



Draft- Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 2, 2025
6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church



1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at: 6:31pm.
2. Pledges- Teen Reps
3. Roll Call-
 - Executive board members present: Nicki Brown, Shayna Conger, Katrina Grose, Faith Grose.
 - See attached for membership and club attendance.
4. Additions to the Agenda
 - No additions.
5. Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion by: Layla Zenner
 - Seconded by: Gretchen Sauvage
6. Approval of the Minutes from May 6th
 - Corrections of the minutes.
 - #4 Team reps should be Teen reps
 - #5 Holly Heiser is misspelled.
 - Motion to approve minutes with the corrections.
 - Motion by: Holly Heiser
 - Seconded by: Ashley Folkersma
 - Motion carries.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - Katrina gave report.
 - No questions on the treasurer's report.
8. Public Comment *
 - Allison Witkop- her Mom is turning 103 at the end of June Allison brought cards and she would like to get her mom 103 cards. Drop them off to Allison and she will get them to her.
9. Fair Board News- Frank Guerin
 - Premium books available at the meeting.
 - Registrations due July 1st, website will be updated on the date.
 - Camping and animal registration is separate on the website.
 - Swine projects add your pen fee, we have a sponsor that is paying for pen fees there will be a \$0 amount shown on your registration.
 - Golf cart registration due July 1st, insurance check will be done.
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday there will be an office secretary at the office, Josie will be there 10am-6pm.

- Fairboard did receive a contract response from MSU, a closed session following their meeting June 12th will take place.
- 61 Day until Fair.

10. 4-H Staff Spotlight

Ali Ballard: Benzie

- June 14 - Swine Clinic, hosted by Manistee 4-H Livestock Council in Wellston, details to come.
- June 19 - 4-H Shearing Clinic, hosted by Lisa Ralph in Kingsley. Shearing demonstrations for Llama, Alpaca, and Lambs. Time is TBD, registration is open through 4-H Online.
- June 28, 10a to 2p - 4-H Goat Showmanship & Fitting Clinic in Interlochen, Fewins Rd. Registration is now open through 4-H Online.
- Horse & Pony Camp, hosted by Benzie 4-H, aiming for the end of June.
- One day Conformation & Lameness Clinic w/ an Equine Sport Massage demonstration, aiming for mid to end of June.
- Family Farm and Home of Manistee and Kalkaska, in partnership with Kent Feeds, are hosting public Rabbit Tattooing clinics in July/August for the tattooing of 2025 Market Rabbits and show rabbits if needed. These are not 4-H held clinics but they are for 4-H kids. Once dates and times are confirmed, official communication will be sent out.

Kristy Oosterhouse: Grand Traverse

- Sarah is out until June 16th, reach out to Kristy in her absence.
- Vacancies in Antrim and Kalkaska.

Danny Schaub: Leelanau

- Cherry Connection is coming up during cherry festival week, June 30 th, July 1 st, July 2 nd, and July 3rd. Looking for clubs to officially sign up and participate between 10a-1p. Clubs can bring animals under 100lbs, do fundraising, show off what they do in 4-H or just have fun.
- Sail champion camp is happening this year on July 18th and July 21st . Youth will sail on a ship out of Northport through the maritime heritage alliance and learn about the great lakes. It is offered at a reduced price of \$30 a person.
- We are hoping to go to a swimming school this summer. The school will be free and offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. It will be taught by certified lifeguards and swimming instructors. Hoping it will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays in the last 3 weeks of August.
- Leelanau 4-H will be at "cheese fest" on June 14th and Leelanau farmers market on June 21st.

MSU Extension Education/Events – Tanner Building Exhibits- Gretchen Sauvage

- Clubs sign up for a booth and clover award, sign up sheets online.
- Tumbler sales are again \$25 and last year's tumbler will get a sticker with their year's date \$20.
- We are doing a giveaway for a tumbler for 2025 this evening, please see me for a ticket.

11. Old Business

a. Workbees

- This year's workbees obligations are canceled this year.
- 2025 workbee credits will be transferred to 2026.

b. Education

- Education credits due June 30th.
- June livestock council meetings will be offered as education credits.
- 1 page summary of what they learned, turn into your specie chair.
- Question- can a swine kid attend this meeting and llama/alpaca clinic does that count?
 - Yes we don't have a policy stating the youth needs a specie specific credit.

