



4-H NEWSLETTER



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4-H is a community of young people...across America...and the world who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



Hi Lapeer 4-H families,

What a great fair! I hope you all enjoyed your time at fair with your families and got a lot out of your participation. We are really proud of all our 4-H'ers for working hard and trying their best during fair week.

Now is the time of year where we switch our activities to organizing ourselves for the upcoming year, so in this newsletter you will find all of the important dates coming up. If you have any questions, please call us at the office.

—Kathy George

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Growth & Opportunity
Community Service Project August 21st, 9:30am

Jr. Fair board App. DUE Sept. 1

Fall Leader Updates Sept. 8, 7pm
Sept. 9, 2pm
Sept. 10, 10am

Year-end Paperwork-
Adm. Leaders-**BY APPT.** Oct. 13 11am-8pm
Oct. 14 1pm-8pm
Nov. 5 10am-5pm
Nov. 6 9am-3pm

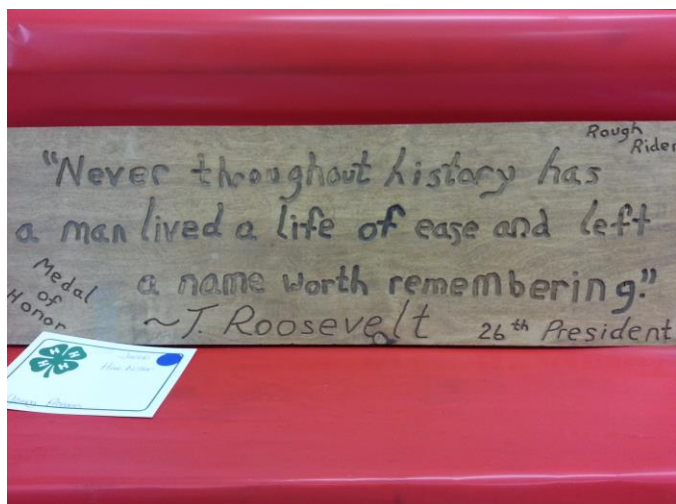
Annual 4-H Council Meeting
Election Night/Year Review October 20, 7pm

County Youth/Adult
Nomination Forms Due Monday, Nov. 3th

Club/Committee
Enrollment Forms and
Year End Paperwork Due December 1st

Next Year:

Mock Interview Workshop January 13th
Interview Night January 27th
Spring Achievement, N. Branch TBA
4-H Celebrity & Spring Auction April 10-11th



Indoor project by Jacob Huemiller

FAIR

Fair was amazing and I would like to thank all of the superintendents, leaders and parents for pulling it all together and making this a memorable time of our youth. You all did a great job in your own ways, so thank you for your part the action!



Katie Shaver's lamb



Kevin Spudowski



Bath Time



Pam Schumitsch



Ashley Gibbs



Beef Showing

Growth and Opportunity, Inc. Community Service Opportunity!

Representatives from Lapeer County 4-H, Growth & Opportunity and Home Depot have organized "Growth & Opportunity Community Service Planting Day" - Thursday, August 21st at 9:30am! This community service project is a great way to have our local 4-H'ers work with "GO", utilizing their gardening skills and giving back to their community. Please visit their website at www.go-inc.org to learn more about this inspiring organization. ALL landscaping materials are generously being donated by our Lapeer Home Depot, including some of their skilled staff, who will be onsite to help us! We will be landscaping the front of the GO building located at 525 S Court St, Lapeer, MI 48446. **I NEED 4-H'ERS AND ADULTS** to come help out and do some

planting for this community service day. Please call the office or email george92@msu.edu if you would like to come out and help us at this great event!

Leaders – Year End Paperwork and Leader Update

It will be here before we know it – Year End paperwork DUE DECEMBER 1: Annual Summary Financial Report, Financial Audit Review and the Inventory record. These items will be distributed at the 3 Leader Updates scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, September 8th at 7:00pm (right before the Livestock Committee-please don't schedule other committee meetings this night)

Tuesday, September 9th at 2 pm

Wednesday, September 10th at 10am

CAMP

First Teen/Parent Information night for anyone who might be interested or thinking about being a camp counselor for 2015 is tentatively set for Friday, September 15, 2014 at 6:30pm.

PEP

New-monthly meetings started Thursday, Sept. 14, 2014 in addition to our fall and spring riding sessions. For more information contact Jean at the office. Fall session dates will be announced soon, watch for details. If interested in volunteering yourself and/or your horse again, please contact Jean.

A Message from Krafty Kids 4-H Club...

Hi, my name is Emma and I am 10 years old. I am part of the Lapeer County 4-H Krafty Kids club. I would like to take a couple of minutes to tell you about us! We meet every Thursday. There is a wide range of things we do. So big of a range, I can't tell you everything, but here are three things we have done in the past. We have made rainsticks, done embroidery and made a book. It may not sound like a craft, but it was! On June 12th, we had a "Fun and Games Day". It was great! We had fun inside and out.

This club is not just fun and games. It IS super fun, but it also shows responsibility, teamwork and imagination.

By: Emma H. Urbaniak ☺

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications for both the MI 4-H Youth Development Scholarship and the MSU 4-H Scholarship are now available on our [4-H scholarships web page](#). Applications are due November 1st. This is a great opportunity for eligible 4-H members to earn financial support towards their post-secondary education. Please see the web page and applications for specific information.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development Scholarships

The 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship is the only scholarship available through this application for 2014.

Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship

Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually

Who can apply: Those who will be college freshmen in Fall 2014. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

Award amount: \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given annually.

Who can apply: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

Jr. Fairboard Application

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Fair Board and the fairgrounds, please consider applying for a position as a Jr. Fairboard Member. An email was sent out with the application and will also be attached to this newsletter as well as on our Lapeer 4-H website.

