



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

November/December 2014

Hello Lapeer County 4-H Family,

On behalf of the Lapeer County 4-H Office, we wish our 4-H'ers, Leaders and families a wonderful holiday season! If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office. Happy Holidays,

Sincerely,

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BB Gun Instruction



A Big Thank You...

To those volunteers who lead the Lapeer County 4-H Outdoor Education Day held on October 26th at Hunters Creek Hunt Club, Metamora. Carlene and Larry Turrell, John and Heather Seidell from Hot Shots 4-H Club offered their expertise and the youth had a great time learning something new. Other volunteers were Cheryl Holland and Glenn Ream from Gleaner Life Insurance Society, and Bill and Carole Gilmore. Hunters Den, Lapeer, donated great prizes for a youth drawing.

Youth ages 9-19 were treated to an afternoon of education in BB Guns, Archery and Pheasant Hunting. We would also like to thank Lapeer Pheasants Forever for leading a great Pheasant Hunting demo. 7 of their members with sport dogs at their side, demonstrated the sport with pheasants donated from Hunters Creek Hunt Club. Check out their Facebook page with the event pictures at "Lapeer County Pheasants Forever." Please watch for more Lapeer County Outdoor Education events!



Pheasant Hunting Demo



County Events

Year End Paperwork Due (Adm. Leaders only)	December 1
Fair Board Meeting	December 3, 7pm
State/County Award Application Workshop	December 10, 2014

2015 Events

Horse Committee Meeting	January 6, 7pm-Downstairs
Poultry Committee Meeting	January 9, 7pm-Upstairs
Goat Committee Meeting	January 12, 6:00pm— Upstairs
Livestock Committee Meeting	January 12, 8pm- Downstairs
Rabbit Committee Meeting	January 12, after Livestock
Mock Interview Workshop	January 13th
Beef Leaders Meeting	January 18 @ Ed Tech
4-H Council Meeting	January 19, 7pm-Upstairs
Auction Committee Meeting	January 19, 6pm
Interview Night	January 27th
Swine Committee Meeting	February 2015
Spring Achievement, N. Branch	March 21st
4-H Celebrity & Spring Auction	April 10-11 th



**STAND TALL
THINK TALL
SMILE TALL
LIVE TALL**

Parents and Leaders...

We would like to share the great opportunities 4-H has to offer by going to elementary schools in the county. We are looking for adults and/or youth to do a fun 4-H presentation or demo at schools. If you are involved with your elementary, would you consider promoting 4-H at your school? We would provide the necessary materials, so please call the office or email george92@msu.edu to find out more or volunteer at promoting our awesome organization!

Horse Shows Concessions—Fundraising Opportunity!

Does your club want to make some cash for 4-H activities??! Well, the Horse Leaders Committee is inviting any 4-H club to do a concessions stand at their 3 horse shows coming up this Spring (likely end of May and in June). Your club can do one or all three! Your club will be responsible for all expenses and setting up/tear down, but all profits remain with your club. First come, first served, so please email Courtney Workman, Horse Leaders Committee President with questions or to sign up at cworkman24@yahoo.com.

We need to start another Dog Agility Club!!

We have a lot of youth interested in this fun project area and would like to start another club on the west or south side of the county. You don't need to have a background in dog agility, so call the office if you're interested in becoming a club leader.

Leaders...

Please make every effort to return calls in a timely manner of parents looking to sign their children up in your clubs. We are getting numerous calls from frustrated parents, who cannot make contact with leaders. We all must keep in mind that our organization needs new youth in order to maintain or grow. If you are not able to return a call, please notify the office so that we can do it for you and/or refer them to another club.

Lapeer County 4-H Pinterest Page Coming Soon!

A Lapeer County 4-H Pinterest page is being created and we invite our leaders and 4-H families to check it out when it's complete! Show what your club is doing or if you have a great idea, crafts, yummy recipes, educational bits of knowledge to share, please pin it! We ask that minors' images not be used unless they have a media release in the office (please check first) or you are pinning images of your own child. Check out National 4-H and Michigan 4-H Pinterest pages for great ideas!



