Dear Lapeer 4-H Family,

Hope you’re all having a great summer break and are able to find time to slow down and enjoy the sunshine a little! Fair is almost here and we are looking forward to it and are really excited to see all of your projects! There is a lot of important fair information in this newsletter, so please read through it and call the office if you have any questions.

Warm regards,
Kathy George

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

4-H Day Camp July 15 & 16
4-H Overnight Camp July 17-20
Fair Superintendent’s Mtg July 23
Youth Council Member Apps Due July 25
Indoor Projects Judging Day August 3
Eastern Michigan State Fair August 6-10
State Horse Show August 9-11
State 4-H Dog Show August 17
Leader Update, this fall TBA

Next Year:
4-H Celebrity & Spring Auction April 4-5, 2014
Spring Achievement, N. Branch Mar 23, 2014

Fair Information
The Fair Office is open Mondays and Fridays from 12:30-5pm and phone number is 810-724-4145 for any questions regarding fair. Please visit the official website for complete rules and information at http://easternmichiganstatefair.com.
Buyers Passes – NEW THIS YEAR...
Two tickets will be mailed by Livestock Committee this year to every buyer from last year. If you are interested in buying more passes for other bidders, you will need to go to the fair office (not Livestock Committee) and purchase them for $4. They will not be giving you the tickets, rather you will give them the bidders’ names which will be sent to the will call line at the entrance. When your bidder arrives for the auction, he/she will NEED TO GO THROUGH THE "WILL CALL" GATE and give them their name for admittance. Potential buyers with exhibitor purchased passes will not be allowed to enter with an exhibitor purchased pass next year. They will need to purchase at the auction to receive their passes from the livestock committee.

Shavings for Fair
TSC in both Imlay City and Lapeer will be selling bags of shavings for fair at $4.00 ea.

Horse Project Area Fair Information from Superintendent, Patti White
Friday, July 26th at 6 PM is the horse barn cleanup time. Everybody needs to bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. We will not be getting new sand this year. Also, on another note to fair exhibitors, when thinking about stall decorations please consider covering the fronts of your stalls because they will not be painted this year.

Fun Farm Day!
We’re switching it up a bit with our popular Fun Farm Day held on Saturday Aug. 10th. This year, we are going to have fun and dress up! 😊 FFA has agreed to represent this event at the entrance gates – 6 FFA members will be dressed up as their favorite fair animal! I know there are some teens in our 4-H that would want to have fun and dress up, too! It’s only for 3 hours and doesn’t need to be a full, head-to-toe costume, maybe think ears, tails and facepaint…so be creative!!

- Each animal project area needs to select one or two teens to represent their area dressed as their animal. They are the “Go-To” people for the kids coming through all of the project areas.
- They will have two things in their hands: a postcard-size map of the fairgrounds and a goody bag. The teen for each animal project area will stamp their card and let the kids choose an item out of a basket of educational/promotional items supplied by the 4-H Office; think “Barnyard Trick-or-Treat”!
- Once they go through all of the barns, FFA Living, and Master Gardeners they will be directed to the Indoor Exhibits. They will turn their cards in for a special surprise. This little adventure will help educate children about where their food comes from, encourages them to adopt healthy eating practices, and exposes them to the fun opportunities of being in 4-H. Please see your leaders or contact your superintendent if you would like to participate, as we need one 4-H’er for every animal project area to be represented.

Attention Club Leaders
We are going to introduce a new 4-H brochure this fall and would like to update your club contact information. Jean Kreiner will be speaking with every club leader during fair to confirm the contact information. If you prefer, you can email your information to Jean any time at kreiner@msu.edu.

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) during fair week.
**Fair (Rides) Wristband Indoor Project Contest**

Once again, we will be offering 1-Day Fair rides wristbands to 10 lucky winners! For every 5 *indoor* projects entered at fair, you will be given a ticket on Judging Day, Aug. 3, to enter into a drawing for one of 10 rides wristbands, donated by the Imlay City Fair Board.

**Fair Performing Arts Participants**

If you are competing in the Performing Arts, Speeches and Demonstrations, Division AA at fair, the MSU Extension Office is requesting that you call us and let us know as soon as possible. We usually don’t get the participants list until later, but we need head counts now to plan accordingly. Call 810-667-0343 or email Kathy George at [george92@msu.edu](mailto:george92@msu.edu) and please let us know what you will be doing.

**STATE DELEGATES AND AWARD WINNERS**

**2013 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo Winners!**

Congratulations to those who attended the State Rabbit and Cavy Expo held on June 1st, 2013 at Michigan State University! Three competitors from Lucky Hoppers placed as follows:

Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging, Sr. Individual – 1st Place: Taylor Timko  
Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging, Jr. Individual – 3rd Place: Grace Corbin  
Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging, Jr. Individual – 7th Place: Kayleigh Hudson  
Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging, Sr. Team – 3rd Place: Taylor Timko, Grace Corbin, Kayleigh Hudson  
Skill-a-thon – 8th Place: Taylor Timko  
Rabbit Showmanship – 7th Place: Taylor Timko

**2013 State Horse Show Delegates**

As a result of all of their hard work and effort (and that of their leaders and parents, too) the following Lapeer County 4-H’ers have qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show & Symposium, being held on August 9-11 at Michigan State University:

1. Rachel Kanaziz  
2. John Utley  
3. Kelli Brandt  
4. Curtis Campbell  
5. Justin Campbell  
6. Rebecca Groesbeck  
7. Amanda Brandt  
8. Sam White  
9. Michelina Morgan  
10. Larissa Pettit  
11. Mary Edwards  
12. Ben Horton  
13. Makayla Pekala  
14. Cecilia Linck  
15. Alex Vanderploeg

You are to be commended for this achievement and we wish you all a successful trip – Giddy-up!!
FROM THE 4-H OFFICE

Royalty Survey Monkey
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. The results were inconclusive due to lack of responses. I will be resending out the survey one more time and am urging all families to please take a couple minutes of their time and share their input regarding this long standing tradition in our county, as your opinion matters. Please look for the email in the coming weeks and thank you in advance for your time.

Amazing Leadership Opportunity – Be a youth member of our 4-H Council
Have you ever wanted to try something new and expand on your leadership skills? The Lapeer 4-H Council will be accepting new Youth Council Members for the 2013-2014 4-H year. Council is requesting applicants write an autobiography of yourself and submit it to the MSU Extension office along with a picture of yourself by July 25th. This is a major leadership opportunity and as a member of this committee, you will have input and voting rights on crucial issues of Lapeer 4-H. You must be in grades 9-12 at the time of election and an active 4-H member to apply. Please call the MSU Extension office if you have any questions.

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!

Position Available in MSU Extension Office
MSU Extension-Lapeer County has position available for a detail-oriented, organized, self-starter as the 4-H Fundraising Coordinator, including the Annual Lapeer 4-H Spring Auction. Candidate must have experience with fundraising and volunteer management. Microsoft Access Database knowledge a plus. Position is part-time, October - June (10-20 hrs/wk average) with flexible hours, some evenings, weekends included. The purpose of this position is to coordinate all 4-H fundraising activities, including:

- Solicitation and processing of donations (on Microsoft Access Database)
- Recruiting /Directing all volunteers
- Marketing/Promotion of event
- Financial Accountability of event
- On-site Supervisor
- Analysis and Reporting of fundraiser outcomes

Interested applicants may e-mail a resume and cover letter to george92@msu.edu by Wednesday, July 24th. An EOE.
**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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