



# 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,

Even though we finally broke the record for the all-time snowiest winter in recorded history yesterday, Spring is here (just under a little bit of snow at the moment!) We also had a record breaking year with our Spring Auction-\$45,000 in 2 days! Thank you to all who have helped during the past year, and especially Tiffanie Osburn, our new Fundraising Coordinator, who worked tirelessly to make this the most successful year ever! 😊

Lapeer County 4-H committees are starting to get their "ducks" in a row for this year's fair activities. I would like to stress to every leader, parent and 4-H'er that we need more help on the planning and committee administration end. Our committees need more hands as this make lighter work, as they say. This point is even more evident now than ever with the additional assistance needed in our committees. If you are a leader, parent or youth and have not had the opportunity to participate and have your voice heard in your project area, I am urging you to please come to a committee meeting of your choosing and lend a hand. Two officer positions are now open in the Livestock Committee, as of this past Monday evening. Our truly dedicated Livestock President, Glenda Weiss,

is stepping down from her position immediately due to new work scheduling. She has been an amazing leader in the 4-H community in many roles and her leadership and wisdom will be missed greatly. However, she is not straying far from 4-H, as she has accepted a 4-H Program Coordinator position for Wayne County! We say thank you to Glenda for all of her hard work and also, welcome – Wayne County is extremely lucky to have you on their team.

With that being said, we need more new faces in the committees and are looking to our leaders, parents, and most importantly our **YOUTH** to come to meetings and give your input.

Also, to make attending meetings more convenient and encourage increased attendance, Livestock Committee has pushed their meeting time back to 8:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month to allow other committees to schedule their meetings directly before Livestock Committee. This will make it easier for families to attend meetings once per month rather than multiple days.

If you have any questions about what to expect with sitting on one of our committees, please call us here at the office 810-667-0343. Thank you to all of our committee members who give 110% with their time and talent and I'm also looking forward to seeing some new faces with their own gifts to share! Happy Spring everyone! -Kathy George

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

PEP	April 17-24 <sup>th</sup>	MSU Exploration Days	June 18-20 <sup>th</sup>
Meats Judging Competition	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Animal and Vet Science Camp	June 23-27 <sup>th</sup>
Coggins Testing (Horse)	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Weekend Dates at Fairgrounds	June 14-15 <sup>th</sup>
Thumb Beef Jackpot Show	April 25 <sup>th</sup>		June 28-29 <sup>th</sup>
State Goat Expo	April 26 <sup>th</sup>		July 12-13 <sup>th</sup>
PEP	May 1-22 <sup>nd</sup>	Milk Marketing Tour	June 25-26 <sup>th</sup>
Swine Weigh In (SEE NOTES IN NEWSLETTER)	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-H Day Camp	July 15-16 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Camp Open House	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Overnight Camp	July 16-19 <sup>th</sup>
Sheep Weigh In	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Fair Judging	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Camp Open House	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fair Dates	July 29-Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>

## SUMMER CAMP NEWS

WE NEED CAMP COUNSELORS! This summer we've had many teens go in other directions and do not have enough camp counselors to run camp at this point. If we do not have more sign up, we may be in jeopardy of drastically reducing the number of campers or possibly cancelling the entire camp program for 2014. ☺ If you are a senior, an NHS member and need community service hours this is a perfect and fun opportunity to get those requirements met! It is so much fun and rewarding, so we hope that some of you look at your schedules and join the program. Here are some former camp counselors' perspectives on what they got out of it:

*"I became a camp counselor because I had such a great time as a camper and did not really want to leave camp, and also wanted to return the favor. I enjoyed watching the kids have a great time and make many new friends. Being a counselor helped me with my patience a tremendous amount, which is helping me with my career today by being more patient with the cows!" ☺*

