



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

May 2015

Enrollment deadline coming up—May 31st

If you haven't already enrolled, or know someone who hasn't, please do so by May 31st. This is the enrollment deadline IF your project didn't have it's own ownership/enrollment deadline, such as May 1st, for example.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Horse Leaders Committee	May 27, 7pm
Horse Show	May 30
Beef Leaders Meeting	May 31, 8am at Ed Tech
Goat Committee Meeting	June 1, 6pm
Exploration Days Pre-Orientation Mtg.	June 2, 6:30pm
Fair Board Meeting	June 3, 7pm Fair Grounds
Livestock Committee	June 8, 7:30
Poultry Committee	June 11, 7:00
Swine and Goat Jackpot Show	June 6
Council Meeting	June 15, 7pm
Sheep Committee Meeting	June 15, 7pm, sm. Meeting room
State Awards Workshop	June 17, 6:30pm downstairs
Senior Scholarship Applications DUE	June 19
Goat Showmanship Clinic	June 20, Fair Grounds
Milk Marketing Tour	June 17-18
County Shooting Sports Tournament	June 21, Marlette Sportsmens
Exploration Days at MSU	June 24-26
Performing Arts Workshop	July 15, 6:30pm

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Sheep and Goat Weigh In
May 16th

Meats Judging...starting soon!

Marie Curell will be holding meetings to start practicing in late May. If you are interested in being on the team, please call Marie at 810-614-9390 . Meetings will be held at her house at: 4151 Clifford Road, Clifford.

Free tickets to Sioux Falls (South Dakota) Canaries Game (Baseball team)

Voucher for four (4) tickets during 2015 regular session for the Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Team. Voucher expires Sept. 1, 2015. The Harrands will give voucher for free, call 810-688-2771. (Purchased at 4H Auction, purchaser unable to use.) We hate to see them go to waste.

Milk Marketing Tour

The **registration deadline** for the **2015 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour** is **May 27, 2015**. The **tour is June 17-18** at Michigan Milk Producers Association Headquarters (MMPA) in Novi. There is no cost for youth to attend, but they must provide their own transportation to and from Novi. **Registration is limited to the first 30 youth**; only 18 spots remain. The registration form can be emailed upon request.

If you have questions, please feel free to email me or reference the following news article for more details: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/register_for_the_2015_4_h_mmpa_milk_marketing_tour_by_may_27

Goat Showmanship Clinic

Lapeer County 4-H Goat Committee is holding a goat showmanship clinic at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds on Sat., June 20 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please pre-register at: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=GoatClinicJune> (Click on Register on-line). Or you can fill out the registration form sent through a recent email– or call the MSU Extension office at 810/667-0343.

State Awards Interview Practice, June 17th 6:30pm

For those youth who have been accepted into the State Awards interviewing process at Exploration Days, we are holding a prep night to answer questions and get you ready to shine! I've invited Lapeer Toastmasters International to provide some great speech tips and offer critique to presenters (group awards) and interviewees (individual awards). Lapeer County 4-H is wishing all of you the best of luck and congratulations for your recognition as State Delegates!

Senior Scholarship Applications

For those seniors and 4-H'ers in their first or second year of higher education, applications were sent out in the mail to you to apply for 4-H Council's Senior Scholarships as well as the Dawn Childers Memorial Scholarship and Tina Novotney Scholarship. Here is the basic eligibility:

- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required.
- You must have completed a minimum of four years as a 4-H member in Lapeer County
- You must be currently enrolled as an active 4-H member in Lapeer County
- You must be a graduating senior or have graduated in the last two years.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 19TH

IN THE OFFICE BY 5PM-NO EXCEPTIONS.

Lapeer County 4-H Youth experience state government in action at the 2015 4-H Capitol Experience

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Rachel Phillips, Ashley and Jennifer Gibbs, all from Almont, earned Lapeer County 4-H scholarships to attend the annual Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, which is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy.

116 teens from around the state met in Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learned how they can influence policy issues. Participants interacted with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

4-H youth developed a better understanding of the responsibilities of being a citizen, explored different aspects of policy issues that may affect individuals and communities, explored various careers in public policy, and attended a bill writing session. The three Lapeer County delegates also had the opportunity to meet Senator Mike Green, and State Representative Todd Courser. Here's what Ashley Gibbs had to say about her experience...

4-H Capitol Experience was not only fun, but I learned things that you can't learn in a book. We made tons of new friends, and experienced things you wouldn't normally be able to learn in a regular classroom. We actually got to make our own bill and get to know the process of the state government there. We also met plenty of people with different opinions. Some opinions I agreed with, and others not so much. You got to see the different points of views that people have. Everyone we met was really nice and excited to see youth involved. Rachel Phillips, Jennifer Gibbs and I truly enjoyed the experience and hope other youth attend in the future!



