NEW AND IMPROVED ONLINE
ENROLLMENT IS ALMOST READY!

First of all, I would like to thank you for your patience throughout this technology upgrade to an online enrollment system. We will not be using paper copies for youth/adult enrollment forms or the Conduct/Medical/Media Release forms from this point on. This will all be done online with electronic signatures. If you have turned in the 2014-15 paper copies to the office, you will still need to complete the online enrollment.

The 4-H Office is being trained this week in using the new database you will shortly see. The first step is to have all administrative leaders enroll online and we will be contacting them soon with instructions. I cannot stress enough to the Admin. Leaders the importance of enrolling as soon as possible, due to the fact that no youth/family can enroll in a club without the administrative leader enrolling first to set that club up.

Once all of the administrative leaders are enrolled, then we will send out instructions to all families for enrollment. I read through them and they are very easy to complete, similar to ordering a product online, if you have done that in the past. If you do not have access to a computer, you may come into the office and we will assist you in completing your family enrollment.

Participation fees, however, will still need to be collected from the primary club leaders, as usual, and brought to the office, just as we have done in the past.

Look for more information and instructions this month. Transitioning to this new system will allow families to have access to their family’s information, youth’s activities, as well as the ability to make adjustments and manage their own account. We’re really looking forward to using this new system and hope you find it beneficial and convenient. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Sincerely,
Kathy George
Program Coordinator
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Summer Camp Opportunities!

It is not too late to be a part of Lapeer County 4-H summer camp. Any teen between the ages of 13-19 are invited to be camp counselors either for our Day Camp program for Cloverbuds or our Overnight Camp for kids in grades 2-6th. For more information contact Jean at the office, 810-667-0343.

Helping Hooves PEP Spring riding session is just around the corner and I am in need of volunteers, teen and adult, as well as volunteer horses. Ever want the feeling of doing something good or giving someone a smile? Then give Jean a call at the office to find out about this wonderful therapeutic horseback riding program for youth with disabilities.

COUNTY NEWS

Lapeer County 4-H Ownership & Enrollment Information

**Beef**  
Feb. 7; Weigh in is also same date - 1st Saturday in February

**Market Goats**  
May 1; Weigh in 3rd Saturday in May for Rate of Gain

**Swine**  
May 1; Weigh in 1st Saturday in May (May 2, 2015)

**Poultry**  
May 1 (except meat pens, which should be appropriate market age for species)

**Meat Rabbits**  
May 1 (All meat pen does must be owned by May 1st and all meat pen rabbits must be born at exhibitor’s home.)

**Rabbits-All other**  
May 15

**Sheep/Market Lambs**  
May 15; Weigh in 3rd Saturday in May (May 16, 2015)

**Dairy/Angora Goats**  
May 31

**All other 4-H Projects**  
May 31 – in order to show at fair, otherwise members are encouraged to enroll by January 30, 2015 to remain on the email list.

Please see your leader for more information if you have questions.

LAPEER COUNTY 4-H MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE!!!!!

4-H Council would like to remind everyone that there are funds available to clubs and committees to purchase supplies for new programs or activities. It needs to be educational and either an entirely new project or a new aspect of a current program. If you are interested, please attend a Council Meeting on 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm to submit a request for this mini-grant. We also have options of the grant disbursement so that you will NOT have to pay out of pocket and then request reimbursement.

HORSE LEADERS COMMITTEE—STILL SEEKING CLUB TO RUN CONCESSIONS

Does your club want to make some cash for 4-H activities??! Well, the Horse Leaders Committee is inviting any 4-H club to do a concessions stand at their 3 horse shows coming up this Spring (likely end of May and in June). Your club can do one or all three! Your club will be responsible for all expenses and setting up/tear down, but all profits remain with your club. First come, first served, so please email Courtney Workman, Horse Leaders Committee President with questions or to sign up at cworkman24@yahoo.com.
2015 Lapeer County Spring Achievement/Style Revue

Spring Achievement will be held once again in North Branch on March 21 at the North Branch American Legion Hall and North Branch Methodist Church. 2015 Spring Achievement theme is “Community & 4-H Go Hand-in-Hand”. So plan to come and show off your talent as you bring in project for evaluation and display as well as attend the annual awards ceremony in the afternoon. Registration and cover design contest information will be coming out shortly, so watch for the email.

We will be doing a service focused theme this year and adding some special activities to provide youth an opportunity to give back to their community. We will be asking 4-H’ers to bring canned goods and other donations for the North Branch Community Emergency Aid. In addition, we will be doing a poster project where youth, who bring in projects will do a hand print design.