The office has made enrollment packets for every club. Some have picked them up already. We have packets for the following clubs ready to be picked up:

Lapeer Livestock

Almont Swine

Lucky Clover/Hopper

Hillbilly Hoggers

Barnyard Critters

Lamborghini's

Green Acre Kids

Hot Shots

Fair Wether Sheep

Rural Route Beef

N.B. Bird

N.B. 4-H

N.B. Beef

While the new database program and online enrollment system is being worked on, we are going to go ahead and complete the enrollment on paper as usual, including collecting the \$10 participation fees from youth. At last week's Livestock Committee Meeting and the Goat Committee Meeting, the following was distributed to leaders:

- Youth Enrollment Form and Youth Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Release
- Volunteer Enrollment Form and Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Release
- Civil Right Statement Form (must be signed by all leaders, not just Administrative Leaders)

These are the forms you completed last year, so they will be familiar to most of you. Being that we are so behind in the enrollment process, due to campus working on the contracts for the new system (which has taken longer than anyone on campus imagined it would) we are asking all leaders do the following:

Please have all youth and volunteers complete appropriate forms, collect the \$10 for your primary youth in your club (denoted by the star next to their name in your list provided at Leader Update). If you were not here this week for those meetings, please stop by and hard copies have been printed for you. If you prefer, you may go online and print them off yourself.

Please remember ALL volunteers must complete the enrollment forms now annually, no matter what type of volunteer. Also, if you have a parent that is regularly helping with your club meetings, they should go through the VSP process. Most of the work is completed by the office, so they will just need to complete the following forms to get processed (also found on the website):

- [New Volunteer Application](#)
- [Criminal Background Check Permission Form](#)
- [Central Registry Clearance Form](#)
- [Reference Forms](#)

Due date for Club/Committee enrollments is normally December 1st, so being that this is mighty close, I am asking that you complete and return enrollments and fees by **Friday, January 30th**. We ask that clubs enroll with a minimum of 5 youth at this time and leaders may add additional youth later. If you do not have a meeting before January 30, I have uploaded all of the forms online on our website: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/lapeer> under "4-H Resources, Forms and Downloads", so that families can pull them off from there and take them to their leader with their fee. Leaders, please contact families to do so, if this will be the case for your club. Anyone who does not turn in enrollment paperwork by January 30th will be removed from the mailing list.

Once the Online Enrollment System is up and running, I will inform everyone when they can go online and create their family account. **This will be mandatory to remain in 4-H and show at fair.** It will be like other web accounts online with your own ID and password. Families will be able to see their youth's status and activities and make changes.

So, to sum it up, enroll as usual, but with the due date of January 30th and then leaders and families will need to create their online account, when available. Thanks for your patience as Michigan 4-H transitions into this new and improved process. As always, please call the office if you have any questions or concerns.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
LOOK AT
THE JUDGES**

“THE TALENTS”—LETTER FROM A 4-H’ER, 10 YRS. OLD
...thanks, Emma! You’re a great writer!

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Hi, I am Emma, member of the 4-H Krafty Kids Club. Some of you may have heard or saw my first article. Well, here’s another. There’s sooooo many talents in 4-H and they’re all unique; that’s why this article is called, “The Talents”.

Well, I am going to tell you about everybody, even the helper-adults. The first one we will talk about is Mrs. Kim, as we call her. Mrs. Kim is a helper and likes working with all the club members. Also, she loves doing crafts with everyone and loves all members, even new ones. Can’t forget about her favorite craft. Hers is...making quilts. Personally, I like doing that, too. But her all-time favorite thing is watching us all progress. You’ve got to love her.

The next person I will talk to you about is Mrs. Hedgecock. She is also a helper. She likes learning new things with all the members and loves watching us all become BFF’s. Plus, she thinks it is awesome to see our creative juices flow. Her best quality is being patient with all the members. Her favorite project is a terrarium. She is awesome, also.

Natalie. Natalie is the next person we will talk about. Natalie is a member; like a kid member. Her favorite part is the food and doing the totally fun crafts. Natalie’s best quality is making other people laugh and having a good time. Her favorite craft is embroidery.

Alyssa E. is up next-so keep reading. Alyssa’s favorite part is doing crafts and she loves to be creative. Her favorite part about being with the members is that she gets to bond with her friends. Her best quality is drawing and she is so nice to everybody. Oh yeah-Alyssa’s favorite craft was the book we made and doing embroidery, too. Alyssa is my best friend; so is Alexis. Hey! Speaking of Alexis, she is up next to talk about.

Alexis’ favorite part is doing crafts she can’t do at home. Her favorite part about being with the members is getting to enjoy her friends and being able to talk with them while doing crafts. Alexis’ best quality is having fun and she is very good at drawing.

And then there is Alyssa J. She is super nice and is a great person to talk to. But the person that makes it all happen, the very greatest of the great: MRS. CAROLE! She is super duper nice and if you get frustrated, she will help you-no problem!