Ashley and Jennifer Gibbs
with Senator Mike Green



Jennifer Gibbs and Rachel Phillips at the State Capitol

**WORLD
FOOD
PRIZE**



MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
(http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/world_food_prize_michigan_youth_institute)

- Registration and paper deadline - July 17, 2015 (links to registration for this FREE event are available on the above webpage)
- Event- August 10, 2015 from 9:00am-5:00pm on MSU's campus

First of a series of webinars to introduce the program and interact with experts- May 28, 2015 at 4:30pm (zoom info. will be shared in a future reminder)

Fair News

New BBQ Coordinator needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ at the 4-H Livestock Auction at Fair. Please give the office a call.

New Fair Website...

The Eastern Michigan State Fair has updated their website at <http://www.easternmichiganstatefair.com/> . Online registration will be announced shortly, so keep an eye out for that email.

Summer Camp News:

I've started a fundraising campaign called "Lapeer County 4-H Summer Camp" to raise funds between May 01 2015 and Jun 15 2015 to help send kids to camp and I need your help. Order Schwans products online and your order will be brought directly to your home. We get an initial 20% of your first order. If you purchase a \$25 gift card we receive \$10. Continue to order for a year and we receive 5% off every order placed online.

Easy to follow directions; just go to the link below and shop online.

<https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/20449>

Helping Hooves PEP

Hi Everybody! Again I would like to bring your attention to our therapeutic horseback riding program in hopes of getting some volunteers. We have approximately 12 people who are anxiously awaiting the chance to ride a horse for 30 minutes a week for a few short weeks. To help bring a smile to their faces and hearts, please consider volunteering yourself and if possible your horse for this worthy program or, if you know someone outside of 4-H who might be interested, please pass along their name and number and I will contact them. Thank you.

Several of the upcoming livestock shows and events that will be hosted at the MSU Pavilion in June and July have recently been updated on the Animal Science Youth Extension web page.

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/livestock_youth_programs

2015 Block and Bridle Club Lamb Show

June 14, 2015

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
Entries are due May 30, 2015.

[Rules and entry form](#)

2015 Michigan Beef Showcase
June 12-14, 2015

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
[Entry information](#) is available here. Entry deadline is May 26, 2015. Entry fees are \$35.00 per head. This event in MI Shows sanctioned!

2015 Spartan Classic Jr Hog Show

June 19-21, 2015

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Entry information is available here. Entry deadline is May 26, 2015.

[Spartan Classic Entry Information.](#)

Here is a good resource to help protect your hogs from disease: [Swine Health Recommendations](#)

EID Tag information:

[SwineIDOp-tions exhibition FINAL 2-12-14.pdf](#)

2015 State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest

July 16, 2015

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE). Entries are due July 1.
[Rules and entry form](#)

Oakland County...

The 2015 Oakland County Jackpot Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Oakland County Fairgrounds in Davisburg, MI. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends and sharpen your skills for your county fair. This year we will be hosting a Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest. Livestock judging is the evaluation of an animal's characteristics and making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class. Youth will have the opportunity to learn by evaluating as a group two individuals. Then, the contest portion begins where youth will judge a class of four animals. Swine, Sheep and Goats will be part of the clinic and contest.

Youth or parents who have questions can contact Jenny McKay at oclivestockclub@aol.com

2015 State 4-H Trail Ride and Family Camp Weekend June 19-21, 2015

Whiskey Creek Campground in Custer, MI

Full registration materials can be found on our website: http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs

The State 4-H Trail Ride & Family Camp Weekend is a fun-filled event that YOU should add to your calendar this summer! The event takes place at the beautiful Whiskey Creek Campground in Custer, MI. Don't have a horse? No worries! There are plenty of activities for non-riders. Whiskey Creek Campground offers an indoor heated swimming pool, full electric hook ups, stocked fishing pond, wi-fi, laundry, playground and so much more! The Trail Ride committee has an agenda sure to please: crafts, t-shirt making, science activities, delicious meals, line dancing, and more! Plan on attending to meet other horse-enthusiasts, camp and make great memories. This is a great event for the whole family to share! Camping fees and 6 meals are included with your low registration fee. Registration deadline is June 1st.

Animal Science Education...

The Animal Science Anywhere lesson series is designed to help leaders engage 4-H youth at club meetings or events in learning more about the science and life skills involved in animal and veterinary science projects. Youth may work in teams or individually to accomplish the lesson objectives. Lessons are flexible, providing adaptations for various locations, ages and audiences.

4-H Animal Science Anywhere Activities include the following lesson plans:



[4H1655 The Importance of Animal Identification Activity: That's MY Apple!](#)

[4H1656 Anatomy & Physiology Activity: Locating Common Bones](#)

[4H1657 Sculpting Meat Science Activity: Creating & Evaluating Steaks](#)

[4H1658 Growth & Hormones Activity: Examining Growth Hormones in Beef](#)

Plus there is an attachment to this newsletter titled, "Zoonotic Activity for Project Red Type of Event". If you are looking for a twenty minute activity for 4-H members, attached is the script for a **Zoonotic Disease activity** that combines parts of different [Animal Science Anywhere](#) lessons as well as other content. The lesson is geared as an introductory activity for third or fourth grade science or younger club members. This was created for counties to utilize and I thought I would share it with others as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

4-H International Exchange Opportunities...