Superintendents will be as follows:
Home Economics – Juanita Lucius and June Bonnema
Foods – Karen Abooukarroum and Marilyn Randall; Kayla A. - Teen Superintendent
Crops/Gardens – Rachel Lucius
Floriculture – Joann Listwak
Conservation/Entomology – OPEN
Photography – Sarah Graver
Woodworking – Don Shaver
Science/Safety/Engineering – Jonathan Schumitsch-tentative
Passport to Understanding – OPEN
Cloverbuds – Karen Hibbler
Creative Crafts – Kathy Whitaker, Denise Shaver and Chantel Whitaker
Visual Arts – Barb Linck – tentative
Vet Science – Thresa and Liz Schumitsch
Performing Arts - Cindy Headrick and Lea Rood

We have spaces open for Passport to Understanding and Conservation/Entomology Superintendents. If you see any errors in the above list, please contact the office immediately.

Judges should not know the youth whom they are judging. If you know anyone who has an expertise in the Spring Achievement projects areas, please call the office. If you would like to help set up, we will be doing so on Friday, March 20th between 6-8pm at the hall. We are asking all families to stay after program is finished to assist with returning chairs and tables to original places.
4-H State Awards Workshop

Who: All 4-H members 11-19, 4-H Leaders, parents

What: Learn what 4-H State Awards are & how to apply

Where: Lapeer County MSU Extension, Ste. 1
1800 Imlay City Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

When: Tuesday, January 13 at 7:30pm

The goals of this workshop are:
- Learn how the State 4-H Awards program benefits you
- How to apply for a State 4-H Award
- Changes for 2015 State Awards application and program
- Tips for completing applications, improving communication
- Application process and deadlines

Please RSVP to attend this training by calling 810-667-0343 or email patric76@anr.msu.edu.

Questions: Betty Jo Nash nashbett@msu.edu 810-648-2515

State 4-H Awards Information:

You will find the documents that you need on the 4-H Webpage: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program)

ATTENTION: Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2015 via email to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu

Don’t forget to encourage 11-12 year old members to participate in the Mark of Excellence essay contest. Entries are due to Lapeer 4-H Office by February 1st. The guidelines for the essay contest may also be found at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program)
Lapeer County offered a wide variety of youth development activities to the 451 members of the 40 4-H clubs, with the generous support of 133 returning adult leaders and 65 teen leaders. 4 New clubs formed in the 2013-14 year, while 3 disbanded.

Lapeer County 4-H recognition: 8 project medals were awarded, while 1 County (All Around) Award in Agriculture was awarded. Country Kids 4-H Club received both the club awards for Community Service and Fun and Social Club Award. In state awards, Samantha White received the Senior Biological Science Award Recognition at Exploration Days.

Lapeer 4-H also offered other opportunities to 4-H youth this year, Junior Agricultural Society member position to Alicia Slack and Tami Dahn. 3 youth, Kayla Aboukarroum, Fox Parton and Madison Ekstrom also earned scholarships funded by 4-H Council to attend the 2013 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Three youth, Brittany Haskins, Kayla Aboukarroum and Natalie Rood, were awarded scholarships, also funded by Council, to attend Citizenship Washington Focus, a citizenship and leadership program held in Washington D.C. Brittnay Haskins and Katelyn Shaver were both awarded the Michigan 4-H Key Club Award, a top county 4-H honor. Council also funded the scholarship for National 4-H Congress, which is a leadership, citizenship and community service focused conference held in Atlanta, GA. This scholarship was presented to Kayla Aboukarroum.

Outstanding youth in Lapeer were recognized for their academic and 4-H involvement with a number of scholarships:

Rachel Kanaziz and Samantha White—$500 Council Scholarship each
Samantha White $1,000 Novotney Scholarship
Rachel Kanaziz and Samantha White—$750 Dawn Childers Memorial Scholarship each

Adults and local organizations were also recognized this year for their exceptional support of Lapeer 4-H. Friend of 4-H Awards went to Paula Buday and Robert E. Nelson and Son. The prestigious 4-H Leader of the Year was presented to Glenda Weiss. Tiffany Weiss received the Meritorious Service Award for outstanding commitment to 4-H. Mark Monson was awarded the Outstanding Lifetime Leader Award. 4-H youth voted on new Teen Council members during fair this year. Ashley and Jennifer Gibbs and Elena Boxey all earned a seat on Council for the 2014-15 year.

The 2014 4-H Spring and Celebrity Auction’s total revenue was $43,817, netting $32,163. The crowds were again larger than the previous year with 221 bidders (with 95 or 43% new bidders) at the Spring Auction on Saturday. The Celebrity Auction also did well in spite of a significant decrease in bidders from 60 in ’13 to 40 in 2014. Even though less bidders came, items sold well with an increase in profit from $5,819 in ’13 to $6,291 in ’14. Tiffanie Osburn accepted the position of Fundraising Coordinator. She’s done a wonderful job in her first year in this new position and has exceeded expectations.

