Hello 4-H Family,

Even though the snow is blowing and temperatures are freezing, it’s time to start thinking about Spring! As in Spring Achievement/Style Revue, Spring Weigh-In dates, Spring Auction, etc.

In this newsletter is a large amount of events and information to get our Spring activities started off on the right foot, including confirmed weigh-in dates and 4-H weekend dates for the fair grounds. I’ve also added some events in counties around Lapeer, so check it out! If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Leaders – this newsletter would be a great item to have at your meetings to go through with the youth so they are up to date with all that 4-H has to offer! Thank you for all that you do - Kathy George

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES**
- Livestock Auction Clerk Bid Due: February 9th
- Livestock Auction Photographer Bid Due: February 9th
- Spring Achievement Committee Mtg: February 10th
- Beef Blast Educational Program: February 17th
- Camp Teen/Parent Meeting: February 21st
- Beef, Sheep, Swine Workshop: February 22-23
- State Award Applications Due: March 1st
- Beef Weigh In: March 1st
- Horse Banquet: March 8th
- Sanilac Swine Clinic: March 8th
- Spring Achievement Registration: March 10th
- Animal Mania, St. Clair: March 15th
- MSU Capitol Experience: March 16-19th
- Spring Achievement, N. Branch: March 22nd
- 4-H Celebrity & Spring Auction: April 4-5th
- Mad City Money, Lapeer: April 12th
- Meats Judging Competition: April 18th
- Thumb Beef Jackpot Show: April 25th
- State Goat Expo: April 26th
- Swine Weigh In: May 3rd
- Sheep Weigh In: May 17th
- MSU Exploration Days: June 18-20th
- Animal and Vet Science Camp: June 23-27th
- 4-H Weekend Dates at Fairgrounds: June 14-15th
- 4-H Day Camp: June 28-29th
- 4-H Overnight Camp: July 12-13th
- Indoor Fair Judging: June 25-26th
- Fair Dates: July 15-16th
- 4-H Weekend Dates at Fairgrounds: July 16-19th
- Fair Dates: July 26th
- Milk Marketing Tour: July 29-Aug. 2nd
MAD CITY MONEY IS COMING TO LAPEER!
MSU Extension is offering a great opportunity in our community - a FUN, financial responsibility game for our teens! Help prepare young people for financial realities through this free, hands-on simulation facilitated by Kathy Jamieson, MSU Educator, on **April 12th from 11am – 1:30pm** at the MSU Extension Office in Lapeer.

*What is Mad City Money?*
High school students take on the role of an adult in futuristic Mad City. They're given jobs, income, a family, and debt. The challenge? Visit merchants to select housing, transportation, food, household necessities, clothing, day care, and other wants and needs while building a budget.

Mad City Money allows participants to make mistakes - and suffer the consequences of their decisions - in a realistic, but safe, environment. Most participants are surprised to learn "I can't have a big house and a new truck on my salary and still pay for day care and groceries." Once the shock wears off, they reevaluate choices and manage their money effectively.

**WHO:** **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
**WHEN:** **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014**  
**TIME:** **11:00 AM-1:30 PM**  
**LOCATION:** **LAPEER MSU EXTENSION OFFICE 1800 IMLAY CITY ROAD, LAPEER, MI 48446**  
**SIGN UP BY APRIL 9TH:** **CALL 810-667-0343 OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:**  
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/MadCityMoneyLapeer/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/MadCityMoneyLapeer/)  
**SPONSORED BY:** **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

We are looking for 9 volunteers to play the role of “merchants” in this fun game: Housing/Utilities, Grocer/Restaurant, Recreation/Vacations, Kid Care Supplies, Home Goods, Auto, clothing/Personal Care, Bank, Electronics/Recreational Equipment, and Windfalls/Unexpected Expenses. This is meant to be fun and teach our youth a thing or two about responsible spending! If you want to help, please call Kathy George at 810-667-0343 or email at [george92@msu.edu](mailto:george92@msu.edu) to find out more.

**ROYALTY BAKE SALE**
What a great turn out the Royalty, Samantha White, Beau Letke and Natalie Rood, had at their Bake Sale on Saturday, February 1st at the Imlay City TSC! Lapeer 4-H Royalty Program earned $120! Thanks to all of you who brought them treats to sell and helped them raise $120 to donate to a local animal rescue, Paradise Animal Rescue. Great job Sam, Natalie and Beau for giving back to your community!!!