June 26 to July 14: Host a 4-H member from Belize. Families needed for two 17-18 year old girls.

Raiel, age 18: She likes sports, dancing, chess, and pets, and works as a school secretary. She has been a 4-H club leader, past president, secretary, and treasurer.

Imani, age 17: She likes sightseeing, travel, horseback riding, and singing. She is a sixth form student at a junior college, and member of 4-H.

Contact Jackie Martin (marti623@anr.msu.edu)

July 26 to Aug. 22: Host a Japanese Exchange student, ages 12-16. For more information and a link to profiles of available delegates, go to www.4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/resource/japan_summer_inbound_exchange, or contact Brian Wibby (wibby@anr.msu.edu). Eighteen more host families are needed!

Aug. 2015 to June 2016: Host an exchange student in grades 10, 11, or 12 for the school year. To see a list of all available students, go to <http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/> or for more information, contact Jan Brinn (brinn@anr.msu.edu)



These goats are for sale by a member in the community...

I have 2 Pygmy Does for sale! I would like to sell them together because they are attached to each other.

They are 2 months and 3 months old, both weaned.

I'm selling them for \$250 total (willing to negotiate).

I just want them to go to a good home with a large area to play and run. If you have any questions or are interested please contact me, Jerica 810-441-7152.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

June 12-14: 4-H S.M.O.R.E.S. Conference

<https://sites.google.com/site/4hsmores>

Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Greenville

June 13-14: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)

Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015

Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 13-20: Citizenship Washington Focus

<http://bit.ly/1Mm2yOi>

National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 15: *Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching Sportsmanship in Animal Science*

<http://bit.ly/1MnLRnB>

Your Computer

June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp

MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour

Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu)

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June 19-21: State 4-H Trail Ride

http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/Packet_of_Info_2015.pdf

Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer

June 21-26: National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

<http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingssportsinvitational>

Heartland Public Shooting Park, Grand Island, NE

June 24-26: 4-H Exploration Days

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days

MSU, East Lansing

June 27: State 4-H Goat Show

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_show1

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 6-10: 4-H Renewable Energy Camp

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_renewable_energy_camp

MSU Campus, East Lansing

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

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Gardens can be a great way for youth and adults to connect with nature and enjoy some quality time together. A garden can be in a pot, on a patio, in a square foot or a good-sized plot. You can grow herbs, vegetables, flowers or a mixture of it all. There is no one way to grow a garden, but a variety of plants to enjoy and methods can lead to fun, colorful results that taste great.

Have questions? Contact the MSU Extension Lawn and Garden Hotline at 888-MSUE-4MI (888-678-3464). The phone line is answered weekdays between 9 am and noon and 1 to 4 pm. Calls during other times will be directed to the "Ask an Expert" feature at <http://bit.ly/1K2vUS6>.



Learn by Doing



In 4-H, we learn by doing. We help young people gain skills through hands-on experiences that allow them to perform an activity; then we follow that up with important and purposeful questions. This is called “**experiential learning.**”

Participants:

- Experience an activity
- Share the results
- Process by discussion
- Generalize to understand how it connects to the real world
- Apply what they learned to other situations.



When 4-H volunteers use this model, everyone benefits from the exchange of ideas, and everyone grows in knowledge and the ability to apply what was learned in other settings.

2015 National 4-H Congress: *Excite, Spark Ignite!*



National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. It is a five-day educational gathering that brings together outstanding 4-H members from across the nation to share ideas and experiences. For more than 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership-development conference. Congress provides youth with high-quality educational,

leadership, community-service and cultural opportunities such as:

- Workshops with topics that include leadership development, character education, agriculture, cultural awareness and diversity education, workforce preparation, environmental stewardship, science and technology, literacy- and communication-skills development.
- Assemblies, seminars, and discussion groups about issues facing our country today and a town hall meeting they moderate where they share the results of those discussions.
- Hands-on projects during a community-service day, at which they learn to work with others to assist individuals and community organizations to improve themselves.
- Networking skills to help them in their after-conference work to address youth needs in their community and state.



In short, Congress is designed to address youth needs and issues, while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens.

Who: Congress is designed for youth aged 15 to 19.

When: November 27 – December 1, 2015

Where: Hyatt Regency (<http://atlantaregency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>), Atlanta, Georgia

How

In Michigan, counties identify their delegates and the State 4-H Office provides coordination for the trip. Therefore, interested Michigan 4-H members should contact 4-H staff in their local MSU Extension office (<http://bit.ly/lu0f9E3>). While there is

no limit to the number of participants counties can send, young people are strongly encouraged to attend only once since each year's program is similar.

Cost

The 2015 cost (that includes airfare, registration fee, lodging, snacks, most meals, two shirts and a photograph) is approximately \$1,300 per young person.

More Information

Ways to find out more about National 4-H Congress include:

- The Congress web site (<http://national4-hcongress.com>)
- The Congress Facebook page (<http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH>)
- Articles about the Michigan delegations to National 4-H Congress in
 - 2014 (<http://bit.ly/1FMTFz6>)



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