



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

March 2019

Hello 4-H Families,

Spring is just around the corner! 4-H'ers, make sure you speak with your leaders about your project's ownership dates/weigh ins/tagging (also in fairbook and on our website) as well as re-enrolling (including payment) into the 2018-19 4-H year.

Administrative leaders will continue to check the 4honline website to approve youth, who have re-enrolled/paid and are waiting for your final approval. Communications for the 2018-19 4-H year are now distributed to only those youth and leaders, who have re-enrolled/paid, so please check to see who may be missing on your list and follow up, if you can.

Also coming up is our Annual 4-H Spring Achievement/Style Revue set to take place on Saturday, March 16 at North Branch American Legion Hall. In the afternoon, we will hold our annual 4-H Awards Ceremony as well so don't miss it! For more information and to register, please visit our website at https://www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/spring_achievement_style_revue. We will be honoring youth, club, adult and Friend of 4-H awards with very well deserved recognition, scholarships and positions within Lapeer County 4-H. Please come and cheer them on beginning at 3:30pm ☺.

-Kathy George

Calendar of Events

(Small meeting room=SMR; Lg. meeting room=LMR (Downstairs); Board Room=BR)

Spring Achievement Registration Deadline	February 27 by 5 pm
Camp Counselor Meeting	March 2, 9am—3 pm
Auction Committee	March 4, 5:30 pm BR
Goat Committee	March 11, 6pm, SMR
Livestock Committee	March 11, 7:30 pm, LMR
Poultry Committee	March 11, after Livestock Comm./BR
Spring Achievement	March 16
Dog Committee	March 18, 5:30, Office
Auction Committee	March 18, 5:30 pm, BR
Council	March 18, 7 pm, BR
Horse Committee	March 25, 7 pm, BR
Celebrity/Spring Auction	April 5-6

For a complete listing of all state 4-H events, please click [here](#).

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2019 Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

I am excited to announce registration for the 2019 Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference is open! Youth and adults can register at this link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/dairy2019/>.

The event is March 15-17 at Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI. Programming begins after dinner on Friday night and continues until lunch on Sunday. The theme this year is dairy nutrition, thus educational programming will focus on the digestive tract, how to feed cattle from calf through adulthood, and related topics. There will be a farm visit Saturday afternoon off site with transportation provided. More details will be sent to program participants as the events draws near.

This is a pre-pay event, so a credit card is required to complete registration.

Michigan 4-H Cavy Showmanship Guide

I am very pleased to share with you the updated [Michigan 4-H Cavy Showmanship Guide](#). This guide has been updated with some tweaks on the basic information in common language and the addition of colorful, step by step instructional photographs.

Lapeer County MSU Extension would like to CONGRATULATE and THANK YOU all for your dedication in educating our 4-H youth!!!

1 Year Leader

Quentin Andrews
Jami Haarz
LeeAnn Hintz
Corinne Shields
Wilford Wackler
Lucis Welch

5 Years Leader

Ryan Andrews
Kristen Bickel
Nathan Bickel
June Bonnema
Jodi Conley
Jennifer Dahn
Kelly Cusson

10 Years Leader

Danielle Lindsay
Tiffany Weiss

15 Years Leader

Jo Goodwin
Heidi Horton
Branden McDowell
Janice Melzer
Lea Rood
Robert White

5 Years Leader

Sarah Graver
Cindy Kapushinski
Rachel Lucius
Rob Mette
Scott Wetherford

35 Years Leader

Juanita Lucius

45 Years Leader

Carol Billig

Upcoming Horse Events

The [2019 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest](#) & [2019 4-H Hippology Skills & Communications Contest](#) entry information is NOW AVAILABLE online at: www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information

Additionally, I am thrilled to introduce an *ALL NEW AWARD*, we will be recognizing the OVERALL OUTSTANDING 4-H EQUINE SCIENCE CONTESTANT in each division (Junior Novice, Junior Regular, Senior Novice, Senior Regular). This award will be based on individual cumulative scores from all contests. To be eligible, a contestant must enter a minimum of two 4-H contest areas. All eligible contest areas are: Hippology, Public Speaking, Individual Demonstration, Team Demonstration, and Judging. So be sure to encourage your 4-H'ers to TRY OUT A NEW CONTEST AREA!!!! All the contests will be happening on the same weekend, right here in East Lansing, MI!