12. Species Chair Updates

a. Goat – Robin Gildner *report read by Nicki Brown

- We have 40 registered participants, with 14 market goats.
- We will begin tagging the market projects soon as I receive the council livestock tags for the goats. If you are dropping doing a market project please reach out to me to let me know.
- Please keep a close eye on your projects for sickness, with the drastic temperature swings right now you need to be paying extra attention to them.
- Minimum weight for market projects is 65 pounds.
- You can tag a backup market project for a \$10 fee, due at tagging.
- Be sure to keep fresh water and food in front of your projects 24/7.
- Make sure your project has its official USDA scrapie tag in its ear or tattooed with the full tag number. Registration tattoos are also accepted with a copy of the pedigree. With either option when the tag is not physically in the goats ear you will need to provide the physical scrapie tag with the health paperwork during check-in the first day of fair. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the identification needed please reach out to me now so we can address it prior to fair.
- Just a reminder again, we have a show time change this year for our 4-H shows on Tuesday during fair week. We now start at 9am.
- If you are in need of a pack saddle for the pack goat class we do still have a few hard side saddle kits available. If there is enough interest we can hold a pack saddle building clinic again, just reach out to me if interested.
- If you have questions or concerns I can be reached by phone, text or email: (231) 883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

b. Dog –Gretchen Sauvage

- 24 total participants, 4cloverbuds, 1 DA
- Registration is due tonight no later than 11:59pm.
- I'll be reaching out to those needing education credits.

c. Rabbit/Cavy – Lisa Ralph

- I have reviewed about 150 youtube videos, PBS has a number of videos and epic.
- I will be hosting a clinic for alpaca, sheep shearing and nail trimming for rabbits on June 19th at 7363 Sparling Road Kinglsey.
- Keep rabbits cool, out of drafts and give them lots of water.
- Check for chipped nails and teeth.
- Brush rabbits they might be shedding.
- Rabbit shows in Corunna 6/7, 6/14.

d. Large Beef – Haven Bouwens

- 97 - Registered, 86 - Market Steer, 8 - Market Heifer, 3 - Show only
- Cherry Capital Show Update
 - 28 Kids participated.
 - 8 Kids attended for a total of 36 Kids.
 - 3 of top 5 market animals locals.
- Animal Health updates
 - RFID Tags are required. If you have lost a tag please reach out. This is required for your animal to come onto the fairgrounds.
 - As we get closer to fair please remember the withdrawal period for vaccines and wormers. If you have not wormed yet I recommend doing it now.
- Hoof Trimming 2 of 2
 - July 12th, 8 am
 - No Bull Hoof Care - \$25 per head.
 - Location TBD and we hope to have a scale.
 - Sign-up Genius on Facebook.
- Seniors
 - 12 Registered.
 - Need Bio and 4x6 Photos by the July meeting (email or hard copy).
- Upcoming Education...
 - Need by June 30th - Options on website.
 - Next Livestock Council Meeting.
 - 2 Shows left in Escanaba and Allegan.
- Program Changes for 2025
 - Placing the top 15 Steers & Top 15 Heifers remainder will be placed by Lottery
 - Prevent Heifers from going into heat - Any large beef heifer that is planning to attend that fair will be required to have a CIDR administered at the fair on July 12th (at our July Hoof Trimming). Then, we will travel around to pull the CIDR on July 19th to trigger the heat cycle before the fair.
- Program Changes for 2026
 - Moving the Possession date and Registration Date to Nov.
 - Possession will move to Nov. 1, 2025.
 - Registration will move to Nov. 3, 2025 (LC Meeting).
 - Mandatory Weight-in
 - Weight-in and Tagging on Nov. 8 & 9, 2025, @ Fairgrounds
 - Start a Rate of gain program.

e. Poultry – Lynn Henning

- Email has been sent out explaining education credits.
- Meat ducks should be already in possession.
- Meat chickens will be arriving this week at the Chums Corner Tractor Supply.... Make sure you have feed, lamps, water, and draft free area ready.
- I will text and or email you when they arrive. Please check your email daily.
- Please mention this is a 4-H project and be prompt in picking your order up.
- Info on club decorations will be emailed soon, please share info with your leaders.

