



May 2023

4-H Family News

Lapeer County



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More information and game board are included in this newsletter.



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Summer Day Camp



4-H New Adventure Day Camp will be held Wednesday through Friday, July 12-14, at Camp Lael. This is for all kids ages 5-12 who have completed grades K-6. Wednesday and Thursday will run 9am-5pm and Friday will run 9am-8:30pm with parents and siblings invited to join us for supper and evening activity on Friday.

Camp cost is \$90 for the full three days. Scholarships are available.

There is still space for teen and adult volunteers, contact the office at 810-667-0341 and ask to speak with Jean.

Make and Take Craft Workshop

Father's Day Make n' Take Craft Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 9am-12noon for kids ages 7-12. We will be making gifts for your Dad or someone special in your life!! Cost is \$10 for supplies. RSVP to office at 810-667-0341 by June 2nd. Teen and adult volunteers may help by calling the office and speaking with Jean.

4-H National Congress Scholarship

National 4-H Congress serves as the premiere educational and recognition event for 4-H members. National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's dates are November 24-28, 2023. National Congress provides participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country.

The cost for this trip is typically \$1,800 - \$2,000, which covers round-trip airfare to Atlanta, registration fee, lodging and most meals. Lapeer County 4-H is offering a full scholarship for one 4-H member (ages 14-19) to attend this amazing event in 2023. Youth Selection is based on overall accomplishments in 4-H, completed application and an interview. For more information and a scholarship application, contact Sarah. Scholarship Applications will be due June 30, 2023 by 4:30pm.

Senior Scholarships



The Lapeer County 4-H Program has two scholarships available this year to assist 4-H'ers with continuing educational expenses: Scholarships are a one-time award and may be used for any advanced schooling, including trade schools, technical programs, colleges, and junior colleges. Scholarship eligibility includes: a minimum 2.0 GPA, current enrollment and active participation in Lapeer County 4-H and minimum of at least four years participation in the Lapeer County 4-H program. Applicants must be a current graduating high school senior or graduated within the last 2 years at the time of application.

- 4-H Council Scholarship - open to all 4-H project areas
- Tina Novotney Scholarship - open to 4-H beef project area

Applications are due by 4:30pm on June 30, 2023. For more information or an application, call the office at (810)667-0341 or email graversa@msu.edu



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Tell Me More Tuesdays – Virtual Info. Sessions



Have you ever seen the name of a 4-H project area and wondered "what is that"? Are you new to 4-H or interested in joining but want to know more about the projects you can learn about? Join 4-H Staff to learn the basics about 4-H project areas, explore project ideas, discover resources, and gain skills for project presentation.

On Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - Virtual
Zoom Link will be sent after Registration is Completed

- May 16 - Community Service and Service Learning
- May 30 – Global and Cultural Education
- June 13 - Leisure Education

Attend as many sessions as you are interested in.

Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/tellmemoretuesdays/>

Community Service Learning is a perfect blend of organized community service and established learning goals. It is more than just volunteerism. The main difference between community service and community service learning in 4-H is that community service learning intentionally links service that meets community needs to specific learning objectives that positively develop 4-H youth. Can you find a need in your community? Do you want to volunteer your time, resources and talents to find solutions? Service learning might be the perfect project for you.

Global and Cultural Education helps members to explore and appreciate what people around the world have in common and what makes them unique through activities or projects that include art, reading, writing letters, reports, presentations, displays or simply talking to their own family members. In other cases, it is gained through traveling to a different state or to other countries such as Belize, Poland or Japan. Learn more about this fascinating project area on May 30th!

Leisure Education is learning to transform free time into self-discovery and personal fulfillment through alternative activities including social recreation skills and leisure sports such as bicycling, golf, bowling, etc. Leisure and recreation activities provide outlets for youth and adults to relax, socialize, and engage in healthy activities. You can investigate topics such as how to find and become involved in recreation activities, how to maintain equipment, and what health and wellness opportunities your community offers.

