Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

There’s lots of good information in this month’s newsletter, including the Annual Lapeer County 4-H Year In Review from last night’s Annual Council Meeting! If you are interested in being on council, there is one 2-year adult term and 2 youth seats available. Please come to the next meeting and let us know you’re interested!

Also, now is the time to reenroll online! Administrative leaders, please get the yellow enrollment sheet to Brenda, reenroll yourself and THEN Brenda approves you so you can open up your club’s account to see which members have reenrolled and who still need to do so. This is also the time where you approve any pending members. I know it’s a lot of steps, so just call if you need help :).

Kathy George

Calendar of Events
(Small meeting room=SMR; Lg. meeting room=LMR (Downstairs); Board Room=BR)

- Auction Committee  October 19, 5:30 pm, BR
- Horse Committee  October 19, 7pm BR
- Fairboard Annual Meeting  October 26, 8pm Imlay City Office
- Fairboard Meeting  November 2, 7pm Imlay City Office
- Nomination Forms Due:  November 7
- Livestock Committee (awards subcomm. @6:30)  November 14, 7:30 LMR
- Poultry Committee  November 14, 6pm BR
- Indoor Committee  November 15, 6pm BR
- Auction Committee  November 16, 5:30 pm, BR
- Horse Committee (Subcomm. @6-BR)  November 16, 7pm BR
- Dog Leaders  November 21, 5:30 pm, Office
- Council  November 21, 7pm BR
- Club/Committee Enrollment Deadline:  December 1
- Year End Financials Due (Admin. Leaders Only)  December 12
- Goat Committee  January 9, 6pm BR
- Mock Interviews Workshop:  January 10, 2017
- Interview Night:  January 24, 2017
- Swine Committee  February 13, 6:30pm LMR
- Spring Achievement:  March 11, 2017

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Livestock Committee November Meeting

Monday, November 14th at 7:30pm is the next Livestock Committee meeting. All fairbook changes, which will be in place for the next 3 years, will be voted on at this time. You will need to have attended 6 meetings from January 2016 to this upcoming November meeting in order to be eligible to vote. Even if you are not eligible to vote, you can still have input with your comments. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting if you are in livestock projects.

Elections were held this month and officers for the 2016-17 year are:
President—Liz Schapman
Vice President—Andrea Mette
Secretary—Michelle Peel
Treasurer—Virginia Ankley

Zoonotic Kits

We have another zoonotic kit for every club in the office. These are fun and educational, hands-on kits to help teach youth about disease prevention between human and animals. Stop by and pick your kits up the next time you’re in! Suggestion—give them to your teen members to learn and teach to the younger youth:).

Club, Adult and Member Award Nominations-

ALL DUE NOV. 7—also found on our website:
(Please click for link to applications)
Adult Nomination Form—Friend of 4-H and 4-H Council
4-H Youth Nomination Form—All Around Medals, Ambassador Court, Key Club, 4-H Capitol Experience, Citizenship Washington Focus, 4-H Congress and Project Medals
Leader Recognition Awards Application—Meritorious Service Award, Outstanding Lifetime Leader Award
Leader of the Year Application
Club Fun Social Award—$50 Award
Club Community Service Award—$50 Award
Club Education Award—$50 Award

New Educational Ideas!

Educators from campus are interested in teaching leaders in these exciting new project ideas! Opportunities include:

Learn, Grow, Eat & Go  - This is a Jr. Master Gardening Curriculum from Texas A&M
Rain Gardens  - Great community building opportunity (to learn more check out http://bit.ly/2doM6lS )
Golf SPIN Club  - Career in the golf industry and learning to golf
Plant Based Spa Products  - An Entrepreneurial project
The Science of Chocolate  – This one is super tasty!

If you’re interested in attending a workshop in order to work on these projects in your clubs, please call the office!
@lapeercounty4h is now on Twitter and Instagram!

Besides our Facebook page, Lapeer County 4-H, we are now on Twitter and Instagram! Check us out and follow! Post your pictures of you in action at 4-H meetings and events (media release must be signed in your online enrollment) and share how great 4-H is and the cool things you’re learning and doing every day!

