



Name of County

4-H Family News

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Hello everyone!

Hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying this beautiful weather! I am excited to share that I have been back to work a few hours each week to fill in for Kathy until a new program coordinator is hired. I have missed being in contact with everyone and look forward to speaking with you all in the upcoming days and weeks ahead.

I am excited we can now resume some face to face meetings and events! By now you all should have received directions/guidelines to hold in person meetings and/or events. You also should have received an email directing you to Volunteer Central to take the Communicating through Conflict training so that you qualify to do in person programming. There are two other options to take the training; pick up hard copy from office to read and report back to office you have completed that (phone ahead and ask Tina for copy) or take the training at an upcoming committee meeting.

Once that is done you may fill out an application requesting days for meetings or events you would like to schedule. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Tina with any questions or help.

Sincerely,

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Check this out!!

Job Posting:

4-H Program Coordinator Lapeer County

Application Process

[View full description and apply through the MSU careers](#) page. **Search for posting 711198 using the Job Search field.**

Application deadline is June 22, 2021.

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**Capture What's
Great in the
Midwest States 4-H
Photography
Challenge**



Minnesota 4-H is excited to offer another photography challenge to Midwest youth in grades K-13. In this challenge, youth are encouraged to highlight something that stands out about their town, county, state or travels to another Midwest state. There are a lot of hidden gems around the Midwest so get out and capture them!

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Youth can submit up to three (3) images by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Find more information at z.umn.edu/midwest-states-photo-challenge.

Summer Camp Information:

There will be 3 one day adventure camps offered in three different counties this summer. The camps will be Monday, August 16th at Camp Lael in Lapeer County; Thursday, August 19th in Tuscola County (location to be determined) and Friday, August 20th at Goodells Park in St. Clair County. Camp is for youth ages 8-14 and anyone 15 and older may become a counselor. Youth may attend one or all three camps. Theme is Bring out your inner super/marvel hero at our 4-H Adventure Camp. Time of camp will be 10am-8pm. Watch for more details to come. If questions or interested in helping contact the following MSU Extension offices. Lapeer at 810-667-0341, Huron at 989-269-6649 or St. Clair at 810-989-6935. Do not need to be 4-H member to attend so come and bring a friend!

Also in the plans are a variety of day camps to be held here in Lapeer County. Looking for youth ages 13-19 to help as counselors. Please contact Jean at 810-667-0341 if interested.

Auction 2021

The 35th Annual 4-H Fundraiser Auction will be held online again this year through Rowley's Auctions. The auction will open for bids on September 27th and will close October 4th, 2021. The Auction Committee aims to be back to an in-person Spring Auction in 2022.

In preparation for the upcoming auction, it has been approved for 4-H club leaders, members, and volunteers to begin making contact with local businesses for donations. Face masks must be worn at all times when visiting businesses as a part of 4-H. This includes both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. We are suggesting that when possible, clubs call businesses first and arrange a donation pickup for a set day and time so that contact during the visit is at a minimum. Clubs that are interested in gathering donations from local businesses must contact Sarah by June 25th. If there are specific businesses that your club would like to visit, that list must also be sent by June 25th. Donations must be turned in by September 10th for processing. Clubs will earn 15% of the sales of the donations they collect this year. That is a 5% increase from past years.

It is also time for Clubs to start thinking about their club basket theme and collecting items. Once a theme is chosen by the club, it should be submitted to Sarah, Tina, or Jean. Clubs should choose a back-up theme, in case their first choice has already been taken. Clubs will receive 50% of the basket sale. Club baskets are also due by September 10th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah via email at graversa@msu.edu

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Fundraising Coordinator

Lapeer County 4-H Youth Program

MSU Extension

MSU Extension resumes limited 4-H face-to-face programming

Over the past several months, MSU Extension has been working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming during the current public health crisis. Thanks to the thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, we are excited to share that MSU Extension will resume hosting face-to-face programs and events that adhere to public health guidelines.

As of May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers may submit a request to host an in-person event that follows specific guidelines and requirements. The health and safety of program participants and volunteers, as well as their families and our staff, remains the top priority. All guidelines outlined by MSU Extension are based on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) (MDHHS), and the [MSU Community Compact](#) and *must be followed closely*.

As we begin expanding our in-person offerings, communication, transparency and collaboration are essential for the safety and well-being of all parties. MSU Extension expectations regarding programming and events will remain fluid and subject to change at any time based on evolving guidance from the CDC, MDHHS and the MSU Community Compact. Groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

To learn more about face-to-face program requirements and how to submit your request, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.

It has been many months since the COVID-19 pandemic landed at our doorsteps. We appreciate the resiliency and commitment that our 4-H'ers have shown during this time. We have witnessed countless examples of 4-H youth and volunteers stepping up and helping their communities, their neighbors, and families. This exemplifies the spirit of the 4-H pledge. While we were glad to continue learning and growing with you virtually through this time, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to reengage in more in-person programming while continuing to protect one another and the public health.

Join the 4-H Summer of Service and dare to serve in your community!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This summer, you're invited to join Michigan 4-H and Learning to Give for the #4HDARETOSERVE project and the 4-H Summer of Service. 4-H DARES you to give back to your community and unite with other 4-H'ers to make a collective impact.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more! Through the partnership with Learning to Give, youth can gain access to all the tools needed for simple, safe service. Find a project that fits your desire to serve.

The summer of service runs through August 30 and Michigan 4-H hopes to obtain 100% participation from all 83 counties. Learn more and register your project at https://www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge.

Join the Virtual Fishing Derby!



It's time to go Fishin' in Michigan! Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to offer A FREE a statewide virtual fishing derby on [Free Fishing Weekend](#), June 12-13. Youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to share their fish stories with youth across the state!

Fishing derbies are a great way to build angling skills, increase confidence, learn angler ethics, and have fun! Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

During the fishing derby, youth will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the Goosechase app, with points awarded for each mission that is completed. Top participants will be eligible for prizes or certificates.

Learn more and register for the derby at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby>.