*"What I enjoyed most about camp counseling would have to be all the friends and memories that I made. Seeing the kids laugh because you can tell jokes that to your friends outside of camp would find lame or something, and seeing the kids laugh hysterically at them is one of the best feelings in the world. Having kids look up to you, being a role model and a leader is a great feeling, too. Being a mature adult, taking care of the kids, watching out for their safety, all while simultaneously getting to act like a kid yourself again is great. The reason I became a counselor was originally because I had enjoyed camp so much and had looked up to my counselors when I was a kid, that I wanted to give some kids that same feeling. I also wanted to make new friends and be able to be an adult, sort of."*

### **Summer Camp Open House:**

There will be two opportunities for campers and parents to come see where camp will be held, meet with camp counselors and camp staff. Adventure Island Summer Camp 2014 will hold our first open house on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Camp Lael located at 2062 Ferns Rd. here in Lapeer County. If unable to attend that open house don't worry your second opportunity will be on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> again from 2-4pm.

Remember we have two great programs to offer, a Day Camp for those who have completed kindergarten and first grade and an Overnight Camp for those who have completed second through sixth grade. Spread the word to neighbors and friends.

Not too late to get in on the fun! That's right we still have room for more camp counselors and staff. Anyone 15 and older is invited to join us for our overnight camp. Call the office and ask to speak with Jean for more information.

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**Another Successful 4-H Spring Auction!**

A special thanks goes out to all the visitors, volunteers and clubs, committees and families who assisted at this year's auction. This auction had record breaking success. This event provides the majority of funds needed to sustain the 4-H Youth Program in our county.

**CLUB BASKETS** – The new idea for the club baskets this year went over really well. The following were the top 3 winners in the club basket sales. Each of these clubs will receive 50% of the selling price of their basket to their club. 1<sup>st</sup> Place was North Branch Sheep Club whose basket sold for \$130. Congratulations on a really cool basket! 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to North Branch Finish Line Swine which sold for \$120. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was a tie between Camp Counselors and Young Pioneers to which each basket sold for \$110. They will each get 50% of their basket selling price. All remaining baskets in the auction will receive 25% of their selling price back to their club/committee. Start planning now for next years baskets as I will be keeping the club basket sales the same. All baskets will start silent and ALL will go live. The top selling basket in the silent auction will again go first in the live auction. I look forward to seeing many new and exciting baskets next year. Please contact me for further information.



**BAKE SALE** – The bake sale will be accepting bids again starting in September. Please let me know if you or your club/group/committee is interested in providing the bake sale. The club/group/committee to provide will receive 25% of the profits from all baked goods. Please contact me for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS** – Your help to make this year's auction a success was integral to the smooth operation of the auction. Please know that all of us here at the extension office appreciate all that you do. Next year's auction planning has begun and we will have the information for you as soon as we have it available. Please let me know if you can volunteer next year!



**Some quick statistics:**

We had a total of 733 donors this year! That was 63 more donors than the last year and a record! We also had 221 bidders this year. Although it was more than last year, we did not break the record of 235 so we need to make sure to get the word out for next year! More statistics to come as I get them in. Thank you all again!

Tiffanie Osburn  
4-H Fundraising Coordinator

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## **LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

Reminder of the Livestock Committee Meeting changes:

**6:30pm-7:30pm- All Developmental Committee Meetings** (must notify office at least 2 weeks in advance; meeting can run until 8:00 if you choose, and without conflicting with members attending Fair Superintendents' meeting)

**7:30pm-8:00pm - 4-H Fair Superintendents' Meeting**

**8:00pm-9:30pm- 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting** (this meeting will go no longer than 9:30)

### **BUYER'S PASSES**

Must be purchased through the fair office only and are \$4 each. Also, they must be purchased by the close of business the Monday of fair. Registration must be postmarked no later than June 28<sup>th</sup>. More information on registration and the 2014 Fair Book will be forthcoming.