An Important Note about Office Hours

The Lapeer County MSU Extension office is generally open Monday- Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. It is closed for lunch daily from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. There are rare occasions that the office may be closed during regular hours due to scheduling conflicts of staff programming and personal time off. There are also occasions that 4-H staff are not available during regular hours because they are delivering programming, attending meetings, connecting with community partners, meeting with volunteers or members, or have a delayed start due to evening meetings. For your convenience, I recommend that you call the office and arrange a time to stop in, to make sure someone will be available to help you.



2023 Animal Health Pre-Fair Webinar

Thursday, May 25th
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Hosted by MAFE, MDARD,
and MSU Extension**

This webinar will highlight important animal-related topics such as:

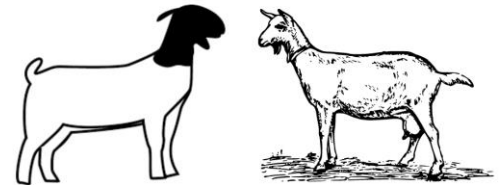
- Official Animal ID
- Diseases of Concern
 - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Swine Influenza
- Biosecurity Tips
- Preparing for Regional Veterinarian Visits
- Checkoffs - Voluntary and Required

**All Fair Managers, Fair Board Members, Livestock Superintendents,
4-H Program Coordinators, and Fair Veterinarians
are encouraged to attend.**



Join us for the 2023 State 4-H Goat Show! The show makes its return on Saturday, June 17 at the MSU Pavilion. Michigan 4-H members ages 5-19 and volunteers in goat projects are invited to attend. Registration closes June 1. The show catalog and registration information can be found on our website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show>

Michigan 4-H State Goat Show



Saturday, June 17, 2023
MSU Pavilion South Barn



SAVE THE DATE
MILK MARKETING TOUR
• JUNE 13 - 14, 2023 •

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Registration is open for the 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour! Youth ages 15-18 (as of January 1, 2023) with a keen interest in dairy are invited to attend the tour, held at MMPA Headquarters in Novi, MI June 13-14. This event is free thanks to the generous support of Michigan Milk Producers Association.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/20234HMMPATour/>



Agility Workshop

Saturday, June 17, 2023

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (beginners)

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (advanced)

LOCATION:

**Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club
7540 S. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

COST:

\$35/person (does not include lunch)

Open to youth ages 8-19 as of Jan. 1, 2023.

This clinic is off lead only, dog must be able to come when called.

Proof of vaccination must be sent in. Vaccinations must be obtained no later than June 1st. Email to schrei61@msu.edu or fax to (989) 773-1622.

Space is limited, register early!



REGISTER:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/AgilityJune2023/>

Contact:

Kristi Schreiber at (989) 317-4079 or schrei61@msu.edu



LAPEER COUNTY 4-H SPRING SERVICE CHALLENGE



Design an awareness poster	Make a Card or Send a kind note to someone	Volunteer at an animal rescue/shelter	Donate 3 items to a food bank/pantry
Read a book to someone	Talk to someone about becoming a 4-H member or Volunteer	Choose your own service project	Work in a community garden
Research a local non-profit and write a summary about their services	Make a busy box for a children's hospital	Pick up litter at a local park	Collect and Donate eye glasses to a Lions' Club
Donate books to Family Literacy Center or Great Start	Socialize with Seniors	Return pop cans or collect coins and donate the money to a special cause	Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry



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Activities must be started and completed between April 16th and June 18th, 2023.

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Spring Service Challenge Activities and Descriptions

- Make a Card or Send a Kind Note to Someone – Send a note in the mail to someone you know or make a card and drop it off at the office to be given to seniors that receive home-delivered meals.
- Pick Up Litter at a Park – Find a local park or community area and help clean up the litter. You can do this individually, with a small group or during the County Community Clean-up Day. Watch the Facebook page and May Newsletter for a date and more information.
- Read a Book to Someone – It doesn't matter if they are 5 days old or 100 years, find someone and share a good story.
- Donate Books to Family Literacy Center or Great Start – Collect new or used (in good condition) books and drop them off at the office to be donated to an agency in Lapeer County that offer free books to community members.
- Donate 3 items to a food pantry – Collect at least 3 new and unexpired items and drop them off at the office to be donated to local food pantries and shelters. Items be non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, or cleaning supplies.