Ok, let me finally get to the point. What was the meaning of all of this? I named how great the people in 4-H are and how much fun it is because we want to have fun with you! I talked about a lot of things like a terrarium, a book, embroidery, and all of us could do it again with you! We want to have you in our 4-H group, so please join. I can guarantee you, you will have fun!

Sincerely,

Emma H. Urbaniak

If interested, call Carole Billig, Krafty Kids 4-H Club Leader for 41 years.
810-688-2314



Here are a few one line tidbits for everyone to remember:

- ⇒ Yearend paperwork (financial report & inventory sheet) due Dec. 1—you may mail them in.
- ⇒ Club/Committee Enrollments due Jan. 30th (meaning only need 5 members to get enrolled—can add more later)
- ⇒ Possible club or committee fundraiser-Pancake Breakfast at Spring Auction April 11th-submit application
- ⇒ Doing a fundraiser? Don't forget to submit fundraiser application 2 weeks prior to event
- ⇒ Next Camp Counselor training, Friday, Dec. 5th 6:30-8:30pm - anyone 13 and older welcome!
- ⇒ Looking for PEP volunteers both teen (age 14 and older) and adults and horses too! Please call me.
- ⇒ Great fun leadership workshop for teens and adults here in Lapeer County coming May of 2015. Watch for details

YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL-

THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF 4-H-

HAPPY THANKSGIVING & MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

4-H Awards and Recognition Program

Whether you're a 4-H'er or an adult 4-H volunteer, if you're doing great 4-H work in Michigan, there are lots of ways to be recognized for it! In this issue, we are highlighting youth recognition. There are five kinds of youth recognition. They are listed here in order of age of eligibility.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you are a 4-H'er in 5th to 12th grade and you are an active volunteer, you may want to apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. You can apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.principals.org/spirit. Applications must be submitted to a county 4-H program coordinator by November 1. For more information visit Prudential Spirit of Community Awards at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/prudential_spirit_of_community_awards_program.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award

4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, a young person needs to write an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can . . ." Counties select their representatives, and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information and instructions, see the "Overview and Instructions" link listed on the 4-H web site at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program. Deadline for submission is February 1.

Project Medals

Outstanding members between the ages of 11 and 13 are likely to be considered for one of these medals that celebrate excellent work in a particular project area. Each county may establish its own criteria for awarding the medals and process for determining medal recipients.

State 4-H Awards Program

The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences. To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu by February 1. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors) or competitive interviews (seniors) during 4-H Exploration Days. State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, during 4-H Exploration Days. Complete instructions (including an overview and a webinar) and the application are on the "4-H Awards and Recognition Program" web page at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program.

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

The 4-H Key Club Award is intended to be the top county 4-H honor, and selections are made at the county level. To be eligible, a 4-H member must be 15 years old by the beginning of the project year (September 1). Other eligibility requirements are listed on the application, which may be found at <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/MI4HKeyClubApp.pdf>.

Have you heard about and are you subscribed to Michigan 4-H Today?

Michigan 4-H Today, our statewide, bimonthly newsletter, contains articles about 4-H happenings around the state. For example, it has information about the impact Michigan 4-H'ers and their leaders are having on the lives of the state's citizens. There is a comprehensive listing of upcoming 4-H events, including where to find more information. You can also learn about resources available and opportunities to serve. Best of all it is free! **To subscribe**, go to the right-hand bottom corner of the Michigan 4-H web site <http://4h.msue.msu.edu>, enter your email address and hit "Submit." There's an archive of past issues at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/today/4h_today_archive





Attention...

Statewide 4-H Workshops

Each year, primarily during the school year, Michigan 4-H puts on workshops for teen and adult volunteer leaders. These workshops cover a variety of subject areas.

While some upcoming workshops are listed on the right-hand side of this page, the entire schedule is on the Michigan 4-H web site at

<http://bit.ly/1olFRn2>

As individual workshops open for registration, details and the program announcement will be listed with the specific workshop.

4-H Workshops

2015

January 17-18: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
<http://bit.ly/1xz6eX2>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 31-February 1: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest15
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 14-16: Outdoor Adventure Challenge Winter Camping Workshop
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/environmental_outdoor_education/outdoor_adventure
 Pigeon River State Forest near Gaylord

February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
<http://bit.ly/1sujltU>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
<http://bit.ly/1vRGKEf>
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

January 18: 4-H Day at the Breslin
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_lady_spartans_vs._iowa
 Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 30-31: Green & White Hog Show
 Contact Carla McLachlan (mclach12@msu.edu)
 MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 31: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
 MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
 Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
 MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 7: 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic and Tack Sale
 Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
 MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

March 7: Spring Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee
 Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
 Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 22-25: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience
 Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>

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