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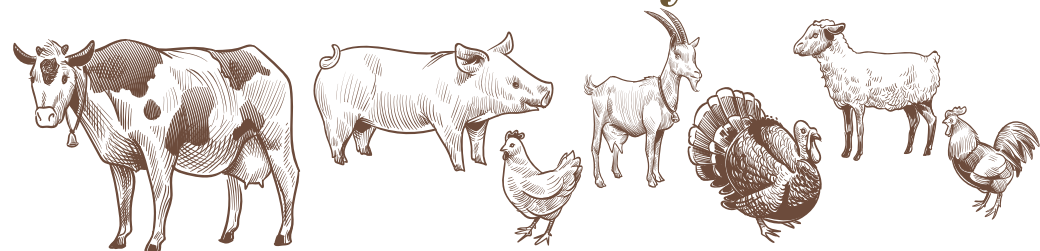
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— A tribute to Ivan Anthony from Mason County 4H'ers



Ivan Anthony

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Leaving a legacy for West Michigan Fair

BY STEVE BEGNOCHE

Ivan Anthony used his head, his heart, his hands, during his years of health to teach 4-H youth the value of working with one's hands, and helping the community.

Anthony died June 17 at the age of 86 leaving a legacy of service to the community through his roles in local government, Rotary, the Mason County District Library board, the Western Michigan Fair, and especially through 4-H where he was leader of the Summit Woodchoppers and other groups for more than 50 years.

The story goes, Ivan so liked the 4-H experience as a youth, when he turned 18, he became a leader so he his younger brother could experience what he had.

For decades, youth in southern Mason County found their way to his and neighbors' woodworking shops to learn craft, and perhaps as importantly, life skills.

"I feel he felt he was training them for life," Norm Sanford, a long-time friend and helper with the Summit Woodchoppers, said. "He wanted them to be able to work with their hands. That's not taught as much today. He always felt working with his hands was a big deal."

"He loved those kids," Sanford continued. "I'm telling you; he really did. He didn't show preferences to anyone. If a child came there and actually wanted to work, he was really on it."

"That's one of the reasons I stayed there 27 years, I told him as long as he

wanted to do it, I would help him. We had a wonderful friendship because of it."

Summit Township resident Bruce Patterson, who is a woodcarver among other things, likewise remembers his friend fondly.

"He had that shop opened for kids. They made some beautiful things. I would help when he would ask me. We were close, especially at the end," Patterson said.

"I was in his very first class, in the basement of French School," Patterson said. "There was no power equipment at all."

All work was done by hand tools. "I built a three-legged milk stool. I still

have that. Ivan was 18. I was 12."

More than the stool endured the test of time.

"He was a teacher even before he started in 4-H. He had a way with kids," Patterson said.

Over the years, Anthony would hire young men in the area to work around his house - mow the lawn and the such.

"Every one of them loved him," Patterson said. "He was just a natural born teacher. He liked to help people do things."

"He taught them how to work, and that is important in these days. That's a big thing right there. His 4-H kids' work was amazing,"

Sanford recalls the shop having 10 or

more 4-H youth working on projects. "The kids did the work," he said. And those projects at fair showtime generally earned blue ribbons.

"Ivan always asked the dads to stay both for safety, and as a way to form a bond with child parent," Marcia Hansen, a long-time West Michigan Fair supporter and a former Mason County 4-H director, said. "You dropped the kids off and stayed with them. He was very, very proud of that."

Hansen said Ivan Anthony "rates right at the top of volunteer leaders who exemplify the 4-H program. He was just a great 4-H leader."

So, too, she said was Ivan's wife Betty who led a sewing club.

Hansen's late husband Roger, and Ivan served on the fair board together so the Anthonys and Hansens were friends.

Hansen recalls a story that illustrates how important 4-H was to Ivan Anthony,

"When Ivan was serving on the State 4-H Advisory Council, he reminded his bride-to-be Betty, when they were setting a date for their wedding, it couldn't conflict with one of the state meetings.

We always giggled about that."

But his impact is nothing to giggle over.

"The number of kids they taught and influenced with life skills is just mind-boggling. I wish there were more (like) him," Hansen said.

One of those kids was neighbor Joe Cooper, Riverton Fire Department Chief. "I loved it," Cooper said of his years in the Summit Woodchoppers. "My brothers all went through it, too. The whole neighborhood did."

Those new to the club would start learning how to use hand tools learning and basic skills such as sanding. As they progressed and got older, they could use power tools. Between Cooper's father, Duane, and Ivan, the young woodworkers had access to all the tools they would need.

