Hi Lapeer 4-H families,

We are looking forward to a great fair in a few weeks and can’t wait to see your projects! Here is a great quote...always keep trying, learning and achieving:

“No success – no matter how great – relieves you of the obligation to do more. No failure or shortcoming prevents you from turning a page and recording a fresh start or an act of redemption.

–Tom Coon, former MSU Extension Director

UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Indoor/Livestock Superintendent Meeting
-Indoor 6:00pm
-Livestock 7:00pm
July 14th

4-H Day Camp
July 15-16th

4-H Overnight Camp
July 16-19th

Indoor Fair Judging
July 26th

Fair Dates
July 29-Aug. 2nd

Fall Leader Updates
Sept. 8, 7pm
Sept. 9, 2pm
Sept. 10, 10am

CONGRATULATIONS, SAMANTHA WHITE –
2014 SENIOR STATE AWARD RECIPIENT, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
At this year’s Exploration Days, a special ceremony was held to honor those 4-H’ers who excelled in their 4-H career. Sam White was this year’s recipient of the Senior Biological Sciences State Award. Good job, Sam – way to represent Lapeer County!

Exploration Days was a big hit this year with over 2,400 youth ascending on MSU campus June 18-20th. I would like to especially thank our female CCA, Karen Aboukarroum, who did an amazing job overseeing the 10 Lapeer girls, while an MSU Extension 4-H Educator, Darren Bagley, from Genesee County was our male chaperone for our 5 boys. I would also like to thank our well-behaved Lapeer 4-H’ers on their ability to demonstrate maturity and independence while having fun!

Exploration Days Planning Team pulled out all the stops with unique events, including Sciencepalooza, where around 50 counties and MSU Departments offered hands-on activities for 4-H’ers to explore. A special appearance from MSU’s Solar Car was also a big hit! Not only that, but there was a HUGE dance and a show by a Hollywood Stuntman.

![Sparty screens dirt to search for artifacts – project hosted by MSU Campus Archeology](image)

If you would like to learn more about Exploration Days and may consider going next year, please contact the office for details. If you were one of the 15 that attended this year, please take 5 minutes at your next club meeting to tell everyone all of the great things you did and how much fun it was! We were also able to grant TWO scholarships this year, making the total cost for Lapeer County 4-H’ers only $63 for a 2 ½ day program! This is one of those special 4-H opportunities EVERY 4-H’er should do at least once, so please consider attending this program in 2015. It is such a major confidence and independence builder, as well as a great way for them to see what college may be like, making it a less scary and more attainable future.

**FAIR INFO**
**WE NEED INDOOR SUPERINTENDENTS, JUDGES AND CLERKS!!**

**Indoor Superintendent Openings for Fair**  
Conservation & Entomology  
Visual Arts – need a second person to work with Barb Linck  
Passport to Understanding

**Indoor Judge Openings for Fair**  
**Foods** – Food preparation, preservation and educational  
**Conservation & Entomology** – need judge and clerk  
**Passport to Understanding** – need judge and clerk  
**Cloverbuds** – need judge and clerk  
**Woodworking** – need judge and clerk  
**Creative Crafts** (Macrame, handicrafts, educational, Natural Crafts, Wearable Art, Ceramics, and Scrapbooking) - also need a clerk for Creative Crafts  
**Visual Arts** – Creative Writing, fine arts, drawing and painting (Sr.) – also need 2 clerks  
**Safety, Engineering and Leisure Education** – need judge and clerk
If you or someone you may know (they do not have to be involved in 4-H) has an interest in these areas and would like to participate in this fun activity, please contact the office with their name and contact information, so that we may send them some information about the position. Indoor Superintendents meet only a few times before the fair and judging takes place on one day – Saturday, July 26th.

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THIS SECTION IS A REPEAT OF LAST MONTH’S NEWSLETTER, BUT STILL A GOOD REMINDER OF FAIR ITEMS:

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, your name will be entered for a drawing on indoor judging day, July 26th, for one of 10 rides wristbands, donated by the Imlay City Fair Board. If you’re one of the lucky winners, make sure to thank one of the fair board members! Good luck!

Set Up Times
Announced at the June 9th Livestock Committee meeting - Setup for swine is Friday at 6pm and Poultry is Thursday and Friday at 5pm as long as tents are up.

