Hello Lapeer County 4-H Family,

Welcome to the new and improved newsletter! Every month we will be sending out the newsletter in this format and we hope you like it and are brought up to date with all of the great “goings-on” in the 4-H world, both local and statewide. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know! In the newsletter, you will see first the local information, followed by all of our statewide happenings. We want to know what you’re doing at club meetings and events, so please send me pictures (with a short description) to george92@msu.edu of what you are doing in your clubs and I will put them in the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,
Kathy George
Program Coordinator

2015 Auction is coming…

The Auction’s Pancake Breakfast will be open for bids this year from clubs. This will be run in the same way as concessions, as the club will be participating in this project as an entrepreneur with purchasing all supplies as well as keeping all profits. Look for the upcoming letter with attached proposal form to be completed by January 31, 2015.

Don’t forget about the club baskets! Start now with deciding the theme and collecting (or fundraising for) the items. They were a huge hit last year and portions of the sale went back to the clubs...a win-win!

Becoming a visitor to collect donations is a great way for some to volunteer, who cannot commit to long term volunteering. Visitors collect donations from the late Fall through April within a specific section of the county. Sections have been remapped this year to be smaller and more convenient. If you or someone you know would like to support 4-H this way, please call Tiffanie Osburn at the office or email at osburnti@msu.edu.
COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H County Workshops
4-H Outdoor Education Day, Hunters Creek Hunt Club  Sun., October 26, 1-5pm
R.E.L.A.X.: Alternatives to Anger  October 30, 6-9 pm

Other County Events
TSC Paper Clover Campaign  October 8-19th
4-H Fair Committee Meeting  October 13, 7:30pm—Downstairs
Livestock Committee Meeting  Oct. 13, 8pm, Nov. 10
Goat Committee Meeting  October 13, 6:30pm—Upstairs
Swine Committee Meeting  October 13, 6:30pm—Downstairs, small meeting room
Fall Leader Updates  Wed., October 15, 7pm
Poultry Committee Meeting  Thurs, Oct. 16, 10am & 2pm
Horse Committee Meeting  Mon., Oct. 20, 6pm (before Annual Council Meeting)
Annual 4-H Council Meeting, Elections/Year Review  October 20th, 7pm
Auction Committee Meeting  October 22, 7pm—Downstairs
County Youth/Adult Nomination Forms Due  October 20th, 7pm
Year-end Paperwork Day (for Adm. Leaders Only)  November 3rd, 7pm
Club/Committee Enrollment Forms and Year End Paperwork Due  Monday, Nov. 3rd

2015 Events
Mock Interview Workshop  January 13th
Interview Night  January 27th
Spring Achievement, N. Branch  March 21st
4-H Celebrity & Spring Auction  April 10-11th

“Go for it!”

“The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but reveal to them their own.” ~ Disraeli

LIFE NEEDS
MORE 4-H’ERS

Go for it!]
Lapeer County 4-H Youth Nomination Form is Out!
Nominate! Nominate! Nominate!!!
DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Everyone received an email with the youth nomination form attached this week. Those without email addresses received it through the mail. Please, please, please nominate youth for these wonderful opportunities! The following opportunities are available through the nomination process:

- **All Around Medals**—Achievement, Agriculture, Citizenship, or Leadership
- **County Awards**—Ambassador Court, Key Club, Capitol Experience (trip-Lansing), Citizenship Washington Focus (trip-Washington D.C.), and National 4-H Congress (trip-Atlanta).
- **County Project Medals**—Many to choose from

Don't forget that a parent, 4-H leader or a 4-H'er may nominate/self-nominate for any of these awards!