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Spring Service Challenge Activities and Descriptions Cont.

- Work in a Community Garden – Spend at least 2 hours working in a community garden. This must be a garden that provides produce to the community free of charge. There will be county wide opportunities to help prep and plant the community garden in Imlay City, watch Facebook and the May Newsletter for dates and more information.
- Socialize with Seniors – Connect with a senior center, nursing home, or similar facility and volunteer for a day to help with an activity or plan one of your own such as a craft or game. There will possibly be a county wide opportunity for this activity.
- Collect and Donate Old Eyeglasses- Do you know someone that wears prescription glasses? They probably have a stash of old glasses somewhere. Ask them to donate them to someone in need and drop them off to the office. We will donate the collected glasses to Lions Clubs International Recycle for Sight program.
- Design an Awareness Poster- Your job is to write and design a poster to give information and get people interested in being a part of a solution to a problem; such as helping the environment, anti-bullying, healthy lifestyles, etc.
- Research a local non-profit and write a summary- Choose a non-profit agency in Lapeer County and find out more about it. Write a one-page summary about the agency, what they do, and how people can help them.
- Make and Donate a busy box- A busy box is a box full of things for kids in the hospital to do when they are bored. Put a box together and drop it off at the office to be donated to a children's hospital. Some ideas for items are coloring books, card games, fidget spinners, books, and magazines.
- Return pop cans and donate the funds – Collect pop cans from family, friends, and neighbors, return them and choose somewhere to donate the funds. Report to the office how much you collected and where you donated it.
- Volunteer at an animal shelter/rescue – Choose an animal rescue or shelter and volunteer to help for at least 2 hours. There may be a countywide opportunity for this, watch for more information.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry – Volunteer to help at a local soup kitchen, food pantry, food bank or food giveaway for at least 2 hours.
- Talk to someone about becoming a 4-H member or Volunteer – Share information with someone about 4-H. Invite them to attend a meeting and give them information about joining as a member or volunteer.
- Choose Your Own Project – Choose a Service Project of your own. Here are some ideas to choose from or come up with your own!
 - Collect Animal Care items and/or used towels and blankets for an animal rescue.
 - Help a neighbor with yard work.
 - Take some treats and a thank you card to First Responders.
 - Donate new socks to a homeless shelter
 - Volunteer at a community event
 - Start a recycling program at school, work. Or your parent's work
 - Make birthday cards for kids in shelters or hospitals
 - Plant Native flowers for a pollinator garden
 - Participate in a walk for a cause





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.



County Calendar of Events

May

- Camp Counselor Training.....6:00pm: 5/1
- 4-H Day with The Loons.....5/6
- Spring Achievement (Rescheduled from March).....10:00am: 5/6
- Camp Committee Meeting.....5:00pm: 5/8
- Horse Committee Special Meeting.....6:30pm: 5/8
- Exploration Days Orientation.....6:00pm: 5/9
- 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers.....5/13
- Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 5/15
- Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 5/15
- Community Service and Service-Learning Virtual Info. Session.....7:00pm: 5/16
- Horse Committee Meeting (downstairs)..... 6:30pm: 5/22
- Animal Health Pre-Fair Webinar.....7:00pm: 5/25
- Office Closed for Memorial Day5/29
- Global and Cultural Education Virtual Info. Session.....7:00pm: 5/30

June

- Auction Committee Meeting.....5:30pm: 6/6
- Father’s Day Make and Take Craft Workshop.....9:00am: 6/10
- Livestock Committee Meeting.....7:00pm: 6/12
- Leisure Education Virtual Info. Session.....7:00pm: 6/13



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) *DPFLI, Detroit*

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program *Lake Lansing, Haslett*

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers *Comerica Park, Detroit*

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College *Online*

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop *Escanaba*

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp *Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia*

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp



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