### **LIVESTOCK AUCTION NEEDS SUPPORT ON DAY OF EVENT**

Since we have not received any auction clerking bids, we will need to once again manage the auction. In order to do so, we will need the following positions filled with volunteers (parents or leaders) with a variety of skills, including working with well numbers/money and working well with the public:

- Handling invoices
- Clerking with the Auctioneer
- Check In/Check Out
- After Auction Wrap up/paperwork

If you would like to help at the auction, please let the office or someone on the Livestock Committee Executive Board know by next meeting. You will be trained ahead of time and there will be Livestock Auction managers on site to support and help everyone. ***If the Livestock Auction benefits you and your child, then I am encouraging you to take a small part in ensuring its and our 4-H'ers success.***

### **BIOSECURITY AND SWINE HEALTH CHANGES FOR THE SWINE DEPARTMENT:**

As many of you are probably aware, a very serious and contagious coronavirus, named Porcine Endemic Diarrhea Virus (PEVD), has spread rapidly across the country and has affected many farms, causing large numbers of deaths in newborn piglets. The spread of this virus and the high mortality rates associated with PEVD has had a severe economic impact on the swine industry. As stewards of the swine industry, the Lapeer County 4-H Swine Leaders have agreed that due to the severity and contagiousness of this virus, the following changes will be effectively immediately:

- Spring tagging on May 3 will be for tagging purposes only, no animals will be removed from trailers/vehicles and/or weighed.
- All pigs must be presented at tagging to comply with the fairbook, even if using existing USDA tags and the following biosecurity procedures will be followed:
  - Only one person per vehicle/trailer will be allowed to leave the vehicle. They will wear disposable boots and will enter their own trailer.
  - It will be that person's responsibility to get the pigs to the trailer door where the designated tagger will tag them.

- Boots will be removed and disposed of on site.
- All money and paperwork will be exchanged through open vehicle windows.
- The rate of gain contest will be eliminated for the 2014 fair.
- The 2014 fair will be a terminal show. All hogs that leave a trailer on the fairgrounds will stay and must be shipped for slaughter.

Swine members should watch for an upcoming swine department newsletter for additional swine department news.

### **Key points to know about PEDV:**

- PEDV is NOT a human health issue. Pork remains completely safe to eat.
- Currently there is no vaccine available to cure or prevent PEDV.
- PEDV is a pig farming virus only affecting pigs. It poses no risk to other animals, humans or food safety.
- PEDV is not a new virus; it's been found in countries worldwide.
- The USDA, State Animal Health Officials, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and veterinarians at the National Pork Board and the National Pork Producers Council are actively engaged in monitoring and continuing to manage this disease.
- The National Pork Board's Board of Directors approved \$1,100,000 toward research and communication to better understand the PED virus.

For more information on PEDV visit: <http://porkcares.org/our-practices/caring-for-our-pigs/disease-mitigating-risk?gclid=COCCyZDw470CFYtDMgodYwkAKg>

### **POULTRY PALOOZA**

Information for the 2014 Poultry Palooza is available at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_poultry\\_palooza](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza). *A note from Katie (VanderKolk) Ockert:*

I would like to highlight a couple of changes to this year's event:

- 1) The Palooza will be held at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte, MI.
- 2) Only a breed show and showmanship contests will be held.
- 3) Other contests will be held on a different date and location to be determined—for those who may be interested in participating in the National Egg & Poultry Contest, the committee is working diligently on another event that where the contests such as quiz bowl, Chicken BBQ, Egg Preparation, etc. will be held.
- 4) The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Live Bird Auction will be held. The committee will gather many varieties of birds for members and families to bid on. All auction proceeds will benefit the Michigan 4-H Poultry Program.
- 5) The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bird Swap will also be held. Swapper spaces are available for \$15 with pre-registration and \$20 the day of the show. All birds must be Pullorum tested. Please distribute the swapper flier to your contacts.
- 6) The committee will host a guest speaker, who will repeat their presentation throughout the day so that members have the opportunity to participate.