- Barn set up is TBD, we might be asking for volunteers.
 - Questions, text 231-357-5132 or email 4hchickenqueen@gmail.com.
- f. DairyBeef/Feeder – Rick Tallieu
- 5 Large Dairy.
 - 35 Dairy Feeders.
 - November possession for Dairy Beef with mandatory weigh in.
 - Contact Greg or Rick for questions or concerns.
- g. Horse – Mandy DePuy
- 44 registered.
 - No seniors, let us know if you have a senior showing a horse that is registered this year.
 - If you attend a horse show let us know so you can get education credits.
- h. Lamb – Clayton Porter
- Lamb Barn Numbers 57 Market, 7 cloverbud, 4 Show only.
 - Back up lamb fees are due today, get it in ASAP or call me.
 - Make sure you are keeping fresh water in front of them constantly.
 - Clean bedding and health checks need to be done regularly.
 - Please reach out with any questions or concerns..
 - Currently we will not have a fitting or show clinic. Education credits still need to be obtained by June 30th. Council meetings in June with a one page paper summarizing what they learned from the meeting will count as an education credit.
 - Please contact me with any concerns or with completed education credit forms and opportunities to complete credits.
 - Because of that, I will be visiting everyone and tagging lambs towards the end of the month. I will be reaching out in the coming weeks to coordinate tagging.
 - Rough shear lambs. The less energy they have to expend to stay cool, the better they will grow. Reach out if you need help shearing! We have some people who are willing to help shear for a small fee.
 - Cloverbud show has moved! Previously held on Friday morning of fair, it will now be immediately following the showmanship class on Tuesday. This was done due to numerous requests from parents over the past few years and reduces stress on the animals.
 - Thank you for being patient with us as we navigate the current circumstances and we look forward to seeing you all soon!
- i. Jr Beef – Amanda Wilkins
- Total Registrations: 97
 - Cloverbuds: 34
 - Market: 42
 - Show only:21
 - Graduating Senior: 2 (please send or bring me senior bios and Pictures by the July Livestock council meeting)
 - Tagging
 - I am in the process of planning my routes and days. I will be reaching out the next couple of weeks to come tag your calf. Sorry it has taken a little longer this year to get things together. Reminder you can tag a second calf for \$10.

- Calf Check list
 - Vaccines: Make sure your calf is vaccinated before fair for the following, IBR, PI3 & BRSV. Record the vaccine information on the health record located on the Jr. Beef page. If this is completed by the breeder you will need to get the information from them for the health record.
 - If this was not done by the breeder it is your responsibility to complete this before coming to the fair. The health record will need to be handed in to the Specie Chair/ Superintendent at the time of unloading.
- Dehorning
 - If your calf is not naturally poled. They need to be dehorned and in time to ensure they are healed by fair time. Horns cannot exceed 3”.
 - Bull calves need to be castrated and show signs of healing before coming to the fair. Weather can affect the healing process so getting this done sooner than later is a good idea.
 - Make sure your calf has the RFID tag from the breeder in its ear before coming to fair.
- Start getting your calf used to halters and show sticks. Fair week should not be the first time your calf is introduced to those things (showmanship starts at home).
- Program info
 - Market Projects: Minimum weight is 300lb and Maximum weight is 700lbs. If you are over or under weight you will not be able to participate in the market show and livestock auction but can still participate in showmanship and open classes.
 - The final auction line up will be determined by placing the top 15 Market Steers and Top 15 Market Heifers. The rest of the line up will be determined by the Lottery system.
 - Each Market participant will draw a number out of a bucket. This will serve as a temporary place holder until the Judge selects the top 15.
 - Each weight class will be evaluated and placed in each individual weight class.
 - 1st and 2nd place from each weight class will come back for Grand and Reserve Champion.
 - With Jr. Beef having fewer market numbers and smaller animals, the remaining calves will be lined up in the show ring according to their placement in their individual weight classes.
 - The Judge will continue to place 3-15. The top 15 participants will receive auction position by their ranking and their original number draw is no longer applicable.
 - Participants that do not rank in the top 15 will retain their original number draw from weigh in and will be placed in a list and sorted by ascending numerical order for their auction placement.
 - Steers and Heifers will be placed separately
- Education
 - Due by June 30th .
- Education opportunities
 - YQCA Send a copy of completion certificate

