Dear Lapeer 4-H Family,

Summer is almost here! Please take a few minutes to check out our newsletter for important information and dates for the upcoming few months. Any questions, please call me at 810-667-0343 or email at george92@msu.edu.

I want to take a minute to thank all of the volunteers and parents that have helped this year so far in giving generously of their time and efforts in making Lapeer 4-H such a great organization that truly cares about our kids and positive youth development. It’s been great getting to know many of you and I’m honored to be a part of it all.

I am currently researching new options for fun and innovative programming through MSU Extension – stay tuned! If you have a suggestion for a new club, workshop, or activity, just send me an email and I will research it.

Thanks again for being part of the action!

Sincerely,
Kathy George

In this newsletter, we have many activities and opportunities coming up along with their deadlines which are fast approaching! Please see below for a list of all the Lapeer 4-H calendar and deadlines:

**Breakfast on the Farm, Jeddo, Mi June 15**
**Fair Registration Days**
June 15
(9am – 4pm)
June 21
(12pm-4pm)
June 22
(9am-4pm)

**Critter Catchers Grant Deadline**
June 15

**MSU Exploration Days**
June 19-21

**Citizenship Wash. Focus Trip**
June 22-29

**State Goat Show**
June 29

**Horse Camp**
July 11-13

**4-H Day Camp**
July 15 & 16

**4-H Overnight Camp**
July 17-20

**Youth Council Member Apps Due**
July 25

**Eastern Michigan State Fair**
1st wk of Aug

**Indoor Projects Judging Day**
August 3

**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
2013 Fair Registration
The above fair registration dates are for walk-in registration at the fairgrounds office. You may also register online at www.easternmichiganstatefair.com, starting 6/3/13, and then print out online registration and mail along with check to the Imlay City Fairgrounds office, PO BOX 55, Imlay City, MI 48444. All registrations and payments must be postmarked by June 29th. Please keep a copy of your registration!

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.

Senior Scholarships Applications are out!
Those eligible to apply for one of three Lapeer 4-H Scholarships were mailed an application a few weeks ago. Applications and transcripts are due no later than 5 pm, June 28th.

1st Annual Stonegate Health Campus Landscaping Day
Activities Director, Matthew Gepford, invited 4-H to their facility to plant gardens and flower pots with their residents on May 25th. A big thank you to two clubs who volunteered to come out and spend the morning getting to know some of the great residents of Stonegate (new complex by Meijer in Lapeer). Members of Young Pioneers and Burnside Busy Bees were wonderful and really had a great time planting flowers, weeding and talking with residents. The youth from Young Pioneers even made a “Lapeer 4-H Stepping Stone” for Stonegate’s garden! The residents really appreciate the company and we are planning to return to Stonegate to make this an annual event as well as keeping up the gardens this summer. Proud of our Lapeer 4-H’ers! Pictured are: Cecelia Linck, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Noah, Zack, and Pam Schumitsch, Jacob Huemiller, and Abbigail Putman.

If you or your club is interested in making a difference in the community, like Young Pioneers and Burnside Busy Bees, please call the office or email me at george92@msu.edu. Do you have any other community service ideas? Let me know and I will look into organizing it!

Did You Know?!

- In the last year alone, more than 26,000 Michigan 4-H volunteers donated an average of 10 hours per month to the 4-H program, valued at nearly $70 million annually.

- 4-H screened nearly 2,000 volunteer applicants and trained almost 1,900 new volunteers in 2011-2012 year.

- After youth went through 4-H club officer training, 89% said they can select from ideas and develop an action plan, a 45% increase from before the training.

Through 4-H, Michigan’s youth are more prepared to do well in school, more interested in science and technology, more knowledgeable of the world outside their community, and more prepared to be tomorrow’s leaders and entrepreneurs. This would not be possible without our 4-H volunteers. Thank you, volunteers, for all that you do and for making a difference!!
**Poultry Project Area**
Pen sheets and $1.00 per cage are due to leaders in order for them to submit to Superintendents (the Straight’s) by **July 1st**.

**Poultry Cover Design Contest** – Entries for the Poultry Program Cover will be accepted no later than **Monday, July 1st** at the MSUE office by 5 pm. Entries must be hand drawn, black and white and fit on a 5” x 7” sheet of paper. Please write name lightly on back of drawing and good cluck! 😊

![Chicken and Rooster](image)

**Mark your calendar for Lapeer 4-H Horse Camp!**
Come join the fun on **July 11-13** at the Imlay City Fairgrounds as we learn about our horses inside and out and have fun with horse games! There will be a minimal cost and more details to follow in the upcoming weeks, so keep your ears open!

![Horse](image)

**MSU Exploration Days**
Over 2,500 participants have registered for this year’s Exploration Days! For those of you who were registered to attend the MSU Exploration Days this June and were unable to attend the Orientation Night, please contact Kathy and make an appointment to complete paperwork. We have 16 youth attending this great experience! For more information go to: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days

**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 June 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.

**Critter Catcher’s Grant Opportunity**
This great grant opportunity is about to expire, so if you would like to take advantage of this funding, please call the MSUE office by **June 15th**. In short, this grant allows a 4-H’er to be loaned money to purchase (or reimburse) a market animal. Once animal is raised and sold at auction, loan will be repaid, plus 5%, and 20% of the sale price goes towards any charity of your choice. The balance of the sale price is left as profit to the youth. This is a great way to add an additional market animal, or try raising one for the first time, as well as doing something good for your favorite charity.
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, starting in June for the July newsletter.

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, starting in June for the July newsletter. Go ahead, you know you’re awesome, tell us about it!

Family Farm & Home – 10% Discount
Family Farm & Home in Almont is offering active 4-H youth a 10% discount on their products that relate directly to your project. Youth must be present when purchasing and you will also need to complete a form for their records. Please see store for more details.

888 North Van Dyke
Almont, MI 48003
Monday thru Saturday 8am - 8pm | Sunday 10am - 5pm.
Phone: 810-798-0105

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.

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

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or veteran status.