



# Lapeer County 4-H Family News

October 2021

## Happy Fall Everyone!

You may be thinking wow I just got a newsletter another so soon? Well yes you did! But I was running a bit behind on the last one, I wanted to get this monthly newsletter out in a more timely manner as we have lots of things happening in October.

First of all, let me remind you again of our 4-H fundraising online auction starting Sept. 27th and going through to Oct. 4th. Although we are unable to do this in person again this year, keep in mind it is our only fundraiser for the year providing funds to run our Lapeer County 4-H program. Please share this opportunity with family and friends so we can continue to offer our county's youth such a rewarding program.

Secondly, we hope to see our adult volunteers and youth members re-enrolling in the next few weeks so you don't miss out on what lies ahead in our new 4-H year. It is exciting to be able to let people know that 4-H is free and open to all. Invite your family and friends to join in on the fun and new experiences we hope to offer during this 2021-22 year! See more information inside pertaining to re-enrollment and don't hesitate to call the office with any questions or concerns.

Thirdly, it is that time of year for our TSC Paper Clover Campaign running Oct. 6-17th. I am proud to share that MI ranked no 4 in the top 5 states nationally from our spring campaign, Imlay City was #2 store in the top 5 stores in the state and Lapeer County was #2 in the top 10 Michigan counties in sales! Way to go Lapeer County!

*Jean Kreiner, Interim Program Coordinator*

### Fall Beginnings:

- ◆ 4-H Online Auction -Sept. 27-Oct. 4th -Support your local 4-H Program!
- ◆ National 4-H Week: Oct. 3-9 Find Your Spark, read more about it inside
- ◆ TSC Clover Campaign: Oct. 6-17-maybe do an event at one of our local stores
- ◆ Leader Appreciation/Leader Update: Monday, Oct. 11, Starting at 5:30 pm with supper provided downstairs in large meeting room. (RSVP)
- ◆ Lapeer Livestock Committee Meeting : Monday, Oct 11 at 7pm
- ◆ Leader Appreciation/Leader Update: Monday, Oct. 18 Starting at 12:30 pm lunch provided, also in our building (RSVP)
- ◆ 4-H County and State Award Nominations due by Nov. 1, 2021

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## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **4-H scholarships available**



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

### **4-H Events and Workshops**

#### **October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101**

*Online*

Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-6>

#### **October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections**

*Online*

Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-7>

#### **October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice**

*Online*

Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-13>

#### **October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting**

*Online*

Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-14>

#### **October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering**

*Online*

Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-20>

#### **October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking**

*Online*

This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-27>

#### **October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management**

*Online*

Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-28>

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

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### Michigan 4-H Volunteer Reminders

Welcome to the 2021-22 4-H program year! As a reminder, all Michigan 4-H volunteers are required to complete annual tasks in Volunteer Central to remain active as an MSU Extension volunteer. These steps include authorizing MSU Extension to conduct the background checks and completing the Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Agreement. The date required for this action is based on the date in which you completed this step last year and varies by person. However, a large portion of Michigan 4-H volunteers have their dates cycle at the start of the program year (September 1).

If you are curious when you completed this step last, you may login to Volunteer Central at [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_login](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login) and view the date on your dashboard under Acknowledgements and Background Checks. The Volunteer Central system will also alert you via email when you need to complete this important step; the email will come from [system@ecemail.samaritan.com](mailto:system@ecemail.samaritan.com) and the subject line will read "Annual Background Check and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due." The email will provide you a direct link to the login page and let you quickly complete this authorization. You will receive the emails requesting you to complete this important process at 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before they are due. For more information, refer to the [MSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Guide to Re-Enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment>.

When in Volunteer Central, you may also notice a tab called My Trainings. There are currently four trainings available that you may wish to view to learn more about MSU Extension, 4-H, Working with Youth and Communicating with Conflict. These modules provide new volunteers with a solid foundation and offer returning volunteers the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about these topics and serve as a baseline for future trainings. Please make sure that you have also enrolled in 4-H Online as a 4-H volunteer if you are a Gold Volunteer. Thank you for being a part of the Michigan 4-H program.



### National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9

For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 3-9. During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and find their spark – the theme of this year's celebration.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

### Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge

In honor of National 4-H Week, the MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is hosting a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters! Starting October 3, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge, where participants will create teams of five or less and track their total miles walked to compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, the top team will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the team who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a grand prize! Each week, there will also be an individual participation prize drawing, selected at random. Challenge runs through Oct. 30!

Register today at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge).

### Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!  
OCTOBER 6-17TH 2021  
Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.  
TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.  
TractorSupply.com

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) from Oct. 6-17.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

**Attention! Come join me!**

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## Arts Celebration Workshop

Adult Volunteers: registration is now open! Do you love arts & crafts? Do you enjoy sewing & textiles? Does sharing creative arts activities with your 4-H'ers provide you with enjoyment? Then register today for the 2021 *Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration One-Day Workshop* held November 13, 2021! Registration fee is only \$38! The **deadline to register** for the event held at the beautiful DNR Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon **is October 19, 2021**. Connect with instructors, reconnect, or make new friends, be creative, learn new projects, and have an enjoyable experience! Register Now! Here's the link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2021michigan4hcreativeartscelebration/>



### Morning Session Selections (you choose 1)

- Norwegian Gnomes - Nisse
- Mason Jar Farm Animals
- Rope Bowl
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### Afternoon Session Selections (you choose 1)

- Creative Writing
- Diamond Dots
- Taco Bag
- Locker Hooking

(Let's get a group together and GO! I know I am interested!)

\*\*Remember you can request reimbursement from 4-H Council after you attend!

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