



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.

Hello 4-H Family,

Our busy season is revving up! Check out all of the great events coming up this summer! If you have any questions about these events, please feel free to call the office at 810-667-0343. –Kathy George

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

<i>Member Enrollment Deadline (to show at fair; horse, swine, poultry deadline was May 1st to show at fair)</i>	<i>May 31st</i>	<i>Fair Registration Dates (9am-4pm) (12pm-4pm) (9am-4pm)</i>	<i>June 21st June 27th June 28th</i>
<i>Summer Camp Open House</i>	<i>June 1st</i>	<i>4-H Weekend Dates at Fairgrounds</i>	<i>June 14-15th June 28-29th July 12-13th</i>
<i>Exploration Days Pre-Orientation</i>	<i>June 3rd</i>	<i>Milk Marketing Tour</i>	<i>June 25-26th</i>
<i>State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show</i>	<i>June 7th</i>	<i>State 4-H Goat Show</i>	<i>June 28th</i>
<i>4-H Goat Showmanship Clinic</i>	<i>June 14th</i>	<i>4-H Day Camp</i>	<i>July 15-16th</i>
<i>MSU Exploration Days</i>	<i>June 18-20th</i>	<i>4-H Overnight Camp</i>	<i>July 16-19th</i>
<i>Citizenship Washington Focus</i>	<i>June 22-29th</i>	<i>4-H Mentoring Weekend, Kett. Ctr</i>	<i>July 18-20</i>
<i>4-H Renewable Energy Camp</i>	<i>June 23-27th</i>	<i>Indoor Fair Judging</i>	<i>July 26th</i>
<i>4-H Vet Science Camp</i>	<i>June 23-27th</i>	<i>Fair Dates</i>	<i>July 29-Aug. 2nd</i>

MEMBER ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS COMING UP

In order to show at fair, member enrollment in 4-H has a deadline of May 31st for all enrollments except for horse, poultry and swine, which was May 1st, in order to show at fair. If you are a leader and have not gotten all of your youth enrolled, please make every effort to inform them that the forms can be found online at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/lapeer/resources_forms_and_downloads or they may come into the office to enroll. Those that aren't enrolled aren't receiving these newsletters, so leaders must contact these youth personally.

FAIR INFORMATION

Fair Office

Fair Office is now open Monday-Friday 12pm-4pm. Please see calendar for registration dates. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by June 28th. To contact the fair office, please call 810-724-4145. Fair Book is currently being finalized; please watch for more information for the release date.

Superintendent Openings for Fair

Bob Straight has announced that this year will be his last year as Poultry Superintendent at fair. We'd like to thank Bob and Carol for all of the years they've spent with 4-H youth providing great learning experiences and guidance in the poultry area! With that being said, Bob has suggested that anyone who is interested in assuming his role in 2015, to work with him closely this year as your mentor, in order to provide a smooth transition. If you are interested, please attend the next Livestock Committee Meeting, June 9th at 8pm.

Indoor Superintendent positions are also available in the following areas:

Crops & Gardens
Conservation & Entomology
Photography
Visual Arts – need a second person to work with Barb Linck
Passport to Understanding
Vet Science

If you or someone you may know (they do not have to be involved in 4-H) has an interest in these areas and would like to participate in this fun activity, please contact the office with their name and contact information, so that we may send them some information about the position. Indoor Superintendents meet only a few times before the fair and judging takes place on one day – Saturday, July 26th.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP...Jean Kreiner, Camp Director

The Summer Camp Committee has a fundraiser to help with sending kids to camp. It is through the frozen food company Schwan's and runs now until June 14th. Order online, your order will be delivered to your home and the committee makes 20% on all orders. Purchase an e-certificate to receive \$25 off your next order and the committee makes 40%. For the easy to use directions see the insert or if you choose you may just make a donation directly with check payable to the Lapeer County 4-H Camp Committee mailed to 1800 Imlay City Rd. Suite 1 Lapeer, MI 48446.

Attached to this email of the newsletter is also the Schwan's Order Form. If you have any questions, please call Jean at the office. Thank you very much for supporting 4-H Camp to send deserving youth this 2014 season!!

2014 EXPLORATION DAYS

Lapeer County 4-H has 15 youth registered for Exploration Days this year. We will have one male and one female chaperone to accompany our 4-H'er to this great event! I will also be in attendance at this great program and am really looking forward to being with these 15 4-H'ers to explore the beautiful MSU campus and have fun with more activities than you can count...and don't forget the ice cream at the MSU Dairy Store!

For those of you registered, there is a mandatory **Exploration Days Orientation on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm** in the MSU Extension Office – lower level. Please bring a parent or guardian with you to this orientation. There we will complete paperwork, go over room assignments and answer questions the 4-H'ers and parents may have. If you have any questions, or cannot make it, please call the office.



GREATER LAPEER ARBOR #785 OF GLEANER LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY DONATES \$500 TO LAPEER COUNTY 4-H CAMP!

