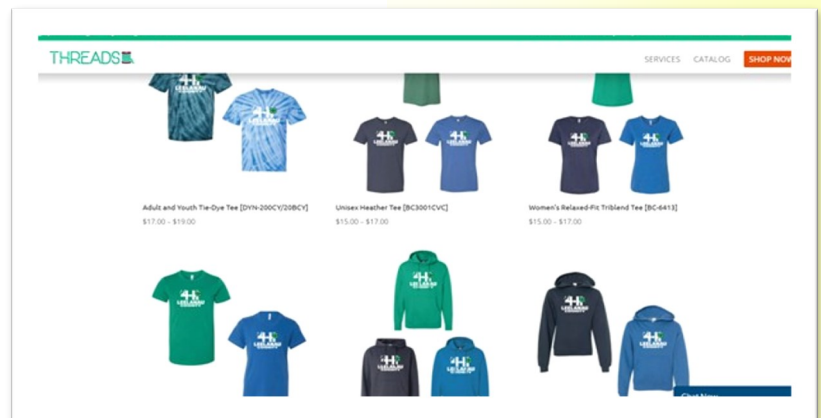
4-H Livestock Council Record Book Winners from Leelanau County for 2021:



- ★ Bella Wolf: Llama/Alpaca 1st Place (Gotta Lluva Cool Critter)
- ★ Liliana Valkner: Large Beef 2nd Place (Gotta Lluva Cool Critter)
- ★ Faith Steffens: Rabbit 2nd Place (Frontier Quest)
- ★ Kenneth Grant : Jr Beef 3rd Place (Gotta Lluva Cool Critter)
- ★ JC Oosse : Poultry 3rd Place (Frontier Quest)
- ★ Taryn Williams: Dairy Feeder 3rd Place (Proclites)

Congratulations to all of you for your exemplary work on your record books this last year! Thank you also to the Northwest MI Farm Bureau for supporting our local 4-H youth.

**Leelanau County
4-H Fanstore is
Open for Orders
through Sunday,
April 17th!**

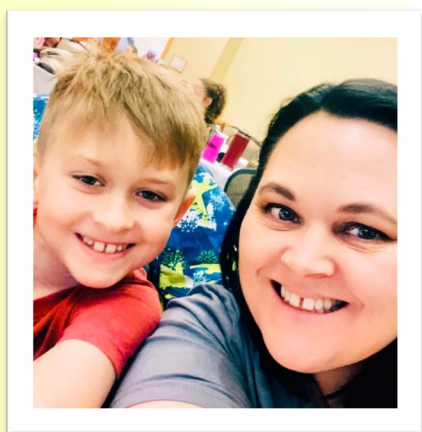


We think these t-shirts, hoodies, and long-sleeve tees are incredible! Thank you again to our graphic designer and 4-H youth Bella Wolf! Every volunteer in 4-H (active) will receive one free item of their choice, using the code I provided them in an email. This is a thank-you to them for their service and dedication to our county youth. We hope you share this great chance to celebrate and pro-

mote our county 4-H program - anyone can order, and you can order any number of items. Shipping rates are very reasonable, and we will be picking up all orders not shipped and bringing them to our office for pick-up. An email will be sent to those who ordered and chose that option in just a few weeks. Please visit our Threads order site: <https://www.threadscustomgear.com/your-store/>

2022 NW MI 4-H Education Expo

The second annual Livestock Council Education Expo was a big hit with our volunteers, youth, and guests, with 23 sessions throughout the day on March 6th at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. Speakers came from all over the state, and included specialists from MSU Extension. This was a great way for our youth to get their two required education sessions completed prior to taking part in this year's fair.



Jessica & Jaxson Plamondon



Jake DeDecker- Swine Judging

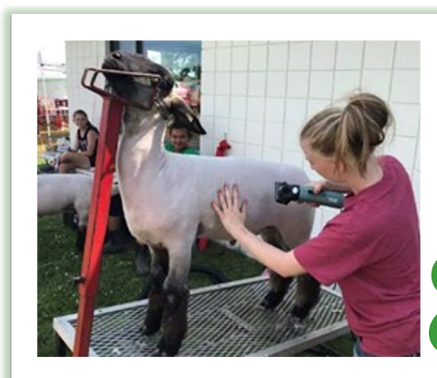
Orchard Tour & More Back In Person This Summer!



Petting Zoo

Reach out to me if you would like to join us during Cherry Festival for this fantastic in-person experience! Please sign up for a three-hour timeslot during Cherry Festival week out at the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center in Leelanau County! We are back in person at this event, taking place each day from 10:00 am through 1:00 pm, with clubs providing livestock projects for a fun petting zoo, setting up optional fundraising activities, and getting to practice being around crowds before fair. This is great outreach and a lot of fun! Let me know what day you would like: Wednesday, July 6 or Thursday, July 7 are still available!

Backyard Bunch Club



4-H Work Bees:

All participating youth are required to complete a 2 hour work bee to help get the grounds ready for the fair. Masks will be required for all participants—thank you!