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, they had to cancel next Saturday's Bake Sale to be held at TSC in Lapeer. If it is rescheduled, it will be posted as soon as possible.
**SPRING ACHIEVEMENT/STYLE REVUE**

With January behind us so are the County Award Interviews, and now we await the announcements of the winners at our annual Spring Achievement/Style Revue so please mark your calendars and......

**Come join us at Spring Achievement on Saturday, March 22, 2014** and help congratulate these young people for their accomplishments. Once again we will be holding our festivities at the **North Branch American Legion Hall** and **North Branch Methodist Church**.

Come show off your talent as you bring in projects for evaluation and display, set up your club display to the theme of **“4-H: Life’s Stepping Stone,”** meet other 4-H members and families and have your club recognized during the evening program. We hope to see you there!!

Reminder: Registrations and Designs for the Program Cover contest are due in the office **Monday, March 10th**.

**You’re Invited!**

A Spring Achievement Committee Meeting will be held on **February 10th at 6:30 pm**, right before Livestock Committee Meeting. Come to the meeting and be a part of making this a fun day for our 4-H'ers!

**Help Needed!**

We are in need of judges and clerks. 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 21st 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.** Also needed this year are Superintendents in the following areas:

- Photography
- Vet Science
- Conservation/Entomology
- Leisure Ed./Safety/Engineering

**WHERE’S THE BEEF? – IT’S IN THE THUMB!**

Beef Blast is a series of Beef Educational Programs that will be offered throughout the year for 4-H & FFA members in the Thumb! The 4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Education Programs Committee has a full year of programs planned. Examples of some topics include Basic Herdsmanship, Feedlot, Feed Mill and sale Barn Tours. This is just a few, there are many, many more!

The goal of the Beef Blast Program is to provide youth and leaders with experience that are educational, “hands-on”, and fun for all to attend. We encourage Club and Chapter involvement! The next scheduled program is **February 17th** (President Day), for a beef educational event. There will be an introduction to meat cookery identifying the basics of cooking with meat, selection, care and storage of meats, identifying the dry
heat and moist heat methods of cooking, and preparing meats using different methods. All who are interested will meet at the Marlette Livestock Auction (6381 Euclid ST. Marlette 48453). Please respond with your attendance to middle72@msu.edu.

Thumb Jackpot Show will be held in Huron County Fairgrounds. Family Night Social: **Friday, April 25th** Huron County 4-H Beef Project Families invite exhibitors and their families to the 4-H Thumb Jackpot Beef Show Family Night. All food and beverages are complimentary! Come meet Beef Project members from Macomb, Tuscola, Sanilac, St. Clair, Lapeer, Huron and Oakland counties and make new friends. Food service will be available from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. 4-H Thumb Jackpot show starting at 9:00am. Please find the 2014 Thumb Jackpot Beef Show Registration Forms, Show Information and Essay Contest Information, and the Cloverbud coloring contest on the Lapeer 4-H Website at www.msue.msu.edu/lapeer.

Due to the bad weather, Beef Leaders decided to postpone the Beef Weigh-in on Saturday, February 1st for the safety of all involved. The new Beef Weigh In date is March 1st from 9am – 12pm.

**HORSE NEWS:**
Management at the Fair Grounds would like to remind everyone using the arena during practices, that you should park trailers in the parking lot and not within the arena area. Also, please continue to clean up after your horses (i.e. manure 😊) and do not ride horses on the asphalt.

Karen Waite, PhD, MSU Equine Extension Specialist, will be attending the next Horse Leaders Committee Meeting on **February 26, 2014 at 6:30 pm** (note the earlier time) to help the committee discuss a new ride test and levels placement for next 4-H year (one year from now). All 4-H youth, parents, and leaders of all Horse Clubs are invited to attend to learn how this strategy works and has been working in other counties already. To learn more about Karen Waite, click here to read her bio: [http://www.extension.org/pages/13165/karen-waite-michigan-state-university#.UsWv1bREN6M](http://www.extension.org/pages/13165/karen-waite-michigan-state-university#.UsWv1bREN6M)

**End of Year Horse Banquet**
This year’s Horse Banquet will be held on **March 8th** at the West Goodland Methodist Church, Imlay City. Doors will open 5:30pm; dinner will be served at 6:30 and there will be a DJ from 7:00pm – 11:00pm. Cost is $5 per person or $15/family – pay at the door. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to pass and the Horse Leaders Committee will be providing pizza, salad, bread and beverages. **Please RSVP by FEBRUARY 22nd** by emailing one of the following people:

