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.

4-H VISION
MICHIGAN 4-H MOBILIZES VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUTH.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Lapeer 4-H Family,

What an amazing fair! It was awesome seeing all of the 4-H’ers in action with their animal and indoor projects – what a talented bunch you are! 😊 Now that we’ve all recovered from fair, the focus is shifting to the new 4-H year of 2013-’14 and enrollment time. MSU Extension has written new enrollment forms, among others, and will be passed out at Leader Updates to the Administrative Leaders. Please contact your leaders for your new forms. I’m looking forward to cooler weather, the changing of colors, cider and doughnuts, aren’t you!? Please call us at the office if you have any questions or concerns – see you soon!

Warm regards,

Kathy George

Please see below for a list of all the Lapeer 4-H calendar and deadlines:

Leaders Updates  Sept. 15, 4:30pm
                      Sept. 16, 1:00pm
Royalty Program Meeting  At 4-H Office  Sept. 23, 6:30 pm
Pre-College Scholarship Applications Due  October 4th
Year-end Paperwork-Adm. Leaders-BY APPT.  Oct. 16 10am-7pm
                                          Oct. 17 1pm-8pm
                                          Nov. 6 10am-5pm
                                          Nov. 7 9am-3pm
Annual 4-H Council Meeting  Election Night/Year Review  October 21, 7pm
County Youth/Adult Nomination Forms Due  Nov. 4th
2013 4-H Volunteer Forum @ MSU  Nov. 9th
Club/Committee Enrollment Forms Due  December 2nd

Next Year:
Mock Interview Workshop  January 14th
Interview Night  January 28th
Spring Achievement, N. Branch  Mar 22nd
4-H Celebrity & Spring Auction  April 4-5th
Leader Update

We had a great turn out at the September 9th Leader Update! Thank you so much to these awesome leaders for taking time out of their busy schedules to ensure a good start to the new 4-H year for your club! There are two more opportunities to attend this MANDATORY meeting: September 15th at 4:30pm or September 16th at 1:00pm. The meeting will be one hour or less, depending on discussions/questions (the meeting on the 9th was only about 40 minutes).

You must attend one of these meetings in order to get all of your enrollment paperwork. We have a number of new forms, so you will not be allowed to use any previous years’ forms. If you are struggling with your schedule to attend these final two dates, please call Brenda immediately at 810-667-0343. You will need to set up an appointment and come in BY OCTOBER 4TH, in order to proceed with enrolling your club for the new 4-H year.

PEP Program – HELP!!!

Due to a number of regular volunteers/ horses not being available this fall, Helping Hooves Therapeutic Riding Program is in serious need of teen (14 yrs old minimum) and adult volunteers and horses for the upcoming session to be held Sept. 17 – October 29. The program meets every Tuesday to provide therapeutic horseback riding lessons to children with disabilities.

Currently, we have 12 children enrolled, but not enough horses or volunteers to run the program. The first meeting on Sept. 17th is a groundwork only meeting, not requiring horses, however, the next 6 weeks we are still in need of 3-4 more horses and at least 6 more volunteers.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! You will be trained by qualified staff and be able to provide a community service in a very fulfilling way. Please consider helping the program, as at it stands, it may have to be delayed, or unfortunately cancelled, if we do not get more volunteers. Call Jean Kreiner ASAP for more information or to volunteer – 810-667-0343!!

Annual 4-H Council Meeting – October 21st

The Annual Council Elections and “Year in Review” meeting will take place on October 21st at 7pm. This is a very important meeting and all 4-H Leaders, families and youth are invited to attend. There are seats still available on our Council for interested adults (parents, leaders, friends, community leaders) please attend this meeting to be nominated for this position. If you know of someone in the community interested in youth development, please have them call the 4-H Office for more details of the position, 810-667-0343.

New Clubs

We are looking for 4-H youth interested in joining our Fly Fishing/Conservation Club – have you ever wanted to learn this style of fishing? If you are interested in finding out more about this club, call the 4-H Office at 810-667-0343 or email MSUE44@msu.edu.
A new Dog Agility Club is forming! Would you like to teach your dog new tricks? You can even compete in Dog Agility competitions with your pooch! This is a great way to get you and your dog exercise and have fun together! Call the office for more details or to check out a meeting.

Volunteer Forum
The 2013 4-H Volunteer Forum will showcase Michigan 4-H! On November 9th, 4-H teen and adult leaders will attend hands-on workshops, learn from each other and staff, network, take home resources, leaving renewed and refreshed about MSUE 4-H! Join The Revolution of Responsibility! $35.00 Registration fee covers program costs, morning snacks, and lunch. Visit http://www.events.anr.msu.edu/ for complete details and registration. Some session topics include:

- Using Social Media
- Animal Science Activities for $10 or less
- Positive Discipline in 4-H Clubs and Afterschool Programs
- Iris Paper Folding
- Shooting Sports
- TechXcite Engineering Program
- Relax – Stress and Anger Management Techniques

SOUTHEAST REGION!!! Please join other southeast region attendees and staff for a special luncheon and information session at the Forum! Partial or full scholarships are available for Southeast Region attendees (Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola, Washtenaw, Wayne). Please contact your local 4-H staff to apply for a scholarship by October 21, 2013.