### **MEATS JUDGING**

2014 Meats Judging Competition will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at MSU. All ages 9-19 welcome. Contact Marie Curell 810-614-9390 [curellm@hotmail.com](mailto:curellm@hotmail.com) or Michelle Peel 810-614-0427 [curellmi@hotmail.com](mailto:curellmi@hotmail.com) with questions or interest.

## **RABBIT PROJECT AREA**

There are **two updated and revised Rabbit Tracks** documents (“Water” and “Winter Rabbit Care”) now available on the Michigan 4-H Website on the Rabbit & Cavy page ([http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/animal\\_science/rabbits\\_cavies](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/animal_science/rabbits_cavies)) under “Resources”.

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## **HORSE NEWS**

### **Coggins Testing**

Coggins Testing will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Imlay City Fairgrounds for Coggins, fecal testing and vaccines. These will be discounted prices for 4-H families. Prices TBD.

### **Horse Show Dates:**

Horse Show 6/21-22

Championship Horse Show 6/28

EMHA 6/29

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## **TSC PAPER CLOVER DAYS**

Spring Paper Clover Days are coming up April 23-May 4<sup>th</sup>. If your club would like to come out to TSC Lapeer or Imlay City on a weekend during the drive to do a bake sale, help sell paper clovers or any other idea that is agreed upon by TSC Management, please call me or one of the TSC’s directly. Otherwise, please support TSC and shop during those weeks and let them know you’re a 4-H’er! Typically, our two Lapeer County TSC’s are high producing stores for this event, so it would be great if we show our support of them in return. 😊

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## **OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY...**

### **4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP**

*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/>

## **Play Ball! Get your Tickets for 4-H Science Day with the Lansing Lugnuts**

Tickets are now available for the [2014 4-H Science Day with the Lansing Lugnuts](#) on April 26. The event provides a unique opportunity for both 4-H and non-4-H youth and their families to explore the exciting world of science while enjoying a game of baseball. The day will feature hands-on learning activities at more than 10 science stations, as well as a chance to discover first-hand how science intersects with everyday life – including a day at the ballpark! Attendees will learn the science behind throwing a curveball, keeping the fields green, and their favorite stadium treat. In addition, 4-H groups will lead the 4-H pledge and sing both the national anthem and “God Bless America.” Don’t miss the fun – come join Big Lug for an action-packed day of science, sport and FUN! Tickets are available online for \$10 each until April 18. Children 2 and under are free. Additional details and ticket ordering info can be found at [tinyurl.com/4-HSciDay](http://tinyurl.com/4-HSciDay) or by calling Adam Paschen, Lansing Lugnuts Group Sales Representative, at 517-827-2486.

## **4-H RENEWABLE ENERGY CAMP 2014**



**Date:** June 23 - 27, 2014

**Location:** MSU Campus, East Lansing, MI

**Explore how Michigan’s abundant natural resources and growing agriculture industry are changing the face of energy and what it means to your family, Michigan and the world!**

Michigan 4-H Renewable Energy Camp, formerly 4-H Discovery Camp, is a five-day exploration camp held at Michigan State University for youth ages 13-19. Campers will explore ideas, research and opportunities in the field of energy as it relates to natural resources and agriculture.



## **2014 EXPLORATION DAYS**

This year’s Exploration Days will be held on June 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> at Michigan State University. Every year, approximately 2,500 youth and chaperones from every Michigan county (or close to it), come stay at MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! For more information please click this link: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h\\_exploration\\_days](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days) .

## **Monthly Ongoing Meetings**

1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Fair Board – held at Imlay City Hall, 7 pm – during winter months, moves to fairgrounds during the summer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	4-H Fair Board Meeting-MSU Extension, 7:30 – 8:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	Livestock Developmental Committee – MSU Extension, 8:00 – 9:30 pm
TBA	Dog Leaders Developmental Committee – MSU Extension
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	4-H Council – MSU Extension, 7 pm
TBA	Sheep Leaders Developmental Committee
4 <sup>th</sup> 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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