- Traci Brandt stevetraci05@earthlink.net
- Courtney Workman cworkman24@yahoo.com
- Heidi Hals heikha@hotmail.com
- Cindy Kapushinski ckapushinski@beaumont.edu

[http://www.lc4h.org](http://www.lc4h.org)

Lori Hall has been doing a wonderful job managing the Lapeer Horse Leaders Website! Please go to [http://www.lc4h.org](http://www.lc4h.org) for the latest information in the Lapeer 4-H Horse Project Area. Thanks, Lori!! 😊
SANILAC SWINE CLINIC
Sanilac County will be hosting a Swine Clinic, taught by Dr. Jake DeDecker, from MSU, on Saturday, March 8th at 9:30 am – 11:00 a.m. at the Sanilac MSU Extension Office. Please RSVP to Shelly Warczinsky at warczins@anr.msu.edu.

CAVY CLUB DONATING BREEDING PAIRS TO NEW MEMBERS!
Jeanette Byrns, Wheek-Wheek Cavy Club Leader, is offering to donate a breeding pair of guinea pigs to the first 3 youth to join her club. They will be responsible for their own supplies. Please call office for contact info. Check out pictures on Lapeer County 4-H Facebook page - super cute!

STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO
April 26, 2014, MSU
Contests:
Quiz Bowl Creative Writing
Breed Judging Educational Posters
Skill-a-thon Cookery & Foods
Illustrated talk Arts & Crafts
Problem Solving

Cost: $5 per participant, $3 per contest
Age Requirements: All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2014.
Entries due to Lapeer County MSU Office by April 9th. Call 810-667-0343 for more information.

MEATS JUDGING
2014 Meats Judging Competition will be held on April 18th at MSU. All ages 9-19 welcome. Contact Marie Curell 810-614-9390 curellm@hotmail.com or Michelle Peel 810-614-0427 curellmi@hotmail.com with questions or interest.

LAPEER COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS ...from Jean Kreiner, Camp Director
Spring is around the corner and just beyond that is summer, which means fun in the sun! This is the time of the year I start recruiting counselors for our summer camp program. If you enjoy being around kids 5-12 years of age, being outdoors, science and nature, swimming, playing games, and campfires, then come be a part of the fun by becoming a camp counselor!

There will be a Teen/Parent meeting on Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 at 7pm at the MSU Extension office downstairs in our large meeting room. Come find out what it is all about being a camp counselor! Anyone 13 years and older has the opportunity to be a camp counselor. This meeting is for all previous counselors as well as anyone
new and interested for the first time. Call the office and ask to speak with Jean if you have questions or would like more information.

HELPING HOOVES PEP...from Jean Kreiner, PEP Director
Here it is February already which means spring is just a couple months away and so is the start of our spring PEP sessions for persons with special needs or disabilities. I am looking for teen and adult volunteers as well as some volunteer horses to help with this very important and worthy opportunity we have to offer our community. If you are 14 years and older you may be a part of this club which meets once a week for 7 weeks in the spring and 7 weeks in the fall. Go to our website at www.msue.msu.edu/lapeer and click on the PEP page to learn more or call the office and speak with Jean.

ANIMAL MANIA IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY!
Saturday, March 15, 2014
Modeled after Michigan State University’s “Vet-a-Visit” program. Come explore the world of animals through interactive exhibits and demonstrations!
¨ FREE EVENT
¨ Noon to 4:00 p.m.
¨ For children and Adults of all ages
¨ McMorran Place Pavilion, Port Huron

· Stuffed animal clinic—bring or adopt a sick or injured stuffed animal to the clinic for suturing or diagnosis
· Microscope research
· Wool spinning
· Hatching chicks
· Large livestock (where does food come from) and pet animals
· Animal rescue groups
· YOUR DOG CAN DO THIS... 4-H’ers will demonstrate basic training techniques.
· Exotics—and much, much more

Bring your donations to be distributed among rescue groups, items needed: new collars (buckle and training or slip), leashes, can food lids, bandanas, toys, treats, laundry soap, bleach, dish soap, disinfectant cleaner, towels also office supplies like postage supplies, etc. Food donations need to be unopened.

Sponsored by: St. Clair County 4-H Council
Presented by: Vet Quest 4-H Club and
4-H Program Staff and Volunteers

4-H STATE AWARDS
State awards are newly revised this year and are DUE March 1st!! Please click on this link for more information and to download the application: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program .