We also have available on our website the adult and club nomination awards, which are as follows (*will also be available at Leader Updates*):

- **Meritorious Service Award** (Leaders with 1-5 years in 4-H)
- **Outstanding Lifetime Leader Award** (Leaders with 6+ years in 4-H)
- **Friend of 4-H** (4-H supporter who is not in 4-H - a person or a business/organization)
- **Leader of the Year** (Most outstanding support and involvement in 4-H Program in the most recent 4-H year)
- **Club Fun Social Award**
- **Club Community Service Award**
- **Club Educational Award**

Please visit www.msue.msu.edu/lapeer; click on “4-H Resources, Forms and Downloads” on left side of screen and scroll down to find award applications.
**TSC Paper Clover Campaign**

The campaign is currently running, October 8-19th. If your club would like to show their support, please call either TSC to come in and help out or simply pass out 4-H flyers. The office can provide materials, table and chairs.

TSC Lapeer  (810) 664-1831  
TSC Imlay City  (810) 721-1613

**100th Anniversary Celebration**

We had a great time at the MSU Extension’s 100th Anniversary Celebration held on October 2nd! State Representative Kevin Daley came to show his support with 4-H along with over 100 people in the community. This was a great opportunity to show MSU Extension’s appreciation of all of our supporters over the years as well as highlight what’s new at Extension!

**2014 Great Lakes Agricultural Fair Gold Ribbon Scholarship Program**

4-H members of any age who have participated in their county fair in 2014 are invited to complete an application for the Great Lakes Agricultural Fair Gold Ribbon Scholarship Program. This program was started in 2013 and will again award two scholarships ($1,000 and $500) to youth involved in three different categories – Large Livestock, Small Animals, and Static Exhibits. Written applications are due by November 1, 2014 and should be sent to Steve Thelen, 7821 Weber Road, Saline, MI 48176.

Up to one applicant in each category from each fair will then be selected to give an oral presentation and be interviewed during the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions meeting in Grand Rapids on Saturday, January 10, 2015. The six winners will be selected based on their application, presentation and interview. The scholarship recipients will be announced on January 10th in Grand Rapids. An application is attached and can also be found at [www.miglaf.org](http://www.miglaf.org).

**PEP...Jean Kreiner, PEP Director**

Help Needed!

For the first time in 9 years PEP (Proud Equestrian Program) was unable to hold our fall riding sessions due to lack of volunteers and volunteer horses. To be a volunteer, one must be at least 14 years of age and enjoy helping others. Horses would need to be calm and not spooked by loud noises and lead well. If you think you might be interested in helping for our spring sessions or have questions about the program, then please call the office and speak with Jean.
Leaders’ Page

Potential Member Communication Problems

We have been receiving many, many calls in the office from parents who are interested in joining 4-H and have tried contacting leaders by phone many times, without success. A few have decided to seek 4-H clubs in neighboring counties because of this...ouch, that hurts! It is VERY important to call these folks back and present a good first impression, by returning calls in a timely manner and providing information.

If you are struggling with making these return calls, please feel free to forward the phone numbers to the office and any information you would like to share with them, such as meeting dates and location. We will call them back for you, so that, 1) we ensure parents receive the information they seek and, 2) we continue to increase our youth numbers. Remember, youth come with parents and that’s more help for you!

Year End Paperwork — No need to come in...

We will be holding one day in which to schedule your Year End Paperwork appointments, if you would like to meet with us personally, November 12th from 10am—7pm. If you do not have questions for Jean or me regarding your year end paperwork, you may mail, fax, scan/email it in. We will contact you with questions after we review the paperwork, if necessary. All completed paperwork is due in by Monday, December 1st.

New Database Transition

The biggest topic of discussion in 4-H currently is the enrollment process and how the upcoming database transition will affect our normal process. More direction from campus is still to come. However, we were approved to provide a contact information sheet to NEW members that are not yet enrolled from last year. We will still not accept any money at this time and these new families will still need to enroll online like the rest when it is available. We have copies of those forms in the office, if you would like one for a new family. We can also email them to you, upon request. I am not going to put it on our website, since I believe this form will not be around for long and we will be transitioning into the online registration system soon.