- Iowa Extension and Outreach online: Beef Education. Find the link and credit instructions on the education tab of the website.
 - Beef Quality Assurance. Send a copy of the completion certificate.
 - Formula of Champions webinar. Write a 2-3 paragraph summary of what you learned and submitted it to me for credit.
- Question- What is the status of the practices?
 - Practices are still in limbo, working on trying to get something figured out, an email will be sent out.
- j. Llama/Alpaca – Kathy Easter
- Please be practicing with your animals as often as possible, but not on the hot days coming up. Make sure you check the upcoming temps and provide extra water and shade on those warm days. Watch for heat stress if they are not shorn yet, especially.
 - For those in pack classes -practice by laying a towel across the animals backs and trying some simple obstacles around the farm.
 - Our clinic is June 22 from 5-7 at (the fairgrounds?) with our focus being on the pack classes, but obstacle and showmanship classes can be reviewed if needed.
 - Make sure all deworming and cdt shots are up to date.
 - Renee has a print out on Thank you notes.
 - Also on the education page of the website
- k. Swine- Jen Davis
- 167 kids registered for the swine barn
 - 24 - Cloverbud (5 bringing their own projects)
 - 12 - Graduating Seniors
 - 8 - Super Seniors
 - 2 - DA
- l. Updates:
- Seniors- please send your 5x7 and bios to me at the swine barn email- name, 4H group, High school, the impact 4H had on you, and finally your Future plans.
 - Swine Barn Facebook page has been REVIVED! Like and follow for announcements and opportunities.
 - Swine Barn Youth Leadership- we have met twice so far and youth input to leading the barn has been awesome! This group will lead the bulletin board creations/designs, set up for shows, and lead special Swine Barn activities. If you're interested in being part of this group and in helping set up and run the Swine Barn, email Jen at swinebarn4H@gmail.com
 - We will try to get the Swine Show Clinic rescheduled. Updates will be sent out via email and the Swine Facebook page.
 - Spend time with your project, sit in the pen, brush them, talk to them- this will get your project used to you. Start practicing with your project- walking around the stall, and outside weather permitting. Look up YouTube videos for help with how to train your project to walk and show!
 - Make sure you're deworming your projects, watch the labels/talk to your vet about withdrawal times- this is the amount of time needed between the working and going to the processor. Update your health record with any vaccinations and dewormers and any other medications used.
 - Min weight is 225lbs and max weight is 315lbs. Weigh or Tape measure your project weekly to make sure it is gaining weight like it should. A 135lbs pig with

60 days until fair, must gain at least 1.5lbs per day, or 10.5lbs per week to make the minimum fair weight of 225lbs... weighing or taking your project will help you adjust feed to get to your target swine weight for fair.

- o Waterers- each 4Her bringing a swine is responsible for bringing a waterer to fair and providing clean/fresh water at all times. Most choose to make a self waterer and a few choose to bucket fresh water. I will send out a Do It Yourself waterer to build at home and bring to fair.
- o Tags- 840 tags must be present in pig's ear at all times - if missing, please contact your breeder for a new tag and update me by email with old tag number and replacement number.
- o Reminder - our awesome Swine superintendent, Todd and Tony would like to remind everyone that any club signs or 4Her fair signs hung above your fair pens must have air flow, and cannot be vinyl banners per fair rules. If you have questions, please let Todd know!
- o Show schedule: DA will be on Sunday at 10-10:30am. The rest of the shows will be Monday only- Breed, then Showmanship, Cloverbuds, then Market. We will take the judge's recommendations about break times between shows. Once known, we will update swine families.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - o Education credits -due June 30th. If you are still looking for credits/ there are opportunities available on the Education page of the NWMI livestock Council website, scroll ALL the way to the bottom for swine education. There is also a new Pork Quality Assurance class available - link has been shared on the Swine Barn Facebook page.
- Question- Has there been a decision on when pictures will be taken?
 - o Not yet we are still working on that and photographer availability.

13. Differently Abled- Beth Stevens

- The DA program is open to all youth and adults with a need for accommodations.
- Over 26 years old need to register with MSU on paper.
- Contacting all registered DA youth regarding accommodations.
- We need a judge for our 9:30 showmanship.
- We need animals for the petting zoo 9-11am on Wednesday at Fair.
- DA shows qualifies for auction, but if you show in the regular show we need to know if you are doing both shows.

14. Committee Reports

a. Reporting Committees:

i. Auction –Faith Grose

- Available up at this table are some forms that are highly encouraged to include in buyer letters including a buyer informative sheet that includes auction times, lineup, what-to-expect, payment options, etc. along with a form for the proxy service. We have/had buyer's postcards up here too.
- All of these forms will be uploaded to the website shortly.
- Buyer postcards are in the mailing process.
- Auction booklet template is created and includes information about all of our scholarship opportunities: project give-away, add-ons, resales, etc. to help spread awareness of these opportunities to further support our 4-Hers.