New Lapeer County 4-H Website!!
Check out our new website! Still the same address at www.msue.msu.edu/lapeer , you will find lots of helpful information, resources, documents and a NEW CALENDAR just for Lapeer 4-H! Hopefully, this puts things at your fingertips right in your own home! I hope you find it useful and convenient. If you any suggestions or comments, just let me know.
Also, don’t forget our Facebook page “Lapeer County 4-H” for latest information! “Like” the page and if you have any suggestions about things you would like to see in the future on it, please let us know.

**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.

**FAIR**
Fair is July 29-August 2, 2014. We are looking for a new **Performing Arts and Demonstrations Superintendent**. If you are well-organized and would like to take on this position for this year’s fair, we can show you how it’s run at Spring Achievement. It’s fun and a great way to a part of the action! Call the office or email at msue44@msu.edu for more information.

**LIVESTOCK AUCTION CLERK**
The Lapeer County 4-H Livestock Committee is accepting bids for the services of an Auction Clerk for the Eastern Michigan State Fair 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction. Applicants will be responsible for all aspects of clerking the sale of over 200 4-H and FFA exhibitors’ livestock projects on July 31st, 2014, including:
- Registering of all buyers and bidders.
- Collecting all monies and fees associated with the sale of each animal/lot during the livestock auction, including billing and collections.
- Collecting shipping instructions for all animals/lots sold.
Deadline for submission is **February 9, 2014**. For a complete bid proposal description, please contact the Lapeer County MSU Extension at 810-667-0343 or george92@msu.edu.

**LIVESTOCK PHOTOGRAPHER**
The Lapeer County 4-H Livestock Committee is accepting bids for the photographing of the animals, exhibitors and buyers at the Eastern Michigan State Fair Livestock Auction. Applicants will be responsible for all aspects of photography during the sale of over 200 4-H and FFA exhibitors’ livestock projects on July 31st, 2014. **Please submit proposal and brief (4-6 images) digital portfolio no later than February 9th, 2014.**

For a complete bid proposal description, please contact the Lapeer County MSU Extension at 810-667-0343 or george92@msu.edu.
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/

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 – 20th 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. Exploration Days Registration booklets will be available for pick up in the MSU Office after March 6th.

From Julie Thelen, MSU Extension 4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science Educator...

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
The 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop will be held February 21-22, 2014 at Kettunen Center. Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animal species while attending the workshop beginning with dinner Friday evening and ending Saturday afternoon. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick, or injured animals. Meet other youth that have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of January 1, 2014) and older and is supported by Greenstone Farm Credit Services. Registration is now open and can be made by individuals, families, and county staff. Go to http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HVetWksp2014/ to register.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
The 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop will be held February 22-23, 2014 at Kettunen Center. This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, handling, evaluation, marketing, biosecurity, state awards and more. The workshop offers ways to enhance communication and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. The workshop begins with dinner Saturday evening and ends Sunday afternoon and is open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of January 1, 2014) and older. Support for the workshop is provided by Greenstone Farm Credit Services and the Michigan Pork Producers Association. Registration is now open and can be made by individuals, families, and county staff. Go to http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwine14 to register.

4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
The Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is a new five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University (MSU) in partnership with the MI 4-H Youth Development, MSU Department of Animal Science, and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Youth will explore fields relating to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities. Participants will also gain animal handling experience while also having the opportunity to visit and explore MSU farms and facilities. Throughout the week, youth will work their way through a veterinary science case study as a team and will create a presentation to be critiqued by veterinarians. This is a fun and interactive camp that will allow youth to conduct activities, ask questions and problem-solve. Additionally, this camp will help youth explore various animal related career fields while also reflecting on their experiences and community programs. Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp will be held June 23-27, 2014 on the campus of Michigan State University is for youth ages 13 to 16 years of age (as of January 1, 2014). For more information and to download the application, visit the Michigan 4-H Veterinary Science webpage: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/animal_science/veterinary_science. Space is limited to 30 youth and applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 25, 2014 by 5 p.m.
**Monthly Ongoing Meetings**

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

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

2\textsuperscript{nd} Monday  
Livestock Developmental Committee – MSU Extension, 7:30 pm

TBA  
Dog Leaders Developmental Committee – MSU Extension

3\textsuperscript{rd} Monday  
4-H Council – MSU Extension, 7 pm

TBA  
Sheep Leaders Developmental Committee

4\textsuperscript{th} 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.

**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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