



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

November 2021

Happy Fall Everyone!!

Exciting news in case you haven't already heard-we have a new Program Coordinator-Sara Griffin! Help me congratulate and welcome Sarah to this new position which she will be starting on November 10th. Sarah is not new to 4-H! She has been our auction coordinator for the last 4 years, has a 4-H club of her own, Homegrown Helpers. You may have seen her as our photography superintendent the last few years as well. Starting Nov 8th, I will resume my previous role as your Program Aide. It has been a pleasure to reconnect with you over the last few months and I look forward to new adventures this 4-H year. Please stay connected by reading the monthly newsletters and emails we send out to keep you informed and updated on what's happening in 4-H. You should all have received a mailing we sent out regarding some upcoming events and opportunities. Please take a few minutes to read the letter and nominate some youth for county and state awards and let us know your thoughts on what you would like to see in our county. Keep reading inside for more county information and upcoming news.

Sincerely,
Jean

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- ◆ Nov. 3 Fair board meeting in Imlay city at Fair office 7pm
- ◆ Nov. 7 4-H Public Open House for the Horse Project Area 2 - 4 pm
- ◆ Nov. 8 Livestock Committee 7pm (note new time)
- ◆ Nov. 10 Sarah Griffin starts her role as Program Coordinator
- ◆ Nov. 15 Council Meeting in boardroom at 7pm
- ◆ Nov. 18 Camp Counselor Teen & Parent Informational Meeting 6:30 pm
- ◆ Nov. 22 Horse Leaders Committee at 6:30pm (note new time)
- ◆ All meetings held at MSU Extension office requires mask to be worn indoors and will be offered via zoom as well as face to face.

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Take Home Activity Kits!

Lapeer County 4-H still has a few camp activity kits nestled in a color-your-own camp backpack waiting to be put in the hands of any youth still wanting to hang on to summer!

Coming soon! Science and Fall Craft Kit! Suited for kids ages 5-9 years old. First come - First serve. While supplies last! Please call the MSU Extension office at 810-667-0341 to reserve/pick up your kit!

The MSU Extension office will be closed November 19 -28 This means Tina (our secretary) will be on vacation. It does not mean that we are not available to help you. When you call the office make sure you follow the prompts to get to Sarah or Jean. They can help in most situations!

Reminder: the building is still closed to the public. If you need to drop off or pick up something please call ahead and make sure someone is here to let you in!

Sorry for the inconvenience! We are hopeful the County will allow us to open soon!



Camp News:

I'm excited to share that I am moving forward planning Summer Camp 2022. Looking for teens 13 and older as well as adults. The first part of those plans is to hold an informational meeting for teens and adults to talk about what camp will look like in 2022 and how you can be an important part of that plan. On Thursday, Nov. 18th I will be holding a meeting at 6:30pm in the boardroom at our office. If unable to attend in person you may join us via zoom either by phone or computer. This will be an interactive meeting for all and I'm looking forward to Summer Camp 2022!

Special Events/Workshops:

I will once again be offering Saturday Workshops or Special Events hopefully on a monthly basis and need help. The focus and format will be to have a variety of hands-on activities for kids to do and they will rotate from activity to activity to experience all we have to offer. I usually choose a craft, nature, science or STEAM activity. I even like to have an animal project area part of our workshop. If you have a talent/ hobby or animal project you would like to share with kids ages 5-14, please contact me at 810-667-0341 or via email kreiner@msu.edu. Time frame is usually 10 am-2 pm but it can vary depending on theme and location. Watch for a special event coming soon.

Please Re-enroll!

Go to: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

To be eligible for 4-H awards you must be a 4-H member! All 4-H fees have been waived this year! Re-enroll today!

Fun with horses: 4-H Open House

Do you like horses but not have one of your own? Or do you have a horse and would like to have fun with other kids who have horses? Then come join us at our 4-H Horse Open House on **Sunday, November 7, 2021** at the MSU Extension Office from 2-4 pm. There will be 4-H kids there to meet and have fun with learning about horses through a variety of hands-on activities. Come talk with the kids and adult volunteers to learn about the horse project area of 4-H and find out how you can become a part of the program even if you do not own a horse. Looking for kids ages 5-19 and adults to become part of our 4-H group. There is no fee to become a 4-H member and there are many things you can do from crafts, to photography to science to any animal project you might be interested in. For more information call Jean at 810-667-0341 or Katie at 614-359-7186

Meet Sarah Griffin!

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Lapeer
County 4-H
welcomes
Sarah Griffin
as our new
Program
Coordinator!

Mark your
calendar for
April 29th
and 30th for
our fact to
face 4-H
AUCTION!!

Hi! My name is Sarah Griffin and I am very excited to start my new role as 4-H Program Coordinator for Lapeer County on November 10, 2021. I am eager to start working on some fun and exciting activities and events and look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions too. I want to get to know all about you, your 4-H club, your hobbies and your goals, but first here is a little about me.

I was born and raised in Imlay City until 7th grade when my family moved to Romeo. As a young child, I attended Lapeer County 4-H Summer camp and have many fond memories of singing camp songs, walking to lunch in the rain, fireside talent shows and crafts...I actually still have an animal footprint I made during 4-H camp in 1992! While living in Romeo, I was member of the K-9 and Kompany 4-H Club in Macomb County and showed at Armada fair, winning awards for my vet science project on animal related careers and my Dog Project Record Book.