If families are uncomfortable with the upcoming online enrollment process, we are inviting anyone to come into the office to enroll on an Ipad here, with our assistance. You will also have the option to pay cash or check in the office, even if you enroll online. We do not want leaders to enroll youth, as families will need to create a unique ID and password. Leaders will also have the control of seeing who is enrolling in their club and having the final approval of the enrollments.
4-H Scholarships

Are you – or do you know – a 4-H member who could use support in pursuing a college education? If so, read on and be sure to visit the Michigan 4-H Scholarships web site (http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships) for all of the details.

**General Eligibility**

General requirements include the following:

- 4-H involvement at county, regional, state, national and international levels
- Outstanding achievement in 4-H
- Scholastic excellence
- A broad range of 4-H experiences and project involvement
- Leadership and citizenship contributions within and outside of 4-H
- Financial need (applies to 4-H Rabbit/Cavy scholarship only)

**Michigan 4-H Youth Development Scholarships**

The 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship is the only one available through this application for 2014. Two to four scholarships will be awarded. Specific requirements and details include:

- Applicants must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.
- Applicants must be college freshmen in the Fall 2015.
- The award amount varies.
- The application is due by November 1, 2014.

**Michigan State University Scholarships**

Six of these scholarships are given each year. Although the application and more details are available on the Michigan 4-H Scholarships web site, specific information and requirements include:

- Applicants must be 4-H members who are high-school seniors in 2014-15.
- Applicants must meet MSU’s standard admissions requirements.
- Applicants must apply to MSU on the application found at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/Scholarships/MSU_4H_Scholarship_App_2014.pdf. (A Word version is also available on the web site.)
- The award amount is $2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU.
- The application is due by November 1, 2014.

**Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships**

The Michigan 4-H Foundation (http://mi4hfdtn.org) offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these scholarships; recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Youth Development Scholarship applicant pool.

**Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarships**

Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following involvement in an MSU precollege program may apply. If selected, $2,000 will be applied toward the student’s first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Full requirements and application information are found at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships.

Let's get the 4-H clover all over Facebook for National 4-H Week 2014, October 5 to 11! Show your 4-H face by changing your profile picture to one of the 4-H icons posted on the Michigan 4-H page http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/show_your_4_h_face. Be proud: Celebrate your 4-H connection by telling the world if you are a member, mentor, alum, supporter, volunteer or parent. If you are on Twitter and Instagram don’t forget to use #MI4HFace.
**Attention…**

**Become a 4-H volunteer!**

Michigan 4-H has a goal of recruiting 8,000 new volunteers in the 2014-2015 program year. Would you or someone you know make a great 4-H volunteer? There are many ways to get involved: help at camp, teach a workshop, lead a club, chaperone an event, lend your professional skills, help at the fair and more!

Contact the county MSU Extension office at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county) to learn more about becoming a 4-H volunteer today. By giving your time, you’ll help youth achieve big dreams and prepare for the future. After all, life’s little questions aren’t meant to be answered alone.

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**4-H Workshops**

**2014**

October 4-5: Michigan 4-H Goat Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4Hgoats14](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4Hgoats14)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 8-9: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=CEC2014](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=CEC2014)
Tawas Bay Playhouse, East Tawas

October 11-12: Michigan 4-H Telling Your Story Workshop
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HTellYourStory14](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HTellYourStory14)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 18-19: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HVisualArts14](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HVisualArts14)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 25-26: 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HPEP14](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HPEP14)
W. K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

November 1-2: Michigan 4-H Poultry Science Teen & Adult Workshop
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HPoultry2014](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HPoultry2014)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 14-16: 2014 Multi-State Horse Judges Conference
Crowne Plaza Lansing West, Lansing

November 21-23: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HHorseLeaders14](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HHorseLeaders14)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 21-23: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAdvisoryRetreat14](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAdvisoryRetreat14)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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**Other 4-H Events**

October 4: MSU Extension 4-H Tech Wizards Symposium
Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Detroit

October 8: 4-H National Youth Science Day: Rockets to the Rescue
[http://www.4-h.org/NYSD](http://www.4-h.org/NYSD)
Nationwide

October 18: Fall Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)