**Summer Camp:**

The next Camp Counselor training will be held in November. Watch county facebook and emails for specific dates and times.

**PEP**

Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30—7:30pm will be an indoor PEP meeting at the extension office (board room). This will be an informational and have an activity.

**2017 Auction is coming...**

I am looking forward to another year of preparing for our Spring Auction! Our dates are a little earlier this year, March 31 and April 1st. Currently, I am working on mapping areas of businesses to distribute to clubs again. The youth will only have 1-3 businesses approximately to visit over a the winter and early Spring. This makes the auction possible and it is extremely important to ensure that this auction is a success as this is our only fundraiser and source of income for Lapeer County 4-H programming. We are working on getting the maps out as early as possible to give youth enough time to visit. The business owners do like to see the 4-H’ers as well and this is another way they can show the community that they have ownership, pride in their own program and appreciate their support. We are also going to strive to make the due date for all items to be brought in a little earlier as well, which will help the volunteers, who coordinate the organized chaos:) at the office and on site.

The Auction’s Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be open for bids this year from clubs. Proposal form must be completed by **December 15, 2016**. 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!
2015-2016 Lapeer County 4-H Year In Review

Lapeer County 4-H continues to provide exceptional educational experience for youth, thanks to the 132 leaders and 117 teen leaders, who dedicated their time to 462 members in 42 4-H clubs.

4 New clubs, including one new spin club, formed in the 2015-16 year, while 3 disbanded.

Lapeer County 4-H recognition: 23 project medals were awarded, while 11 County (All Around) Awards were awarded. Krafty Kids received the club award for Community Service, Moo Crew received the Fun and Social Club Award, while the Goat Committee received the Educational Club Award. In state awards, delegates were Jonah Haskins in Dairy Cattle Science, and Kayla Aboukarroum in Healthy Lifestyles. Kayla was awarded the senior award in Healthy Lifestyles. Young Livestock Leaders were also state assembly delegates for the group award.

Ian Conley earned a scholarship funded by 4-H Council to attend the 2016 4-H Capitol Experience. Ashley Gibbs and Jonah Haskins were both awarded the Michigan 4-H Key Club Award, a top county 4-H honor. Council also funded scholarships to National 4-H Congress and Citizenship Washington Focus to Jennifer Gibbs. Elizabeth Schumitsch also earned a scholarship to CWF.

Outstanding youth in Lapeer were recognized for their academic and 4-H involvement with a number of scholarships:

- Amanda Brandt, Rebecca Groesbeck: $500 Council Scholarship each
- Emily Pewinski: $1,000 Novotney Scholarship
- Rebecca Groesbeck: $1,000 Dawn Childers Memorial Scholarship
- $3,000 Total

Friend of 4-H Awards went to Mulefoot Gastropub for their support of the Livestock Auction BBQ. The prestigious 4-H Leader of the Year was presented to Cindy Childs from 4-H Explorers Club. Patti White from Flying Hooves Club was awarded the Outstanding Lifetime Leader Award. Jodi Conley from Dyna Mutts 4-H Club was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. Kayla Aboukarroum and Ashley Gibbs earned a seat on Council for the 2016-17 year, while Ashley and Jennifer Gibbs, Cecelia Linck and Jessica Childs served well on the 2015-16 Council.

The 2016 4-H Spring and Celebrity Auction’s total revenue was $41,507 netting $26,949. This year was Tammy Vanderford’s first Auction as Auction Coordinator and she did a great job. 4-H members were asked to collect donations this year. Businesses were happy to see the youth, who collected many items to support their program.

At the 2016 Spring Achievement/Style Revue, 4-H’ers entered 490 projects, with 257 that were actually brought to the judging that day. This year, the event was held at North Branch Wesleyan Church and the facility was well liked by all. It has been booked for the 2017 Spring Achievement.

Ambassador Court consisted of 3 Senior Ambassadors, Theresa Austin, Ian Conley and Jennifer Gibbs and 3 Junior, Emma Bloss, Veronica Tuttle and Emily VandenBerghe. Ambassadors planned and executed the Teen Dance at fair, attended three parades in the county, represented 4-H at events, such as North Branch “Meet the Teacher Night” as well as community service for Paradise Pet Rescue.