After starting my own family, I moved back to Imlay City in 2013. My husband, Brandon, and I have 4 children (Vivian 15, Alexander 9, Zoey 1, and Eloise 1). We share our home with Ebony, a black lab mix that connected with us through a rescue 5 years ago. My family and I have been active in the Lapeer County 4-H Program in various roles for several years. I have previously judged County awards through written components and in person interviews, served as Photography Superintendent at Spring Achievement and Fair, assisted with camp activities, served as President on the Camp Committee, assisted with organizing the craft show fundraiser, and volunteered with the auction committee before becoming the Fundraising Coordinator for the last four years, among many other various events and projects. My children have attended camp, participated in community service projects such as planting fruit trees at Habitat for Humanity and are members of Homegrown Helpers 4-H Club.

I cannot wait to meet all of you and work with you to help grow Lapeer County 4-H. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or just want to say hi, please feel free to contact me through email at graversa@msu.edu or call the office.

Fundraiser Auction Update

The 2021 Online Fundraiser Auction wrapped up in October and was very successful. Thank you to our auction committee, volunteer business visitors, Rowley Auction staff and Moo Crew, North Branch Finish Line Swine, and Campers and Counselors 4-H Clubs for their participation in making the auction a success. We were able to raise more than \$19,000 this year for 4-H Programming in Lapeer County.

The auction would not be possible without the generous support of so many local, state, and national businesses donating products and services and providing financial contributions to our cause. When you see a 4-H Booster card at a business be sure to let them know you are a 4-H member and thank them for their support.

The auction committee is looking forward to hosting an in-person auction in the spring and we hope to see you there! **Mark your calendars for April 29th and 30th, 2022!** More details to come.

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Nov. 30, Michigan 4-H is once again participating in the global day of giving, Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Giving Tuesday by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth. All funds raised will support county 4-H endowments.

County 4-H endowments are funds created by gifts from one or more donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. These endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs, where the principal amount remains intact and the investment income supports annual needs for a county 4-H program.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GivingTuesday on your social media channels. Learn more about Giving Tuesday at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday>.

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6: A Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Frankenmuth, Grand Rapids, Harrison, Jackson, Marquette and, Novi

A statewide leadership training for youth ages 12-19. Youth will participate in face-to-face experiences at six sites across the state. The agenda includes team building, leadership training, and a panel discussion with four incredible young leaders.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-frankenmuth>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-grand-rapids>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-harrison>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-jackson>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-marquette>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-novi>

November 6: Syrian Virtual Culture Experience

Zoom Webinar

This international virtual learning opportunity will showcase the Syrian culture through language, a craft, food and dance. It is an interactive, cultural experience, which is geared for everyone age 8 and above.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/syrian-virtual-culture-experience>

November 9: Banking Basics

Zoom Webinar

How are you keeping your money safe? It is important to research and evaluate financial institutions (banks and credit unions) and make the best choice for your financial future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-9>

November 14: Officer Roles & Parliamentary Procedure Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

Learn about essential officer roles: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the ways they support club and advisory committee work.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-roles-and-parliamentary-procedure-training>

November 16: Credit Craze—Managing Credit Wisely

Zoom Webinar

Increase your knowledge of credit, learn how to manage it and avoid the craze of debt.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-16>

November 20: 4-H In the Kitchen—Forgotten Realms Edition

Zoom Webinar

Come join the 4-H in the Kitchen Crew and the 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society as we join forces to bring you a special cooking workshop to help you cook an array of dishes right out of the Forgotten Realms of Dungeons and Dragons!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-forgotten-realms-edition>

November 23: Keep Yourself Out of Debt

Zoom Webinar

There are many strategies to keep yourself out of debt. Learn how to be proactive in managing your money and making a financial plan

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-23>

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



New indoor masking guidelines for MSU Extension events

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shift and change, Michigan State University issued new guidance for the broader MSU community on October 13. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension programs occurring on non-MSU property. Effective immediately, the following guidelines apply to *indoor* MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H programs or events:

Save the date for the 2022 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show!



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 29, 2022 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish. Look for registration information soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show.

Spectators are welcome!

- Those who participate in MSU Extension programming indoors on MSU property or any property reserved/rented for an MSU event are required to wear a face covering. This applies to anyone over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status (unless they have a medical exemption).
- Those who participate in MSU Extension programming indoors on non-MSU property are encouraged but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue. This may include off-site Michigan 4-H programs hosted by MSU Extension volunteer groups. MSU Extension personnel in attendance are required to wear a face covering.

For the purpose of MSU Extension events and programs, indoor events are considered those in an enclosed building with limited airflow. Barns and other outbuildings that have multiple doors that can be fully opened to maximize air flow are considered an outdoor, open air facility.

Who must wear a mask?

The following chart may be useful to clarify masking requirements for MSU Extension professionals and program participants. For the purpose of this chart, MSU Extension volunteers and 4-H members are considered participants.

		Is the event being held on an MSU property or on a property that is be-	
		Yes	No
Is MSU a sponsor of the event or program?	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSU Extension personnel ✓ Participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSU Extension personnel ○ Participants are encouraged, but not required to wear masks unless required
	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSU Extension personnel ✓ Participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All MSU Extension personnel and participants are encouraged, but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue.

✓ Indicates that a mask must be worn.

Although these new guidelines provide recommendations for indoor events, MSU Extension still encourages groups to meet outdoors whenever possible. Additional information about COVID-19 best practices and mask exceptions can be found at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities. As always, this site will continue to host the most up-to-date information about in-person event requirements.

Thank you for all you do in support of Michigan’s young people and for helping to protect public health while meeting face-to-face.