Lapeer County 4-H Animal Ownership & Member Enrollment Deadlines

Dairy

May 31 Ownership and enrollment deadline

Beef

1st Sat. in February Weigh-In, ownership and enrollment deadline

Goats

Breeding Stock-

May 31 Ownership and enrollment deadline

Market-

May 1 Ownership and enrollment deadline. Tagging 3rd Saturday in May-Mandatory

Fiber-

May 31 Ownership and enrollment deadline

Horses

NOTHING IN FAIR BOOK – OLD READS: May 1 – member to be enrolled for local shows & State Horse show. May 31 – if only showing at Eastern Michigan State Fair

Poultry

May 1- Ownership and enrollment deadline (except meat pens, which must be owned within one week of hatching).

Rabbits

Roaster -

June 27 Ownership, weigh-in and tattoo deadline

Exhibition-

May 15 Kindled and ownership deadline

Cavies-

May 15 Owned or littered deadline

Sheep/Market Lambs

May 15 Ownership and enrollment deadline. Market lambs tagging/tattooing 3rd Saturday in May. Weigh-In Monday of Fair. **OLD AND NOT IN FAIRBOOK: Market lamb member to be enrolled by May 20. Member with wool breed lambs to be enrolled by May 31.**

Swine

May 1 Ownership and enrollment deadline, except Clover Buds which is May 31. Ear Tagging in May-date at discretion of superintendents.

All other projects

May 31 enrollment deadline, in order to show at fair. Otherwise members are encouraged to enroll by Jan. 30 to remain on the e-mail list.



2019 Spring Auction

Club Basket Information

Clubs and Committees are invited to create a fun filled basket to donate to the Spring Auction. 50% of the basket sale price is returned to the club.

This is a great club activity and fundraiser!

Remember, Club Baskets should be creative! Clubs should submit their basket theme to 4-H Staff to avoid duplication of the same idea! Clubs that submit their basket theme to the office and is not a duplicate of another club's theme will receive an additional 5 points during judging.

Baskets don't have to be a basket! Feel free to be inventive. Wagons, coolers, picnic baskets, chairs and other items make great baskets.

Clubs may purchase or make basket items. They can also ask friends and family for donations.

Clubs should not use business donations for the baskets.

Please remember that homemade food items (baked goods, canned items, etc.) and alcohol related items cannot be accepted and will be discarded.

All baskets must be delivered to the 4-H office by 5pm on Friday, March 29th. (They can be delivered earlier.) If you are in need of an exception due to having refrigerated items, live animal, or other reasons, you may discuss this with 4-H Staff.

All baskets will be judged by a panel on Friday (April 5) based on their creativity, usability and marketing appeal. The top 5 baskets will be sold in the Live Auction. The remaining baskets will be sold during the Silent Auction.

All clubs will receive 50% of the sale price on their basket. (This is what the basket sells for and not its market value.)

Each participating club must complete the attached form with the Club name, basket theme, and a list of basket items.

Club Name:

Basket Theme:

Itemized Content List

Market Value

Itemized Content List	Market Value

Jean's Tidbits...

Summer Camp 2019:

Camp Counselor training is under way. We had our first session Feb 19th with a good turnout of 10 teens. Not too late to join the fun of bringing a smile to kids' faces while being in the outdoors for a few days in July. If 13 and older, enjoy working with kids and like camping then give me a call at the office, 810-667-0343, send me an email kreiner@msu.edu or join us at our next training, Sat. March 2nd from 9 am-3pm at the MSU Extension building.

