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Lapeer County 4-H Family News

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Hello 4-H Families,

Fair preparation has begun! 4-H'ers, make sure you speak with your leaders about your project's ownership dates/weigh ins/tagging (also in fairbook and on our website) as well as re-enrolling (including payment) into the 2017-18 4-H year. Superintendents must have all animal judge contracts into Ray Swain by March 1st.

Administrative leaders will continue to check the 4honline website to approve youth, who have re-enrolled/paid and are waiting for your final approval. Communications for the 2017-18 4-H year are now distributed to only those youth and leaders, who have re-enrolled/paid, so please check to see who may be missing on your list and follow up, if you can.

***Weather Reminder:** Lapeer County 4-H policy is that if Lapeer Community Schools close for weather conditions, then we do not hold any meetings in the 4-H Office. Postings will be made to the "Lapeer County 4-H" Facebook page as reminders. As always, if the weather is bad, you can always call the office to see if the meeting you planned on attending will take place. Sometimes meetings happen when school is not in session, so just check the Facebook page or call if you are not sure. We want you to be safe !:)*

Have a great month! Spring is around the corner:) -

-Kathy George

Calendar of Events

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

Dog Committee	February 19, 6pm Office
Council	February 19, 7pm
Horse Leaders Committee	February 19, 7pm LMR
Swine Committee	March 12, 6:30pm, LMR
Goat Committee	March 12, 6pm, SMR
Livestock Committee	March 12, 7pm, LMR
Spring Achievement	March 17
Celebrity/Spring Auction	April 6-7

For a complete listing of all state 4-H events, please click here.

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Helpful 4-H Club/Committee Financial Resources

Live Webinar for 4-H Volunteers—March 6

MSU Extension is pleased to offer Fund-Raising for 4-H Volunteers webinar on **March 6th at 7pm**. The webinar will provide 4-H Volunteers an overview of the Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University Extension fund-raising polices, it will help volunteers understand more about the fund-raising in a 4-H experience, the process volunteers need to complete, and help answer any questions volunteers have on fund-raising. This a free webinar is open to all 4-H Volunteers, 4-H Parents, and 4-H Members. Please register at the following web address: https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/3f281cc04121ae317510d14dfea9e911 . After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Printed and Video Resources

Below are links to some great resources just created regarding fundraisers and the new W9, which the IRS just updated. If your club or committee needs to complete a W9 this year (when a 4-H group if a single payment or award is over $600), please do not use the one provided in the Financial Manuals, as it is now outdated. For more information, please read a recent article on this topic: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/when_will_you_use_a_w_9_as_a_4_h_group

Michigan 4-H also created one-page information sheets as well as the first of a series of "minute videos" on Youtube:

W9 Checklist Link: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_groups_w_9_checklist
4-H Fundraiser Flyer Checklist Link: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_fundraiser_flyer_checklist
Financial Minute Video-Fundraising Basics Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HK7tt1H4J9Y&list=PLlyGxXr5CUt1sICYNLbrt3AxG8XGCNq3I

Real Colors

This workshop will be held in Sanilac County on **April 3, 2018**. (This is spring break week for Sanilac County; not sure about your local counties). This is a great workshop to learn more about oneself and how you relate to others through communication and leadership. Registration link: https://events.anr.msu.edu/RealColorsSanilac/ Deadline 3/18/18. This workshop does have a registration fee $15, and includes lunch.

Lakestone Bank and Trust College Scholarship—due April 1

The Lakestone Scholarship is designed to provide needs based scholarships for graduating seniors in our community. As a locally owned community bank, Lakestone Bank & Trust wants to encourage and reward graduating seniors who are motivated to obtain a degree. The Lakestone Scholarship is designed to award up to $4,000 to each recipient; $1,000 per year for up to four consecutive years. High school graduating seniors living in Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac (south of Marlette Rd.), or Macomb (north of 26 Mile Rd.) and planning to attend an accredited two or four year college or university are eligible. For full details and application, please visit Lakestone Bank and Trust's website at: https://www.lakestonebank.com/about/community/donations-and-scholarships#ScholarshipAnchor

GreenStone Farm Credit Services College Scholarship—due March 2

GreenStone Farm Credit Services is now accepting applications through March 2 for its 2018 scholarship program, and will once again award up to $40,000 to incoming college freshmen pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field. Students attending a four-year college program can earn a $2,000 scholarship, while $1,000 awards will go to selected students attending a two-year college program. For more information, please visit http://www.greenstonefcs.com/newsandmedia/companynews/Pages/Apply-Now!-2018-Scholarships-Now-Available.aspx

Summer Camp:

Still looking for camp counselors for our 2018 summer program. Anyone age 13 and up. Next camp counselor training will be in March, watch for date to be announced soon. Come, bring a friend and check us out. Camp is week of July 9th Monday through Saturday. Day camp Mon and Tuesday and overnight camp Wed through Saturday. Camp theme for this year is "Camp of the Arts". For more information contact Jean at office, 667-0343.