- Please contact myself [Faith Grose] if there are any questions or concerns, thank you!

ii. Auction Refreshments –

- No report

iii. Buyers Lunch -Laurie Ashley

- 1,100 servings of pie donated from Sara Lee Bakery, 1,200 bags of chips, a125 mayo/mustard packets from Jimmy Johns, 1,500 cups of BBQ, 150 ketchup packets from Burger King,1,000 packets of to-go silverware from Applebee's, three kegs of pop donated from Northwoods.
- I have requested to-go boxes from Cracker Barrel and pop and water from Pepsi.
- I have left messages with the food inspector, haven't spoken to her yet.
- Between now and the next meeting I will be finalizing donations and doing some pick up of non-perishable items.
- I will be ordering any non-perishable items that cannot be sourced through donation.
- At the moment there is still a budget shortfall of approximately \$800-\$1000 including \$10 of the quote from Dawn's Fresh Catering, and expenses I don't get donated.
- I may have to request additional funds at the end of June or Beginning of July.
- Market kids, buyers and significant others get a free lunch.
- Sibling meals will be \$10 of 2025.
- Adults assisting with the buyers lunch must have a background check completed through MSU and attain at least silver status.
- If you plan to have any of your club volunteer at the Buyers Lunch and they did not complete a background check last year, please have them start the process now,
- Please reach out to Sarah Bye to start that process, it can take 2 weeks to a month to complete.

iv. Cherry Festival Parade

- July 3 6:30pm meet at 5:30pm meeting at the City garage.
- Rubber ducks, pigs, and cows donated to hand out.
- It's shorter this year.

v. Fair Week Evening Activities –Teen Reps

- Not a lot is different from last meeting
- Finalizing details
- Second movie night on Thursday, there will be a list of movies the youth can vote on.

vi. Fun Saturday – Olivia Rice

- Working on a few new games.
- Prizes and candy donated.

vii. Fun Classes – Stephine Bugai

- Costume class again.
- Sign up will be available at the next meeting.

viii. 4H Dance – Anne Seitz

- The age restriction is gone, now Fair dance.
- There will be an adult dance.
- Schedule change to 7pm-11pm adult is until 11-12pm.

- ix. Showmanship Showdown– Report read by Nicki
 - The buckle has been ordered.
 - Same format and will be run the same as last year.
- x. Fair Week Activities-Teen Reps
 - Repeat topic this should be Photography Committee
- xi. Photography Committee- Sarah Youker
 - Backdrops are much larger
 - Working on finalizing and moving things around on the schedule.

b. Non-Reporting Committees:

- i. Auction Ring Set-Up
 - Nothing to report.
- ii. Can Drive
 - Looking for a club to do can drive please.
- iii. Cloverbud Fair Week Activities
 - Nothing to report.
- iv. Fair Set-Up & Tear-Down
 - Nothing to report.
- v. Pizza Party- Kathy Easter
 - All good.

15. New Business

- a. Blood Drive- Kathy Easter
 - Paperwork available for the blood drive Aug 5th and 8th.
 - Sign up available.

16. Public Comment *

- Tickets for the 2025 tanner building tumbler, see Gretchen.
 - Winning ticket drawn.
- Ashley Folkersma- horse driving clinic, might be canceled.
- Can we have something in writing about the swine barn decoration restrictions?
 - MDARD didn't want any vinyl banners used but we negotiated slits in the vinyl banners.
- Can we add more fans?
 - Todd- we are working on a ventilation system, plastic lattice is ok because it has holes and is breathable.
- Did MDARD say anything about the kids on boards or boards used to separate fighting pigs?
 - If anyone would like the state vets number we will give that to you and you can ask them any questions you may have.

17. Questions?

- No questions.

18. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm
- Motion by: Holly Hauser
- Seconded by: Carly Bancroft

Club List for 2025	June 2
A Backyard Bunch	x
Barn Busters	x
Beef & Bacon Bunch	x
Benzie Cowabungas	x
Bits - N - Grit	x
Boots & Roots	x
Caring Critters	
Carousel Club	x
Country Cousins	
Country Kids	x
Country Roots	

Crazy Acres	x
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	
Dusty Trails	x
Excalibur Mazkaraders	x
Farm and Fleece	x
Farm and Freedom	x
Forever Farmin'	x
Frontier Quest	
Gotta Lluva a Cool Critter	x
Green Acres	x
Happy Highlanders	x
Happy Hooves	x
Hats N Boots	x
Kaleidoscope Kids	x
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club	x
Leaders and Lopers	
Leather-N-Laces	
Legacy Livestock	x
Lone Wolves	
Long Lake 4H Livestock	x
Maple Ridge	x
Misty Meadows	
Northern Explorers	
Northern Lights	x
Northwest Classy K-9's	x
Pen Pals	x
Proclites	x
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	x
Rickety Ranchers	x
Round About Wranglers	x

Showtime	
Small Town Farmers	x
Sunshine Acres	x
TC Hooves and Wings	
Too Goat to be True	x
Twin Lakes	x
Two By Two	
Walnut Acres	
Windy Acres	x