



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

November 2019

Hello 4-H Families,

This is the time of the year for members and volunteers to re-enroll online! Here are some important points to remember:

- Please visit <https://mi.4honline.com> to re-enroll 4-H members and volunteers, as well as pay the annual participation fee - -\$20/4-H member, \$60/family with 3+ 4-H members
- Volunteers will remain in PENDING status until they have completed the annual background check on [www. Backgroundchecks.com](http://www.backgroundchecks.com), which is due by **NOVEMBER 15**. Email with correct link was sent by Leigh Hauxwell on September 5-please use the Lapeer link only. Must have been done after September 1, 2019.
- Participation Fee Scholarships through council are available at the 4-H office to cover half of the fee (WITH SCHOLARSHIP-\$10/4-H member, \$30/family with 3+ 4-H members)
- In addition to cash or check, credit card payments now can be accepted either in office or through the phone. Please call Leigh Hauxwell at 810-667-0343.
- Youth will remain in PENDING status until they are re-enrolled online as well as paid.

- Kathy George

Calendar of Events

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

Poultry Committee
Livestock Committee
Rabbit Committee
Camp Counselor-teen/parent meeting
Ambassador Meeting
Council Committee
Horse Committee

November 11, 6:30pm, BR
November 11, 7:30 pm, LMR
November 11, after Livestock, LMR
November 14, 6 pm, LMR
November 17, 3pm, BR
November 18, 7pm, BR
November 25, 7pm, LMR

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

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Lapeer County 4-H Member “Spotlight”

Our featured member for the month of November is Eli Bickel!

Eli Bickel is a 12 year-old 7th grade student at North Branch Middle School. Eli has been a 4-H member for 7 years, 4 as a Cloverbud and 3 years as a full 4-H member. Eli participates in swine, sheep, poultry and photography. However, he considers swine to be his primary project area.

Eli excels in showmanship. He has been awarded champion pre-junior showman in swine, sheep, and poultry.

At school, Eli is an avid athlete, participating in football, basketball and baseball. Eli is also a member of the middle school band. All of these activities keep him busy and healthy.

Eli's hobbies outside of school and 4-H include family time, which is very important to him, as well as camping and hunting. His family is also very involved in church activities.

Lauren, Eli's oldest sister, is the person Eli admires most in his life. Lauren has been a very positive role model for all her siblings. She may also have influenced Eli in his potential career goal – agriculture teacher.

With all of his other activities, it is not surprising that many people do not know one fact about Eli – he loves MATH!

Eli's funniest moment to date is the time the pig tent flooded!! Not so funny to some but very memorable, indeed!

Good luck in your many 4-H years to come, Eli!

Jean's Tidbits

With fall upon us and winter approaching you may find yourselves indoors more than you like and wonder what shall I do? Now would be the time to think about indoor projects for spring achievement and fair. So to help, I will be posting a helpful tip or two each month under a new spot called "Projects Galore". Open your minds, explore new areas and have some fun.

Projects Galore

Helpful Tip #1: One 4-H member has a box labeled Spring Achievement and one labeled Fair. As she does items all year either on her own, with her club or through school she puts it in 1 of the boxes.

Have you ever thought about showing in the Photography area either at Spring Achievement or Fair and just didn't know what to do? Here are some easy tips to help you get started.

Helpful Tip #2:

General Photography Tips:

Carry Your Camera with you everywhere you go. (You never know when a great photo opportunity will take place!)

Take more than one photo. Take multiple photos of your subject and then choose later which one you like the most.

Move your feet! Try taking the photo from multiple angles.

Lighting! Check your lighting and decide whether you need to use the flash.

Zoom or not to zoom? Using zoom or taking photos up close can reveal a lot of details but be careful the photo subject doesn't become blurry.

Get to know your camera! Play with the settings and learn how to lock the focus. Take a lot of pictures all the time throughout the day and practice when to use the flash, zoom, change the angle or when to simply turn your camera vertical. Make photography fun and the more pictures you take, the more you will learn!

Next month watch for more photography tips along with tips from another area!

Summer Camp

Our first camp counselor training will be coming up November 14th, 6p.m. . Anyone 13 and older who is interested and has not been able to join in one of my teen/parent informational meetings give me a call at the office or send me an email kreiner@msu.edu to get on my contact list and stay informed.

IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nomination Forms Due	Monday, November 4, 2019
Mock Interviews Workshop	Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Interview Night	Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Spring Achievement	Saturday, March 21, 2020
Celebrity/Spring Auction	April 17-18, 2020

Club, Adult and Member Award Nominations- ALL DUE NOV. 4 (always the 1st Monday in November)—also found on our website:

(Please click for link to applications—also found on website)

[Adult Nomination Form](#)—Friend of 4-H and 4-H Council

[4-H Youth Nomination Form](#)—All Around Medals, Ambassador Court, Key Club, 4-H Capitol Experience, Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Congress and Project Medals.

[Leader Recognition Awards Application](#)—Meritorious Service Award, Outstanding Lifetime Leader Award

[Leader of the Year Application](#)

[Club Fun Social Award](#)—\$50 Award

[Club Community Service Award](#)—\$50 Award

[Club Education Award](#)—\$50 Award

NOTE:

THE CLUB, ADULT AND LEADER RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS TYPICALLY GET VERY, VERY FEW NOMINATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING YOUR CLUB OR AN ADULT TODAY!