- Saturday, May 7th ~ 9:00am - 11:30am & 2:00pm - 4:30pm
- Wednesday, May 11th ~ 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- Tuesday, June 14th ~ 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- Wednesday, July 27th ~ 6:00pm - 8:30pm

To sign up visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4cada622abf85-2022>



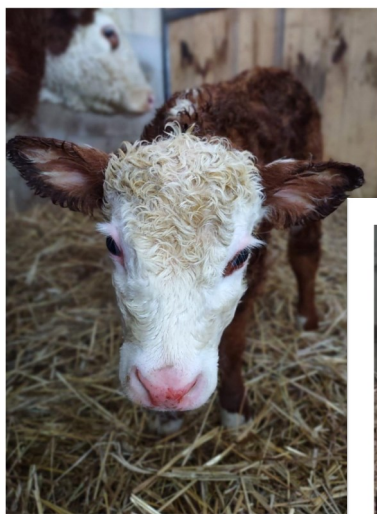
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Frontier Quest
Club



J.C. Oosse
Frontier Quest
Club



Kenneth Grant w/ Dustin the
Calf Gotta Lluva Cool
Critters Club



Northwest MI 4-H Livestock Council

Next meetings: Monday, April 18th at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm (both in person and via Zoom) This is a special meeting to discuss spending down funds in the Livestock Council account and supporting projects in preparation for this summer's fair.

Monday, May 2nd at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm.

Livestock Project Registrations due: Horse, Llama, Alpaca, Rabbit, Cavy

Thank You and Joyous Retirement to Our Wonderful Brigid Hart!



My very first impression of the MSU Extension office was provided by Brigid, when I came to interview for my position as the new Leelanau County 4-H Program Coordinator.

I met her on July 21st, 2016, and I knew that the team I

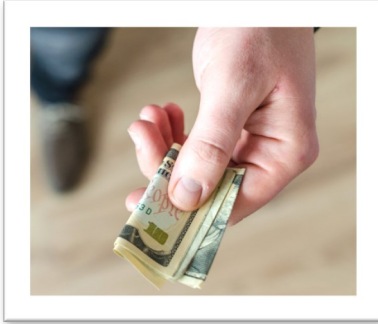
was going to work with was fantastic. She welcomed me with a kind smile, and let me know that I could take a seat, and we talked about the weather and horses. I just remember feeling very comfortable and welcome. Over the years, Brigid has created the layout of these newsletters (editing them and placing the photos and using wonderful fonts and color design), she has come up with amazing flyers for our programs and events, and her welcoming and calm nature (in-person and on the phone) helps folks feel at ease and know that they are going to get the help they need. On behalf of our whole county and all of our 4-H family, we are going to miss you, Brigid! You have made our 4-H experience here in Leelanau better over the last ten years, and we thank you for that. Enjoy your family, your sweet dog, your travels, and your incredible garden! Much joy to you as you move on to your next adventures~





STATEWIDE NEWS . . .

Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!



Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.

Cash Composition Contest (9-12 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-12 have a chance to win \$100 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on “paying yourself first.” Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 11. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Michigan youth age 13-19 will compete in an online quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$100. High scoring youth will be entered into the drawing for four \$100 prizes. Contest registration must be complete by April 28. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Youth who want to prepare for the contests may take part in a webinar on April 13 at 4:30 p.m. (www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13) or a self-guided learning experience (www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money).

4-H Exploration Days registration starts April 14th!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H’s largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth age 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.

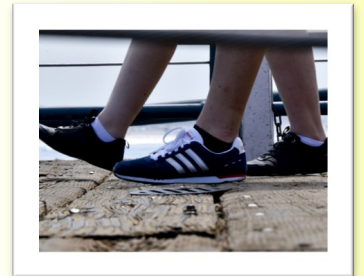
4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they’ll also have plenty of time for fun with free time activities such as skating, bowling, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open in mid-April. The cost for the 2022 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days for more details.



Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge



Starting May 1, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, top contestants will win an alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

April 2: Reality Fair

Heilmann Recreation Center, Detroit

Gain experience making real-life financial decisions in this money management simulation.

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

April 4: Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Goosechase

Online

Join Michigan 4-H to celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child! New missions will be released every week through May 4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase>

April 7: Adulting 101—Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Online

This series helps youth and young adults prepare for life on their own. Different topics will be offered each Thursday in April. The first session will explore different ways to help pay for the cost of college, trade school, and other post high school educational opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-spring-paying>

April 9 or 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day workshop! Each day offers an independent workshop leading to its own certification.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_instructor_certification_spring22

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-2>

April 12: Wild Spartans—Great Lakes Fish Investigations

Online

Head out onto the Great Lakes to learn about fish of all sizes - from tiny venomous catfish to massive lake sturgeon. Meet Michigan DNR Fisheries Technician Brad Utrup and learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

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

April 16: Montcalm County 4-H Goat Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville

Do you have a goat who you think is the GOAT (Greatest of All Time)? Bring them to the Montcalm County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Goat Educational and Fun Show. Open to all.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-4-h-goat-show>

April 23: Mock Interview Day

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi

Gain confidence, communication and career readiness skills as you also gain tips on networking and interviewing. Includes opportunities to practice and receive feedback.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mock22>

April 28: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia

Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia2>

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Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council:
<http://www.northwestmichiganlivestockcouncil.org>

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