Exchange Students

Forwarding to you from MSU Extension on campus:

We are looking for families for 2 more high school exchange students. Nurken and Tair are both 16 year old boys from Kazakhstan. These boys are hard-working, disciplined students with great English scores. They are finalists in our US Dept. of State's FLEX (Future Leaders' Exchange) Program, which has a 2-4% acceptance rate. These boys have worked very hard to qualify for this program, but without a host family they will not be able to experience high school in the U.S.A.

BOYS

| Name | Country | Age* | Grade Entering | English Test | Interests, Personality, and Notes |
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| Nurken | Kazakhstan | 16 | 11 or 12 | 59/67 [SLEP] | Soccer, table tennis, bicycling, volleyball, volunteering, planning school events, theater, listening to music, movies. Communicative, punctual, honest. Likes dogs. Note: doesn't eat pork. Allergy: cats |

Excerpt from Nurken's letter to his Host Family:

The time I spend with my family is very important to me. Since 2011, we have a common hobby. We play table tennis. Have table tennis tournaments, my aunt with her family comes over and we play against each other. I am actually really good at it. I have a cousin who is 8. We all lose to him on purpose. He is very happy when he can beat us.

Tair

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| Kazakhstan | 16 | 11 or 12 | 50/67 [SLEP] | Singing, soccer, martial arts (karate/judo), school clubs, movies, reading, video games. Likes animals. Wants to try American football. Positive, friendly, kind. Note: doesn't eat pork. |
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Excerpt from Tair's letter to his Host Family:

Now, let me introduce myself. My name is Tair. I'm very friendly, very positive boy. My favorite song is "Don't worry, be happy." I think you know this song. When I have bad mood, I always listen this song. It really helps me.

If you are interested in hosting either of these two boys, please contact Heather Gray at grayhea2@anr.msu.edu .

Livestock Judging

Lapeer 4-H takes the Win at the Michigan 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest, Junior Division

The last month has provided an exceptional learning opportunity for Michigan youth as they have been participating and learning about their livestock projects. The experience came full circle as youth competed in the Michigan 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest on Friday, July 25. With the assistance of the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), youth were able to see the animals at the show and watch them win before viewing and evaluating them in the meat cooler. For the first time, many youth were able to not only see the MLE spotlight animals, but compare and apply the differences of what they saw at a show and then in a meat judging contest.

As a collaborative effort between the Michigan State University (MSU) Meat Lab, MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H and Michigan FFA, youth competed in the contest that included three beef classes, three pork classes, identification of 20 retail cuts, yield grade and quality grade three beef carcasses and answering a set of questions based on one of the classes. Additionally, 4-H members gave one sets of oral reasons to defend their placing and FFA members completed a multiple choice test. By participating, contestants illustrated their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats through individual and team competition.

Contestants competed in four divisions including Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, Junior High FFA and High School FFA. Lapeer youth ranked the highest in the Junior 4-H Division with a team consisting of Jarett Kreiner, Lexie Racine, Amber Tuttle and Veronica Tuttle.



Photo Caption:

Congratulations to the following ten individuals on their success at the Michigan 4-H Meat Judging Contest. Pictured from left to right, the Champion 4-H Senior Team of Kollin Johnson, Renee Souva, Kayla Hayes and Cailyn Hines from Branch County. Courtney Souva and Shelby Souva each were the high individuals overall in their respective divisions. The Champion Junior 4-H Team members of Amber Tuttle, Lexie Racine, Jarett Kreiner and Veronica Tuttle from Lapeer County.

Youth and Adult Nomination Forms

Youth, Adult and Club nomination forms are all available online on our website under “4-H Resources, Forms and Downloads”. Hard copies are available in our office and will also be provided at the Fall Leader Updates. All nominations are due the first Monday of November, November 3rd. Don’t miss out on acknowledging those that have given extra effort this year or on the club awards that are awarded \$50 towards 4-H activities!

Monthly Ongoing Meetings

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| 1 st Wednesday | Fair Board – held at Imlay City Hall, 7 pm – during winter months, moves to fairgrounds during the summer |
| 2 nd Monday | 4-H Fair Committtee Meeting-MSU Extension, 7:30 – 8:00 pm |
| 2 nd Monday | Livestock Developmental Committee – MSU Extension, 8:00 – 9:30 pm |
| TBA | Dog Leaders Developmental Committee – MSU Extension |
| 3 rd Monday | 4-H Council – MSU Extension, 7 pm |
| TBA | Sheep Leaders Developmental Committee |
| 4 th Wednesday | Horse Leaders Developmental Committee – MSU Extension, 7 pm |
| TBA | Rabbit Leaders Developmental Committee; call Glenda Weiss 989-795-2730 |
| TBA | Goat Leaders Developmental Committee |
| TBA | Swine Leaders Developmental Committee – will usually meet before Livestock Committee; exact dates TBD |
| Quarterly | Poultry Leaders Developmental Committee-MSU Extension, 7 pm |
| TBA | Beef Leaders Developmental Committee |



County Developmental Committee meetings are usually cancelled in December and August and may be cancelled at other times...please call ahead to confirm. If Lapeer Community Schools are cancelled due to weather, any meeting held at the MSU Extension is cancelled.



Lapeer County MSU Extension Staff

- Kathy George, Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development
- Jean Kreiner, Program Aide, 4-H Youth Development
- Tiffanie Osburn, Fundraising Coordinator
- Brenda Patrick, Office Manager/4-H Secretary
- Tina House, Receptionist/F&CS and Ag Secretary
- Phil Kaatz, Extension Educator, Forages/Field Crops
- Chris Venema, Extension Educator, Food Safety, Financial Literacy & Housing
- Sarah Carpenter, Program Instructor, Health & Nutrition

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