Annual 4-H Spring Auction

The 2020 Celebrity and Spring Auction will take place on April 17th and 18th at the Lapeer Center Building. The auction is the main funding source for the Lapeer County 4-H Council. This funding supports educational workshops, club activities, conferences, PEP, 4-H camp, fair, leadership trainings, community service projects, scholarships and more!

Through the auction, Clubs are given an opportunity to raise money for individual club usage. Clubs are asked to visit area businesses to request donations for the auction. Clubs then receive 10% of the sold value of the item. This year, clubs will be assigned territories to visit. Club Leaders will be able to pick up a packet of donation forms, letters and other materials, along with a list of assigned businesses from the 4-H office after November 4th.

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! Start brainstorming creative and fun themes!

Last year, Council received \$35,000 to help support the 4-H program!!

Talk to your Club Leader or contact Sarah at graversa@msu.edu to discuss these awesome opportunities.



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Are you in leadership at your fair or festival? Do you want to learn more about the Michigan fair/festival industry? Are you between the ages of 13-19?

If you answered yes to these questions, then register for the 2020 Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Teen Program!

This program is Saturday, January 11 from 10 am – 4:00 pm at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids MI. The Teen Program is **free of charge** for the first 75 registrants, including lunch.

The Teen Program is a hands-on training with learning and fun. Here are some of the sessions included in the day.

Kick off Session with an Ice Breaker - Get a chance to meet your fellow teens

Teen Fair/Festival Project - Have you ever wanted to run your own event? This session is your chance! Participants will work with trade show vendors and industry professionals to explore different aspects of running a fair/festival. We will break into groups and create fair plans in areas such as daily entertainment, carnivals, and grandstand events. You will even have a chance to present your projects to industry professionals.

Media Training – Are you prepared to talk to the media? This program will give you the tips and tools to think on your feet when talking to the media or the public. This experience can go beyond media, to prepare you for interviews or to keep your cool under pressure. Some of you will even have the chance to be live interviewed.

Trivia – Test your knowledge with a bit of competitive trivia. How many people attend fairs in Michigan? What festival has the highest attendance in the state? Breaking into groups to compete for prizes and the chance to be champion smarty pants.

Talk to your local fairboard or festival management to find out more. You can also contact the MAFE office at mifairs@gmail.com or 517-317-4544. Register by November 30, 2019.

MAFE 135th Annual Convention – January 9-11, 2020

Future convention dates: January 14-16, 2021 & January 13-15, 2022

All events held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel & DeVos Place, Grand Rapids MI.

www.mifairs.com



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Beef Blast



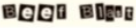
Invites you to a day at “***Ruggles Genetics & Beef Plant Processing***”

Saturday, November 30, 2019

9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Ruggles Farm

6327 East Sanilac Rd, Kingston, MI 48741

- ◆ Come see Ruggles Genetics farm operation at work
- ◆ Learn how they finish cattle for harvest
- ◆ Learn how to gather data on feed and genetics to maximize the bottom line
- ◆ Learn what happens to cattle once they arrive to a plant for harvest
- ◆ Lunch will be provided for all participants.

-Who should attend  events? Any youth, leaders and adults interested in beef and livestock projects

-Why? To learn more about different aspects of the beef industry from conception to the dinner plate

-What? Gain information how a feed lot operation is run, efficiencies to improve the bottom line and what happens to cattle when they are harvested at a processing plant.

We ask that youth RSVP their intent to participate via email or telephone call to Jenny or Katie; or go to the Thumb Jackpot website at www.thumbjackpot.com and email us your RSVP so we can have an accurate count for lunch.

This is part of the 4-H and FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Education Program. For more information about the program contact:

-Jenny McKay (810) 694-0561 or thumbjackpotbeefedu@gmail.com

-Katie Cooper (989) 672-3870 or coope305@msu.edu

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STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

Classes:

Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

Other events during the show:

- » Breed ID Contest
- » Educational Poster Contest
- » Supply Vendors
- » Scholarship Silent Auction

Cost:

\$3.00 per class

Who can participate:

Open to all Michigan 4-H members 8-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2020). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-7 years of age is also available.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...

For more information, event catalog, and online pre-registration, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitcavyshow2020/>



January 25, 2020

**MSU Pavilion,
East Lansing, MI**

**On-site registration
begins at 6:30 a.m.**

**Online Pre-Registration
available at [https://
events.anr.msu.edu/
rabbitcavyshow2020/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitcavyshow2020/)**

**The Michigan 4-H Rabbit
and Cavy Show is
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Register now
for the 2020
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy



Show will be held on January 25, 2020 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 at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

4-H Events and Workshops

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November 8: Gladwin County 4-H Fish Fry Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus, Gladwin

Gladwin County 4-H in partnership with the Gladwin Knights Of Columbus will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Come enjoy fish and support 4-H!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/gladwin-county-4-h-fish-fry-fundraiser>

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 5: Family Holiday Open house

Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing

This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-openhouse>

Save the Date!

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15: 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's Leadership

Institute to energize women leaders

Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute](#) (WLI). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.



A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14–19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (CANR) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

After the keynote presentations, the youth interacted with the speakers, CANR and MSU Extension staff and each other to share their leadership stories. Following the reception, youth attended a WLI panel discussion at the Wharton Center, which featured world leaders Carolyn Woo, Tiffany L. Jones and Anne Whelan. Youth also participated in a pre-session in advance of the reception that discussed the themes of the evening and how to share their own leadership stories.

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Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with 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. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

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 #GiveGreenDay on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.

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