Also, you may also request reimbursement from Lapeer County 4-H Council, both adult volunteers and youth. Council allows one educational 4-H program reimbursement per year per volunteer/youth. This is a great opportunity to refresh your leadership skills and learn some fun new things!

4-H Workshops
The new 4-H year brings all new workshops to learn about fun, new activities or to enhance your current skill set. Below is a listing for the workshops for the rest of 2013; for a complete listing, including 2014, please click on http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule . Again, you may be reimbursed by 4-H Council for one 4-H educational program/workshop per 4-H year – have fun!!

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- Oct. 4 - Oct. 6: Michigan 4-H Filmmaking Workshop
- Oct. 5 - Oct. 6: 4-H Family Fun Weekend
- Oct. 19 - Oct. 20: 4-H Clothing & Textiles Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop
- Nov. 2 - Nov. 3: 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update
- Nov. 8 - Nov. 9: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen and Adult Volunteer Training Workshop
- Nov. 16 - Nov. 17: 4-H Lock in Your Potential - CANCELLED
- Nov. 22 - Nov. 24: 4-H Teen & Adult 2013 Horse Leaders Conference
Fun Farm Day
Fun Farm Day at Fair this year was a big success as we distributed all of our maps for the kids in the community to tour your animal project areas. Thank you so much for participating and an extra special thank you to those 4-H’ers brave enough to put on a costume for those three hours! A big thanks also to FFA, who also participated and wore great costumes at the gate entrance while they distributed the maps and bags. If you think of any additional community service ideas for next year’s fair, please let us know.

Some baskets at each of the project areas were not returned from the Fun Farm Day event at Fair. If you still have one of them, please return to the 4-H office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Junior Agricultural Society Member
Applications are now being accepted for the Junior Ag Society Member. Please visit our website at msue.msu.edu/lapeer and click on 4-H Youth Development on the left side of the screen. There you will find the complete application and the recommendation form to be submitted to the fair office (orange building) by the end of September – deadline extended.

Royalty Program – MEETING September 23, 6:30PM AT 4-H OFFICE
Recently, an email was sent out to all of the Lapeer 4-H families asking to click on a link to answer a few questions regarding their feelings towards the Royalty Program. As of September 13, I’ve received 57 responses. As the program is revised to adhere to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, there will be areas from which 4-H’ers will be given an opportunity to vote, such as title, attire, etc. At this point, I would like to have a face-to-face meeting with all interested parties to vote on these final decisions that will shape your new program. In order to have enough time to distribute the applications as well as provide time for applicants to complete them, I am setting up a meeting for September 23rd at 6:30 pm to go over program and vote on important details. If you are currently or previously have been in Royalty, or EVER plan to apply for a position in the future in this program, I am urging you to come to the meeting and VOTE, so that you will have a voice and a hand in the revisions of this very important program. The applications will be available online, in the office and emailed to all Lapeer 4-H’ers after this meeting.

Our New 4-H Council Youth Members!! Woo Hoo!!!!
The following 4-H’ers have been voted in as Lapeer County 4-H Youth Council Members – CONGRATULATIONS!
Curtis Campbell
Natalie Rood
Brittany Haskins
Sam White

Would you like to post something in our newsletter?
We are currently reorganizing our newsletter layout into a monthly newsletter and will be offering a section for our 4-H families to send me things to put in our newsletters, such as animals for adoptions, employment opportunities, items for sale, etc. If you would like to submit something, please email me at george92@msu.edu by the 15th of the month.

Toot Your Own Horn!!
In upcoming newsletters, there will be a section for showing what an amazing club you have (or an individual 4-H’er’s achievements), as well as what you’re doing at meetings, events and in the community. Please email me at george92@msu.edu by the 15th of the month. Go ahead, you know you’re awesome, tell us about it!

**Monthly Ongoing Meetings**

1st Wednesday: Fair Board – held at Imlay City Hall, 7 pm – during winter months, moves to fairgrounds during the summer

2nd Monday: 4-H Fair Board Meeting-MSU Extension, 7:00 pm

2nd Monday: Livestock Developmental Committee – MSU Extension, 7:30 pm

TBA: Dog Leaders Developmental Committee – MSU Extension

3rd Monday: 4-H Council – MSU Extension, 7 pm

TBA: Sheep Leaders Developmental Committee

4th 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

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.

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**Lapeer County MSU Extension Staff**

- Kathy George, Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development
- Jean Kreiner, Program Aide, 4-H Youth Development
- Claudia Ferguson, Fundraiser 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 Graver, Program Instructor, Health & Nutrition

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