



Lapeer County

# 4-H Family News

January 2022

## Happy New Year!

With the start of a new year, we often find ourselves celebrating our past successes, reminiscing about special moments and planning the year ahead. This is no different for 4-H. There have been many successes and treasured memories that have transpired in the last year and I am certainly looking forward to this upcoming year and the many opportunities that lay ahead for Lapeer County 4-H.

These opportunities wouldn't be possible without the many amazing 4-H volunteers, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to plan club meetings, organize events, fundraise, complete volunteer requirements, maintain paperwork, assist individual members, and communicate with families, other volunteers and 4-H staff. When you see a 4-H volunteer, be sure to thank them for all they do! If you are a volunteer, stop in the office and pick up a special treat just for you!

May you fill your New Year with new adventures, accomplishments, and learning! And May 4-H help you achieve all three!

Sincerely,

Sarah Griffin, 4-H Program Coordinator

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## Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- ◆ January 5 Auction Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- ◆ January 6 Spring Achievement Planning Meeting 6pm
- ◆ January 7 Award Applications due by 5pm
- ◆ January 10 Nutrition Clinic Planning 6:30pm/ Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm
- ◆ January 11 Camp Counselor Training 6:30pm
- ◆ January 13 Camp Committee Meeting 6pm
- ◆ January 17 4-H Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ January 18 Award Interviews, Times will be scheduled
- ◆ January 24 Horse Leaders Meeting 6:30pm
- ◆ January 30 Livestock Nutrition Clinic 2-5pm

Face masks are required for all meetings held at the MSU Extension Office.

All MSUE meetings will also be offered via zoom.



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## Youth County Awards:

If you were nominated for a county award, you should have received a letter and application packet in the mail. Applications must be received in the Lapeer County MSU Extension office or postmarked by January 7, 2022. Interviews will take place January 18th for awards requiring an interview. Your time will be scheduled after your application is received. If you would like assistance completing your application or a practice interview, please contact the office.

## Spring Achievement:

Spring Achievement is a one day event to provide an opportunity to all 4-H members to enter projects to be judged and displayed. This year's event is tentatively being scheduled for March 26th at Deerfield Township Hall. There will be a meeting January 6th at 6pm at MSU Extension for anyone interested in planning the event.

## Spring Fundraiser Auction:

We are pleased to announce that we are currently planning the 2022 Fundraiser auction to take place in-person on April 29th and 30th. Clubs/Individuals that are interested in completing business visits to earn a percentage of profits should email Sarah at [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) by January 30th. Clubs may also participate in auction efforts by donating a themed basket of items. Clubs will receive 50% of their basket's profit. Selected basket themes should be submitted to 4-H Staff to avoid duplication of baskets. Breakfast and lunch fundraiser options will be announced shortly.

The next Auction Committee Meeting will be held January 5th at 6:30pm.

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## Volunteer and Teen Leader Trainings

February 12  
Animal Science

March 5  
Arts, Crafts, Clothing,  
Textiles

April 2  
Ag in the Classroom

May 7  
Animal Science

10am –5pm  
Frankenmuth

See Attachment for Proposal  
Submissions





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## Livestock Nutrition Clinic



**FREE**  
**Open to the Public**  
**Youth and Adults**  
**Welcome**

### **Better Understand the Basic Nutritional Needs of Livestock**

Anyone interested in youth livestock show animal nutrition should attend. You do not need to be a 4-H member.

#### **When:**

Sunday, January 30th, 2022  
2pm – 5pm

#### **Where:**

St. Paul Lutheran School  
90 Millville Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

#### **Speakers:**

Jeannine Schwehofer, MSU Extension Senior Meat Quality Educator and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University. Jeannine works across Michigan with livestock producers and meat processors.

And Knowledgeable Producers for Each Species.

Register Online by Jan. 24th at:

<https://tinyurl.com/livestocknutritionclinic>

Questions? Email: [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) or Call (810)667-0341

**Dairy**

**Beef**

**Swine**

**Sheep**

**Goats**

**Horses**

**Poultry**

**Rabbits**

#### **Sponsored By:**

Lapeer County 4-H  
Livestock Committee





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## Jean's Tidbits

### Camp News:

Looking for adults and teens to be part of our summer camp committee. We meet quarterly and make decisions regarding plans and budget for our summer camp program and expanding to include our Saturday day camp workshops and any form of day camp we may hold throughout the year. Our first meeting will be 6:00 pm on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, in the boardroom at MSU Extension office. Please wear a mask (available at meeting if needed). For questions or more information please contact me, Jean, at 810-667-0341 or via email [kreiner@msu.edu](mailto:kreiner@msu.edu). Please join us even if not sure if you want to be on the committee but want to learn more about how you can help. Call to RSVP attendance. Thank you.

### Camp Counselors Needed:

Looking for teens 13-19 to be camp counselors for our camp to be held in July at Camp Lael here in Lapeer County. I meet with teens once a month on a day to be determined best for everyone who is interested in becoming a counselor. Trainings start at 6:30 pm and last for an hour each month. The next camp counselor training will be January 11th. Occasionally we will need an extended training which will be determined as we go. Teens ages 13-14 work with our younger kids ages 5-7 at our day camp program. Teens 15 and older work with kids ages 8 and up at day camp and/or overnight camp.

### Saturday Day Camp Workshops:

Starting in January, I will be holding Saturday workshops monthly or bi-monthly from 10 am- 2 pm and will need teen and adult volunteers to lend a hand. Kids rotate stations doing crafts, activities pertaining to science, nature, indoor project areas, along with different animal species while learning about what 4-H has to offer. Again please reach out to me, Jean if interested in helping with this fun hands on activity day at 810-667-0341 or [kreiner@msu.edu](mailto:kreiner@msu.edu).



## Lego Masters: Junior

4-H SPIN Club

Are you a Lego master? Can you build anything from Legos? Are you a creative builder? Do you know building techniques? Prove yourself and your skill. Become a Junior Lego Master in a contest among peers. For Youth Ages 9-14.

Starting in January. Call the office for more details and to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Watch Facebook for more details.





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## Birth Management for Sheep and Goats Webinar Series

January 4, 11, 18, 25 webinar sessions are 7-8:30 pm ET each Tuesday evening. January 29 from 1-4pm ET optional hands-on opportunity. Each weekly session will last approximately 90 min and sessions will be recorded to allow future viewing.

Topics will include: nutritional management, use of ultrasound, facility design, newborn care, hypothermia treatment, grafting, vaccination protocols, mortality diagnoses, health and feeding program assessment.

Registration Deadline: January 2, 2022 - 11:59PM <https://tinyurl.com/sheepgoatbirth>

Registration: \$40/farm or family and includes a 40+ page manual, a laminated lamb hypothermia/starvation treatment poster and access to all recorded sessions



## Save the dates for Skillathon 2022, registration opens in January!

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and management in 10 different Market Livestock Categories.

Contestants have two options to qualify for the State Championship.

First Qualifier: March 5, 2022

Second Qualifier: March 12, 2022

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Practice your snowball rolling skills and start making a plan....

## Family Snowman Building Contest

Coming this  
Winter!

Details to follow.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR 4-H CAPITOL  
EXPERIENCE!**



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience) for more information.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 4: Cross Country Skiing

*Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon*

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

### January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

### January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

*Zoom Webinar*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

### January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

*Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1*

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

### January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

*Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing*

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

### January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

*Online*

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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

### January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

*MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing*

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

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



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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### Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!**

**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H**



Feb. 27, 2022

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

### Resolve to have a great 4-H year

*Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension*

*Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.*

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).