Camp is held July 8-13 with Day Camp for kids in kindergarten & 1st grade and overnight camp is held July 9-13th for kids in 2-6 grades. Location is at Camp Lael here in Lapeer.

Helping Hooves PEP

Looking for people ages 5-26 who are differently abled and wanting to experience riding a horse for our spring program. Also in need of volunteers (teens 14 years and older as well as adults) and possibly volunteer horses for a six or seven week session mid-April through May. If interested please contact me for more information.

Saturday Day Camp

March 23rd will be our first Saturday Day Camp workshop for those currently not registered in 4-H and wanting to see what 4-H can offer. This Day Camp will be held from 10 am-2 pm here at the MSU Extension building downstairs in the large meeting room and will be for kids 5-10. Activities are centered on an indoor project area, animal area as well as crafts and science. Like last year I am looking for teens or adults to help and if you would like to spotlight an area, either indoor or animal please get in touch with me ASAP so I can make plans.

Spring Auction

Annual 4-H Spring Auction - April 5th and 6th

The 2019 Celebrity and Spring Auction are just a little over a month away! Please plan on attending this wonderful event! The funds raised support educational workshops, club activities, conferences, PEP, 4-H camp, fair, leadership trainings, community service projects, scholarships and more!

The Celebrity Autograph Item auction will be held Friday evening, April 5th. Doors Open at 5:30pm. There is both a silent and live portion of the evening that includes celebrity items of all kinds.

Saturday's auction, April 6th, includes items donated from local and out of state businesses and supporters. Doors open at 8:00am and the silent auction tables begin a graduated closing process at 9:05am with the last table closing at 10:45. The live auction begins promptly at 11am.

A huge thank you to Young Pioneers and Bucks & Clucks for hosting this year's pancake breakfast on Saturday from 8am until 11am and Lapeer Horse Leaders for offering lunch concessions to auction participants. These are great entrepreneurial activities and the clubs keep 100% of the profit.

Clubs should be turning in the donations they have collected from area businesses as they receive them. Please complete your business visits as soon as possible. 10% of the sold value of the item goes directly back to the Club for club use.

An additional opportunity for clubs to assist with auction and raise money for their club includes donating a club basket. Clubs can make a themed basket to be auctioned off at the spring auction and earn back 50% of its sold value! Baskets are judged based on creativity, usability, and marketing appeal. The top 5 scoring baskets are placed in the live auction. Be sure to contact the office with your selected theme to earn an extra 5 points. Themes that have already been chosen include: A day at the Beach, Cow Farm, Spa Day, Camping/Summer, Ice Fishing, Dogs, Travel, and Gardening.

If you are interested in visiting area businesses or volunteering at the auction please contact Sarah at graversa@msu.edu or (810) 667-0341.

Last year, the auction raised more than \$37,000!!! Join us in beating that record this year!

STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

Contests:

- Quiz Bowl
- Breed Judging
- Skill-a-thon
- Illustrated talk
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Arts & Crafts
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Cost:

\$6per participant, \$4 per contest

Age Requirements:

All exhibitors must be aged 8 to 19 as of January 1, 2019.
Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU
Extension Office today!

Find out more...

For more information contact your county MSU Extension office
or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270 or ockertka@msu.edu
Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested
on your registration form.

To Register visit

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2019goatexpo/>

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April 13, 2019

**Michigan State
University, Anthony
Hall
East Lansing, MI**

The Michigan 4-H Goat
Show is sponsored by
Michigan 4-H Youth
Development Programs,
Michigan State
University Extension.

Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

September 21, 2019 - September 22, 2019 various

Time:

Registration: Saturday, Sep. 21, 2019, 9 – 10 a.m.
Workshop Ends: Sunday, Sep. 22, 2019, 1 p.m. with lunch

Cost:

\$85.00 - 4-H members, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff with 4-H responsibilities who bring a volunteer leader or member

\$160.00 - MSU Extension staff who attend without a volunteer or member, non-4-H members and personnel from other agencies

Persons canceling without a replacement after Sep. 1, 2019, will be charged a \$50.00 cancellation fee. Persons who do not show up at the workshop, do not have a replacement, or do not cancel to Brian Wibby at wibby@msu.edu by Sep. 15, 2019 will be billed the full registration fee.