Helping Hooves PEP Club:

Looking for volunteer to meet with youth on a monthly or bi-monthly basis and do indoor projects with them while our horseback riding sessions are on hold. Please contact Jean at office for questions or more information.

Saturday Day Camp:

Our next day camp is coming up on Saturday, Feb 24th from 10 am- 2pm for anyone 5-8 years of age. Still looking for volunteers to help with this day or I will need to cancel. Have a dairy calf coming for the animal project area, have a science project planned (need help to oversee, need someone to help with craft and indoor project areas. Please give me, Jean, a call at 810-667-0343. Thanks

Auction News

The auction is less than 2 months away!!! If you have never attended, you are missing out on a day full of fun and amazing deals on new merchandise, gift certificates and so much more. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday April 7, 2018. The morning will kick off with a pancake breakfast ($5 adults, $3 under 10) starting at 8am hosted by Young Pioneers 4-H Club. The silent Auction doors will open at 8am and item tables begin closing at 9:15am. The live auction portion of the day will begin promptly at 11am. An array of lunch items will be available for purchase from the Lapeer County 4-H Horse Leaders. This is an event you won't want to miss! We have already received amazing donations. Disney World Tickets, Detroit Tigers Tickets, Hotel Stays, Restaurant Gift cards, a brand new Keurig, and so much more await your bids!

This is a great fundraising event for the County 4-H program and also offers multiple fundraising opportunities for individual clubs.

Business Donations:
Clubs should be wrapping up their business visits. Donations that have been collected may be dropped off at the 4-H office. Please be sure to let the office know of businesses on your list that were unable to donate or are no longer operating so that we may update our records. If your club would like additional businesses to visit, please contact Sarah for more information. Remember, Clubs earn 10% of funds raised by the items they collect.

Club Baskets:
Clubs may also participate in auction efforts by donating a themed basket of items. Clubs will receive 50% of their basket's profit. Club Basket information was attached to the December newsletter and has been emailed to all club leaders. Selected basket themes should be submitted to 4-H Staff to avoid duplication of baskets. Camping/Survival, Gardening, Camp of the Arts, Christmas, School/ office Supplies are themes have already been selected by clubs.

Auction Volunteers:
The Auction is looking for volunteers to assist with duties on the day of auction. If you are interested in volunteering your time on April 6th or 7th, please contact Sarah.

The next Auction Committee Meetings will be held **February 19th** and **March 5th** at 5:30pm.

-Any questions regarding the Spring Auction can be directed to Sarah at (810)667-0343 or graversa@msu.edu

The Auction is in need of large baskets. If you have any baskets you would like to donate, please drop them off at the 4-H office. Thank you!

Michigan 4-H Exploration Days is coming!
June 20-22, 2018

Michigan State University

Registration begins March 13 (in office—so bring your registration forms in ASAP!) Registration books comes out end of February online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually. **4-H Exploration Days** registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. This MSU pre-college program is designed to:

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, team work, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- Foster ability to meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Increase college exploration and access to the Michigan State University campus and its resources.
- Develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.
- Give youth opportunities to try things that aren't available in their county.

Thanks to the funds raised from the Lapeer County 4-H Auction *(thank you to those of you helping visit businesses this year!)*, 4-H Council is pleased to offer partial scholarships to Lapeer 4-H youth to attend Exploration Days, which helps keep the cost down so that it is very affordable. We will send out an email when registration books come out, so that you can choose your classes and bring in your registration and deposit (amount TBD) as soon as possible, where the registrations will be numbered in the order they are received. Each youth's class choices will be entered by staff as soon as registration opens up statewide, which is highly competitive for many of the classes. Make sure you choose many class options! If you haven't gone yet and are old enough (11 4-H age), PLEASE consider experiencing this really great program! We can't say enough great things about it, so call the office if you have any questions.