Indoor/Livestock Superintendents' Meeting
We will be forgoing the potluck dinner usually held at this meeting before fair for a quicker meeting that will be on the same night as Livestock Committee, so it will be one trip to the office rather than two. I will be posting the agenda and any other materials usually printed off for this pre-fair meeting and putting it on our website for your review BEFORE the meeting. I will also be projecting any materials on a screen instead of hard copies, with the exception of any forms that a hard copy is required. This will cut down on printing costs, which are very high. I would like to move forward in this paperless direction for meetings in the future, but will provide a transition period and options for those families who cannot access items online.

Indoor Superintendent’s Meeting will meet at 6:00pm on July 14th in the board room. This needed to get pushed back ½ hour to accommodate the other 3 meetings taking place that evening. If this poses a problem for anyone in that committee, please let me know and I will provide you with some options. Livestock Superintendent’s Meeting will take place downstairs at 7:00pm. 7:30pm will be the 4-H Fair Committee and Livestock at 8pm.

Fun Farm Day
We will be holding Fun Farm Day once again just like last year! So teens in the livestock tents, dig out your costumes to represent your project area! For all of the committee meetings, please add this to your agenda for your next meeting to ensure you have a small group of youth to work this fun community service event. This also works to promote 4-H and provide a snapshot education of where our food actually comes from!

I will be ordering all of the goodies to pass out to the youth in the community, who come visit each of the tents with their postcards to stamp. If anyone would like to help plan this day – last Saturday of fair – or has suggestions to make this event even better, please let me know at george92@msu.edu. I would love to hear from our 4-H’ers with their ideas!! Here’s the general details:

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.
There once was a boy, won ribbons, mostly blue,
Came home from the fair, with a big trophy too.
With a voice glad and proud, he said to his dad,
"Tis the very best year that I've ever had."
Said his very wise Dad, "Son, I'd like to hear,
Why you think this was such a fine year."
"Why, Dad you know, all the prizes I've won;
How I've come out on top, in most things I've done.
Just look at the ribbons that hang on my wall,
And think of the money, I've made since last fall.
From premium checks, and a big auction price,
You can't help but think cash and ribbons are nice."
But the man said, "My son, you're not thinking right,
Blue ribbons, 'tis true are better than white;
But ribbons will fade and trophies grow old,
Money's soon spent, and fame soon grows cold.
The important things, son, are not ribbons or pins,
And sometimes it's really the loser who wins;
Now here are the things, most important, it's true,
Your 4-H experience has accomplished for you.
"You've seen how a business meeting is run,
This knowledge will help you in years to come.
You've conquered the fear of addressing a crowd,
You've learned how to stand up and talk nice and loud."
"Patience you've learned, in your projects, too,
As well as your skills, that will always help you.
You've learned to cooperate with majority rule,
To give in with grace and not be a fool,
Who must always have his very own way.
Be it in club work, in school or at play.
You've learned how to lose, without making a 'beef',
You know the judge judges to her best belief.
You've learned how to win, without boasting too loud,
A kid can lose friends, if he's overly proud."
"These are the things, most important to you.
You'll remember and use them all your life through.
They'll help you become a mighty fine man,
They'll do more for you, than any prize can."
-Anonymous
Lapeer County 4-H Goat Showmanship Clinic – BIG SUCCESS!!
The Goat Developmental Committee organized a great clinic for over 40 youth from Lapeer and out of county, as well. What a great day and helpful information the two presenters offered, Jan Kelley and Dave White. The clinic was funded by Lapeer County Farm Bureau – thanks, Farm Bureau!!

Leaders – Year End Paperwork and Leader Update
It will be here before we know it – Year End paperwork DUE DECEMBER 1: Annual Summary Financial Report, Financial Audit Review and the Inventory record. These items will be distributed at the 3 Leader Updates scheduled for the following dates:
Monday, September 8th at 7:00pm (right before the Livestock Committee-please don’t schedule other committee meetings this night)
Tuesday, September 9th at 2 pm
Wednesday, September 10th at 10am

MSU Livestock Calendar
Please click on the following link to see the 2013-2014 MSU Livestock Calendar:

Most current events coming up on campus are:
July 17 State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest MSU Pavilion
July 17-20 Michigan Livestock Expo MSU Pavilion
July 21-25 MI Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Days MSU Pavilion
July 25 State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest MSU, Anthony Hall
August 9 State 4-H Dog Show MSU Pavilion
August 15-17 State 4-H Horse Show MSU Pavilion
All Tigers tickets were distributed for a total of 180 tickets! I hope everyone had fun! I will continue to request Tigers tickets annually!

Since I did not receive that much response for Cedar Point discounted tickets, I will revisit this in the Fall for their Halloween season.

### Monthly Ongoing Meetings

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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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