Who Should Attend?

The conference is open to youth, 4-H members and non-members, aged 12 (by Jan. 1, 2019) and older. The conference is also open to adult 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension youth educators and adults who work with youth in a variety of educational settings. The 2019 conference is for individuals who want to make a difference in their community and are willing to put into action the skills they learn and knowledge they gain.

Workshop Purpose:

The 2019 4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference objectives are for participants to:

- Develop skills, knowledge and commitment in global citizenship and youth leadership.
 - Give youth and adults the tools to start a citizenship, leadership and service program in their community or build on and enhance existing programs and activities.
 - Discover ways to be an effective club member, leader and officer.
 - Discover how to be a “Youth Leader in a Global World.”
 - Meet and share ideas with 4-H teen and adult volunteers from around the state (and the world!).
 - Develop a plan of action for using your new knowledge and skills back home.
 - Build skills for exploring and appreciating diversity and multiculturalism.
- Have fun!

Register here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular1

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Curious how much milk the average dairy cow produces each day?



Dairying has come a long way since every family had a cow or two! If you want to be part of the dairy industry of the future, you have to prepare yourself for all phases of dairy technology. In a 4-H dairy cattle project, you'll explore the technology related to the production, manufacturing and marketing of dairy products, and learn about scientific dairy research and related agribusinesses.

Related Topic Areas

[Civic Engagement](#), [Facilitation](#), [Government](#), [4-H Companion Animals](#), [4-H Horses & Ponies](#), [4-H Dairy Cattle Production & Management](#), [4-H Beef Production & Management](#), [4-H Cloverbuds \(Ages 5-7\)](#), [4-H Rabbits & Cavies](#), [4-H China Project](#), [4-H Arts](#), [4-H Communications](#), [4-H Youth Entrepreneurship](#), [4-H Youth Money Management](#), [4-H Careers & Entrepreneurship](#), [4-H Entomology](#), [4-H Shooting Sports](#), [Outdoor Adventure Challenge](#), [4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education](#), [4-H Global & Cultural Education](#)

Registration available for the 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign

Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art *Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*
Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art>

March 26: 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Training

Muskegon County MSU Extension Office, Muskegon

This training is designed for both 4-H members and volunteers who want to learn more about parliamentary procedure and how it can be used in their 4-H clubs. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/muskegon-county-4-h-parliamentary-procedure-training>

March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

April 7: Mission to Mars *Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would! <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars>

April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Occurring in two locations, East Lansing and Marquette/Chatham, attendees have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of twenty grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Start planning your 4-H Exploration Days adventure!



A fun summer favorite for Michigan 4-H'ers across the state, plans are well underway for the 2019 4-H Exploration Days! This signature MSU precollege program, to be held June 19-21, allows youth to stay on the campus of Michigan State University while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay. In addition to enjoying fun and learning on campus, attendees build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult.

The event features more than 200 session choices. Begin planning your stay when the 4-H Exploration registration books become available mid-February! Topics include animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology.

Use the registration book to make your top session selections in advance of registration opening on March 12 (also be on the lookout for session age restrictions). Sessions will fill up quickly and all registration information is due to your county's MSU Extension office at the end of April, although specific dates vary.

For more information, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.



Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines now available



The new Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines allow Michigan 4-H mini showmen to understand the rules governing their shows. It is also a great resource for leaders and show managers, as well as 4-H members!

Included in the document is information for all classes, including: jumper, hunter, costume, driven dressage, gymkhana, pole bending and more.

Download your free copy today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf.

Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comeingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal-science/>.

4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

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