"You could get pretty fancy," Cooper said of the 4-H projects the members worked on. He says he has "a houseful" of his Summit Woodchoppers' projects.

"We enjoyed helping each other," Cooper recalls. "You took pride and joy and helping other people do their projects.

You hoped everybody got a blue ribbon at the fair."

Each week's meeting concluded with the club cleaning up after themselves, a practice Cooper says he carries on to this day.

"You clean up and get ready for tomorrow so you can start right in when you get to work," he said.

"One thing Ivan always taught us is you measure twice, cut once," Cooper said. "He had a bunch of funny little posters with sayings like that in the wood chop."

"I learned a lot from Ivan. He was a great neighbor," Cooper said. "He is going to be missed. He taught a lot of kids."

Anthony served on the local 4-H Council when Marcia Hansen was the county 4-H director. "I could always count on him staying after a meeting for more conversation," she said.

She recalls Anthony, who as Mason County Clerk saw court documents as part of that role, frequently would say he'd never see the names of 4-H kids on papers coming out of court.

Visitors to the Mason County Fairgrounds may notice a tribute in memory of Ivan Anthony and his service.

"Right before I retired, Ivan decided we (the fairgrounds) needed some benches," Hansen said. "And we did. He enlisted (his Summit Woodchoppers) kids, each year making four or five benches for the grounds. About 20 of them are placed around the fairground, the last in 2008. They're still in use. They don't look as pretty as when we got them because of all the time outdoors. We will restore one and put it in front of 4-H building with a wreath and a tribute sign with a 4-H pledge 'Making the Best Better.'"

"It's hard to properly recognize someone who was important to the 4-H, the fair and the community," Hansen said of Ivan Anthony. "The bench is one way the fair can put it out and let passersby maybe have a thought about Ivan."

Ivan Anthony's legacy is one fashioned by use his head, his heart, his hands while in good health to better his community and teach 4-H'ers with a loyal and serving heart.

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4-H traditions remain strong through lower participation

KENDRA GILCHRIST
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

This year marks the Western Michigan Fair's 85th year, leaving no room for doubt of its historic significance and importance to the community. While the midway rides, carnival games and Grandstand shows draw large crowds every year, the 4-H program is a key - and dwindling - pillar of the fair.

The Western Michigan Fair is an open fair, which means that people don't have to be part of a 4-H group to enter as an exhibitor. Western Michigan Fair Association president John Lammi says that a majority of the kids who participate are from the West Michigan Livestock Council, rather than smaller 4-H clubs.

This is a more recent trend for the fair, which has hosted 4-H kids and families for the fair since it first began in 1936. Lammi speculates that the growing multitude of summer sports and other activities has caused lots of families to spend their time doing other things.

"It was more of a 4-H fair back in the day, and the enrollment in as far as 4-H

itself goes, to my knowledge, has decreased over the years," said Lammi.

Despite lower involvement, 4-H traditions remain strong within the fair community. Many families still prepare all year for the week in August when they will create craft booths, show animals, sell livestock and more for visitors of the fairgrounds to experience.

"I believe that the community itself still supports the animal shows and seeing the exhibits that are put on by all the members, whether they're 4-H members or West Michigan Livestock members," said Lammi.

The kids participating in the fair learn valuable lessons throughout the year, such as how to care for an animal, developing patience and dedication, building creative and leadership skills and more. 4-H provides this unique environment for children to learn and grow.

"These kids have worked with their animals, they have learned hard work ethics, what it takes to put food on the table," explained Lammi. "I mean, they're all amazing aspects for these kids to learn."



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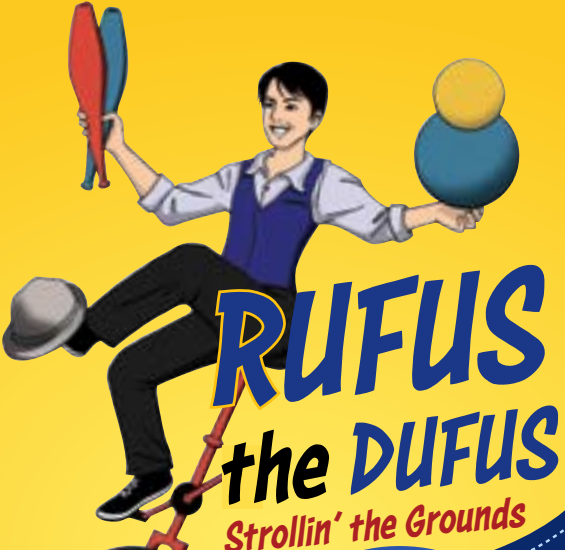
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Monday, August 5
(No Midway)