Jurassic Park Lapeer County 4-H Camp was a huge success. Fun was had by all from campers to counselors to adult staff and visitors. Day camp consisted of 8 campers and 8 counselors. Overnight Camp consisted of 54 campers, 13 teen counselors and 8 adult camp staff. Campers were taught by an instructor on how to paint dinosaurs on canvas as well as going for a “dinosaur dig”.

PEP committee held 2 meetings this year and youth created indoor projects and attended Spring Achievement/Style Revue for judging. Jean Kreiner attended a PEP Instructor Update this year.
4-H Workshops

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 1: Explaining Environmental Education II
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=8226C72D72752E
Your computer

November 3: Explaining Environmental Education II
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=8226C72D72752E
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November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=F0D31B72D9982345
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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January 28-29: Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular
Contact Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

November 5: Michigan 4-H Night (Detroit Pistons vs. Denver Nuggets)
https://palace.tfaforms.net/115
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress
http://national4-hcongress.com
Atlanta, Georgia

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January 22: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Contact Jane Love (lovejan@msu.edu)
Jack Breslin Events Center, East Lansing

January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Have You Heard of the Michigan 4-H China Project?

In the 27 years since the Michigan 4-H China Project began, it has impacted 350,000 plus young people. One of the secrets of its amazing success is that this Michigan 4-H global education program, conducted in cooperation with the People’s Republic of China, uses the arts to achieve cross-cultural exchanges.

Through this project, participants:
- Realize the many similarities between their lives and youth their age halfway around the world;
- Develop awareness, understanding and appreciation of other cultures;
- Gain a sense of being part of one world, whether they live in Michigan or in Shandong Province;
- Have a significant learning experience that includes language, social studies, natural science and the arts;
- Receive in-depth information about a country that (1) has the world’s oldest (3,500 plus years) culture, one rich in the arts, science and philosophy, (2) is home to the world’s fastest-growing economy, (3) has a fifth of the world’s population and (4) is the world’s third largest country.

The Michigan 4-H China Project is comprised of the following:

Discover the Children of China Audiovisual Program (Ages: Kindergarten through 4th Grade)
This six-minute long audiovisual program, which contains a discussion guide, encourages children to think about the daily lives of children their own age who live in China. Visits to elementary classrooms, playgrounds and after-school art activities are included.

The Michigan 4-H Children’s Art Exchange (Ages: Kindergarten through 6th Grade)
In this popular program, Michigan youth create “visual letters” representing their story, life and reality to be sent to Chinese youth of the same age. The “letters” use young people’s creative skills and abilities while, simultaneously, reducing and often eliminating language barriers between the children. Usually in early May, a selection of Michigan artwork is sent to as a gift to the children of China.

Teaching Kits
Unique kits are available to facilitate teaching about China and making art. Each kit consists of nine or 10 original pictures by Chinese children, a study guide and a description of the pictures in the kit. The description of the pictures in Kit A can be found here. Kits are available for year-round use.

Visual Letters – The Art of Michigan Children (Traveling Art Exhibit)
To view a selection of Michigan artwork from past 4-H Children’s Art Exchange traveling exhibits, click on the year found on the web. (Note: In Internet Explorer, Adobe PDF files will open in full-screen mode. To advance or go back, press the right and left arrow keys. Press escape to leave full-screen mode.)

Chinese Children’s Ribbon Dance Kit
This kit consists of 12 ribbon wands, dance instructions and an audiotape of music and dance. The dances are easy to learn and the ribbon sticks are also fun for children to use in creating their own dances.

Discover Chinese Dance Activity Kit (Ages: Kindergarten through 6th Grade)
The kit, filled with silk dance costumes, papier-mâché masks, rice straw hats, ribbon sticks and music for the Chinese Children’s Ribbon Dance, helps youth learn about Chinese classical and folk dance.

For more information about participating in the Michigan 4-H China Project, contact your local MSU Extension 4-H staff.