2018 Spring Achievement/Style Revue ***Saturday, March 17, 2018***

Register **here** now! *(all documents found here)*

You should have received your email for the Spring Achievement/Style Revue information and registration. If you don't see it, please call the office and we can forward you the Fact Sheet and Registration. Do you have an indoor project you've been working on and would like feedback on how to make it even better? Do you have a talent you'd like to perform or a demonstration? Would you like to walk the catwalk in an outfit you've sewn or purchased cost-consciously? Spring Achievement/Style Revue is a fun day to get together and show off what you've been working on all winter and just have fun! We ask many adult judges to come to provide critique and support as well as providing a space for all clubs to display their indoor projects. If you'd like to do an indoor project for fair, this is a great way to bring it in for judging, make improvements if needed, and strive for the Best of Show at the Eastern Michigan State Fair! Here is the basic information:

American Legion Hall, 4075 North Branch Rd., North Branch (M-90)

Wednesday, Feb. 28	Registration, cover design and club display space deadline
Friday, March 16	4-H club setup and early absentee projects drop off at 4-7 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	Judging—10am—3:00pm (See Fact Sheet emailed and on website for exact times)
	County Awards Ceremony 3:30pm

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the date for the 4-H Robotics Challenge

On March 10-11, Michigan 4-H members from across the state will gather at the Kettunen Center to participate in the 4-H Robotics Challenge.

Open to youth ages 12-16 as either individuals or a team, the event will include LEGO EV3, Junk Drawer Robotics, and VEX real-time challenges.

Registration for the 4-H Robotics Challenge will by available soon and will be due by Feb. 20.

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

4-H Workshops and Events

February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project Workshop
Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth
Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/youth_business_guide_to_success_make_the_most_of_your_market_livestock_proj

February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse City
This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training_grand_traverse

March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2

March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H FunFest
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest

Teens as Teachers Workshop

We have a new location for the Teens as Teachers Workshop and some different tracks. This workshop is open to youth and 4-H members (13-19) who are interested in a leadership role and working with younger 4-H members. Sending teens from your county to this workshop is an excellent way to help introduce the workshop topics (ag literacy, financial literacy, and healthy living) into your local programs.

The registration for this event is not live yet, but will be soon. I do ask that you start promoting and sharing now however as the registration deadline is short. When it goes live, the registration link will be: https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers18/ and the deadline will be **2/19/18**.

*please note when you go into the events management system, you will find option for overnight or commuting for this workshop.

**for those counties that have participated in the Ag Innovators Experience program in the past, we will not be doing Ag Innovators this year; but will have an Ag Literacy track at Teens as Teachers Workshop. We will still be doing a similar project in 2018.

Exploring Food Security Around the World—March 7, MSU Campus

This is a brand new event. The goal of this event is to provide 4-H members, FFA members, and youth (8-12 grades) with some background regarding world hunger, and encourage them to explore participating in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute in May. This event is an opportunity to come and learn, there is not an application process to participate in this initial event.

The registration for this event please visit: https://events.anr.msu.edu/WFPFoodSecurity/. It is held during FFA State Convention, and may be an optional activity on Wednesday morning for youth attending that event.

Capitol Experience registration now available!

All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.

Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more. Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more!

Registration is available at https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/ and is due by March 16.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute now accepting applications!

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI).

WFPMIYI empowers youth and gives them the opportunity to share their innovative ideas to better the world.

This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology, potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyi.

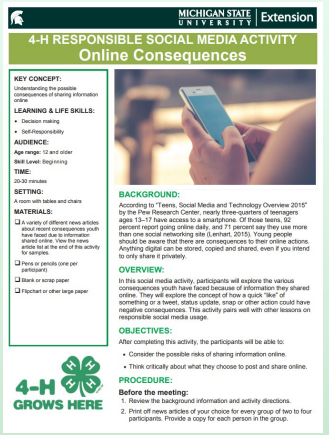
Youth Pork Quality Assurance roll-over information

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H'ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, **delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018.** Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth_pork_quality_assurance_program_rollover_information.

New social media resource!



In this new Michigan 4-H resource, club leaders can educate youth about the impact media can have on others and themselves. Anything digital can be stores, copied and shared, even if it is only intended to be shared privately.

Teach youth the consequences of their activity online with this new lesson plan that pairs well with other previously created responsible social media usage lessons.

Download your copy at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_responsible_social_media_activity_online_consequences.

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