5:00pm Goat Show
 5:30pm Great Lakes Stakes Harness Racing
 6:00pm Still Exhibit Judging
 (Buildings not open until Judging is completed)

Tuesday, August 6

Fair entrance \$5.00 per person
5 and under free

9:00am Swine Show
 12:00pm Exhibit Buildings Open
 12:00pm Horse Show
 1:00pm ... MI Bred Colt Stakes Harness Racing
 3:00pm-1:00pm Midway Open
 7:00pm ... West MI Pullers Tractor & Truck Pull
 Grandstand admission \$10.00

10:00pm Great Lakes Fireworks
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11:00pm Midway Closes

Wednesday, August 7

Fair entrance \$5.00 per person
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8:00am Horse Show
 10:00am Beef Show

12:00pm Midway Opens
 Noon-5pm Kid's Day
 1:30pm Rabbit Show
 Noon-11:00pm Midway Open
 5:00pm Bike Drawing
 5:30pm Western Mi. Fair
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 6:00pm Mini Wedge Racing
 7:30pm TNT Barrel Racing
 Pit Passes \$20

11:00pm Midway Closes

Thursday, August 8

Fair entrance \$5.00 per person
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9:00am Poultry Show
 10:00am Dairy Show
 12:00-2:00pm Special Kids Day
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12:00pm Dog Show
 3:00pm Midway Opens
 3:00pm-11pm Read for Rides
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 7pm Super Kicker Rodeo
 Grandstand admission \$15

11:00pm Midway closes

Friday, August 9

Fair entrance \$5.00 per person
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10:00am Fun Equestrian Games
 12:00pm Exhibit Buildings Open
 3:00pm Midway Opens
 5:00pm Pedal Pull for Kids
 7:00pm SJO Super Cross Racing
 Grandstand admission \$10
 Pit Passes \$15

11:00pm Midway closes

Saturday, August 10

Fair entrance \$5.00 per person
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8:00am Barnyard Boogie- 5k race
 9:00am Barn Brawl youth wrestling
 11:00am West Michigan Livestock
 Council Livestock Auction- Show/Sale Barn
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Rodeo returns to fair this year

KENDRA GILCHRIST
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Super Kicker Rodeo, a fourth generation rodeo company established in 1994, is returning to the Western Michigan Fair this year in the Grandstand entertainment lineup. The Rodeo will be held on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m.

The popular rodeo show will feature events like bull riding, bareback riding, girls barrel racing, saddle bronc riding and more as part of Super Kicker Rodeo Production's 2024 "Round Em Up" Summer Tour.

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New fair board members introduced

KENDRA GILCHRIST
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

Four individuals have joined the Western Michigan Fair Association (WMFA) Board of Directors recently: Megan Samuels, Brittany Smith, Daryl Jabrocki and Jamie Wehner.

Samuels raises goats with her family on their hobby farm, and hopes that her youngest child will show animals in the fair when she is old enough. She has been a resident of Custer Township since 2020 and she has worked in Mason County's financial industry since

2018. Samuels currently works at Shelby State Bank in Ludington. She looks forward to being a part of the positive impact on the youth of the county's agricultural community while serving on the board, her bio on the WMFA website says.

Smith grew up showing horses in Blytheville, Arkansas, participating in 4-H from the ages of eight to 19. She has served as a 4-H club president, served on the 4-H Federation, and she has raised and exhibited beef cattle, horses, Boer goats, rabbits and gardening. She moved with her family to Mason County

in 2019 after accepting a job with Great Lakes Energy, and her children have begun showing animals at the Western Michigan Fair.

Jabrocki has attended the Western Michigan Fair for the past 11 years, as his seven children all participate. He is a graduate from Ludington High School and he now resides with his family north of Scottville and works at House of Flavors. Jabrocki is also serving on the Buildings & Grounds Committee for the WMFA, and he wants to ensure that the fairgrounds continue to be a place of pride for all county residents.

Wehner is a lifelong Scottville resident and graduate of Mason County Central. Her involvement with the fair began when her children were 4-H members. Her six children are now adults and she has five grandchildren. Wehner and her husband own a hobby farm with numerous goats, ducks, chickens and her three dogs.

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