Lapeer County 4-H Camp Counselors are excited for summer and the upcoming 4-H Camp, held July 14-19, and one local organization gave them a head start in making this summer unforgettable for their young campers. As a part of “Join Hands Day”, a national day of volunteering to bring youth and adults together in order to improve their communities, Greater Lapeer Arbor of Gleaner Life Insurance Society generously donated \$500 to Lapeer County 4-H Camp Counselors to make a difference in a program they hold near and dear to their hearts. “We are delighted to support Lapeer County 4-H,” says Cheryl Holland, Secretary of Greater Lapeer Arbor of Gleaner Life Insurance Society. With this grant, the camp counselors were able to purchase a new, large fire pit ring for Camp Lael as well as new life jackets that will benefit all youth attending this camp for years to come.

This past Saturday, May 10th, the counselors rolled up their sleeves and helped clean up the beach from the long winter. They were able to help prepare and improve the beach area, as well as the campfire area. They moved picnic tables; picked up branches downed from the winter storms around the beachfront, picnic and campfire area; raked under the picnic pavilion, around the campfire area and cleaned out the fire pit to prepare placement of the newly purchased fire pit ring. Next the counselors engaged in training for their roles as camp counselors and hosted an Open House in the afternoon for campers and their parents giving them a tour of the camp and answering questions they might have had.

We are still looking for camp counselors for this year’s camp, so please call Jean asap, if you would like to have fun this summer at camp! Also, this Gleaner grant will be an annual program, so start thinking about a beautification project your club would like to do next year to utilize these funds in our community! I will take proposals for this grant starting in January 2015.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, we have emailed all of the senior scholarship letters and applications to everyone who is eligible. Please keep an eye out for this email if you are a senior, or have graduated and are still an active 4-H'er. All eligible 4-H'ers had email addresses, so no hard copies were mailed. If you did not receive this email, please call Brenda at 810-667-0343.

GROWTH & OPPORTUNITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FOR TEENS AND LEADERS

Growth & Opportunities is a non-profit organization in which they provide employment and skill building opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities. I had the opportunity to meet with the Programs Manager of Growth & Opportunities, Barb Martin and Community Based Programs Coordinator, Scott

Melkerson. We discussed ways in which we could do a project together. One idea is to do a landscaping project for their building located on Court Street (by Stone Soup Food Pantry). This would be a community service project for 4-H leaders and older 4-H'ers. Their building currently does not have landscaping and by doing a beautification project, it could be very uplifting for the people who come to G&O every weekday. It would also offer them the opportunity to maintain and water the flowers and shrubbery as one of their daily tasks.

This is a great outreach opportunity for one or more of our clubs to come together and do something good for another organization in our community. If you are interested in participating, please let me know either by email at george92@msu.edu or call 810-667-0343. I would like to hold a meeting with all interested parties during the first week of June to plan the event. What would be even better is the teens, who are interested, lead the planning process! Youth-driven community service project, what could be better?!

MICHIGAN LUPUS FOUNDATION

I am proud to say that Michigan Lupus Foundation has contacted 4-H and asked if we could lead the way on horseback at their **5th Annual Lapeer Walk to Cure Lupus** on Sunday, May 18, 2014! Heidi Hals, Sarah Roach and possibly one more rider will ride horseback at the beginning of the walk to support this great charity event. It will be held at Rowden Park in Lapeer. Come support our 4-H'ers and better yet, come walk for the cure! More information can be found at: <http://www.firstgiving.com/milupus/5th-annual-lapeer-walk-to-cure-lupus> .



GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Hooray for our Goat Developmental Committee! After presenting a proposal to do a showmanship clinic to the Lapeer Farm Bureau, they received a \$400 grant! Thank you, Lapeer Farm Bureau, for always being supportive in the educational efforts of Lapeer 4-H. The Goat Showmanship Clinic will be held on **June 14th** from 10am -3pm at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds. This event is free and a great learning opportunity for those 4-H'ers in the Goat project area to improve skills before fair! This event can be found on MSUE Events Management at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/free_goat_showmanship_clinic . You must PRE-REGISTER to attend, which can be done at this website or by phone at 810-667-0343.

DOG AGILITY CLUB – DYNA MUTTS

Do you want to have more fun with your dog? Join Dyna Mutts Dog Agility Club! They meet Tuesdays at 6pm at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds, weather permitting. If you would like to know more, Contact Cathy Campbell at agilirus@aol.com. Tell friends and even attend the 4-H State Dog Show in August! You can find out more about the State 4-H Dog Show at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show .

4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP –BOYS’ SPACES ARE FULL, BUT STILL SPACES LEFT FOR GIRLS!!!

Go charter fishing, snorkeling or sailing! Hike through forests! Wade through wetlands! Explore dunes! These are just a few of the exciting activities you can do at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp.

COME TO CAMP THIS SUMMER!

If you want to have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences, come to the week-long adventure known as 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp.

Date: July 27 – August 2, 2014,

Location: Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, near the shores of Lake Huron between Alpena & Rogers City.

Who can attend? Camp is for teens aged 13 to 15, or going into 8th-10th grades in the fall.

For more information, please click on the link: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc/>

Monthly Ongoing Meetings

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 Committee 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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