At the 2014 Spring Achievement/Style Revue, 4-H’ers entered 380 projects, with 279 that were actually brought to the judging that day. At fair, the number of indoor projects increased from the previous year, with 386 total judged in 2013 and 429 judged in 2014, or 43 more projects, an 11% increase.

The first year of the Ambassador Court proved very successful. Tiffany Weiss accepted the role as adult leader and mentor to the new court consisting of: Ashley Gibbs, Ian Conley as the two Jr. Ambassadors and Kayla Aboukarroum, Madison Ekstrom, Natalie Rood and Katelyn Shaver as the four Senior Ambassadors. One accomplishment of the Ambassador Court Program was to organize a presentation for the Fair Board and ask to assume the responsibility of doing all of the announcements during the week at fair. This would also provide an opportunity to improve their marketing and speaking skills. The Fair Board agreed and the Ambassador Court did a wonderful job at their new fair job.

At camp this year, we had 20 day campers and 60 overnight campers, led by 21 counselors that Jean trained. Through a donation from Gleaners Life Insurance Society, the Camp Counselors were able to purchase a new fire ring and life jackets for Camp Lael and presented these items to Camp Lael at the Spring Clean Up Day with the counselors.

Our Therapeutic Horseback Riding program, known as PEP, increased from a 6 week riding session to 7 weeks and for the first time we had 2 older participants also have the role as volunteer side walkers. Spring and fall sessions had 11-12 participants with 12 volunteers, 5 volunteer horses and 2 instructors.
4-H Capitol Experience (http://bit.ly/12IMMg8) is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state meet in Lansing, Michigan to:

- Experience state government in action.
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and their communities.
- Understand a citizen’s responsibilities and learn how they can influence policy issues.
- Interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people, and learn how policy is made, including attending a bill-writing session.
- Explore various careers in public policy

Quick Facts

Who should attend? High-school students at least 14 years old and adult participant-chaperones. Space is limited to 100 teen and adult chaperone-participants.

When? From Sunday, March 22, 2015 (3 pm) to Wednesday, March 25, 2015 (12:30 pm)

Where? Tours and agency visits will take place at the State Capitol and surrounding area.

How? Each teen or adult participant-chaperone will need to apply online. Participants who attended in previous years will be considered based on space available. Additional registration forms (Parent Permission Form and Media and Medical Release) will be due in February 2015. Contact your county MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county) for more details and keep checking the 4-H Capitol Experience web site (http://bit.ly/12IMMg8) to see when the registration site will open.

Cost? (including all meals, lodging and material fees) $310 4-H members, $320 non-4-H members. Scholarships for up to half the participant cost ($155) will be available. To qualify, a completed application must be sent to the State office as outlined on the scholarship application.

More Information

There are many ways to learn more about 4-H Capitol Experience. For example, check out:

- The 4-H Capitol Experience Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/4hcapitolexperience)
- This video (http://bit.ly/1qs2t2x)
- The one-page “2014 Impact Summary” (http://bit.ly/1s8GOFY)
- The Preconference Activities section of the Capitol Experience web site (http://bit.ly/1sSrJGr)
- The Postconference Activities section of the Capitol Experience web site (http://bit.ly/1yyup61)
**Resolve to try something new!**

4-H members, parents and leaders across the state are making resolutions and starting new projects. As you consider your goals for the next year, challenge yourself to try something new to expand your horizons or consider a new aspect of a project that you already enjoy.

**Michigan 4-H Youth Development** ([link](http://bit.ly/1zBhbTN)) has a lot of great statewide events held around the state including **4-H Exploration Days** ([link](http://bit.ly/1eFjEXH)), **4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp** ([link](http://bit.ly/1wgQXf1)), **Kettunen Center** ([link](http://bit.ly/1u2HF49)) workshops and state shows. Challenge yourself to explore a new project or activity with your club and have fun while you learn together.

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**4-H Workshops**

February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

[link](http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/Flyer.pdf)

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

[link](http://bit.ly/IsujItU)

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

[link](http://bit.ly/4vRGKEf)

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

[link](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference2)

Kettunen Center, Tustin

April 24-26: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

[link](http://bit.ly/1lUQ6S)

Kettunen Center, Tustin

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**Other 4-H Events**

February 6-7: 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic and Tack Sale


MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 13-16: 4-H Healthy Living Youth Summit

[link](http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/healthy-living-conference)

Washington, DC

March 7: Spring Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee

Contact Taylor Fabus ([email](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu))

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 22-25: 4-H Capitol Experience

[link](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience)

Lansing

March 29: 4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show

Contact Karen Waite ([email](mailto:kwaiter@msu.edu))

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 11-16: National 4-H Conference

[link](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/about)

Washington, DC

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)