



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

December 2021

Seasons Greetings!

Wow!! I have been in my new role as 4-H Program Coordinator for just under two weeks now and I am already super excited about all the fun stuff that is happening. I also understand that there can be a lot to keep track of on top of school and sports and especially with the upcoming holidays. I have created a monthly calendar to hopefully assist with this and will attach it to the email with this newsletter as well as post it on the Lapeer County 4-H Facebook page. I encourage both adults and youth to follow our Facebook page and to read our monthly newsletter for updates and information.

Along with that, please make sure you have re-enrolled as a 4-H member for this year. Even if your club is not meeting yet for the year, it is important you have re-enrolled to continue receiving the newsletter and other updates from the office. There is no participation fee to re-enroll. You must also be an enrolled 4-H member in order to receive any awards you may have been nominated for. If you need any assistance in re-enrolling, you can call or email the office. To re-enroll please visit 4-H online at <https://z2.4honline.com/> I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and I hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Sincerely,
Sarah

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- ◆ November 30 Cards & More 6 week SPIN Club Tuesdays 6-7pm
- ◆ December 6 Award Nominations Due
- ◆ December 9 Become a 4-H Volunteer Info. Night 6:30pm
- ◆ December 13 Livestock/Nutrition Clinic Planning Meeting 7pm
- ◆ December 18 Make and Take - Holiday Gift Workshop 10am - 1pm
- ◆ December 22 Camp Counselor Training 6:30pm
- ◆ January 17 4-H Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ January 24 Horse Leaders Meeting 6:30pm

Face masks are required for all meetings held at the MSU Extension Office.

All MSUE meetings will also be offered via zoom.

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Nominate a fellow member, a club leader, a club, a community member, or yourself today!!



Award Nominations Due December 6th.

County Awards are a great way to recognize someone for all of their hard work, dedication, progress and accomplishments within Lapeer County 4-H.

There are awards for 4-H members, volunteers, entire clubs and non-4-H individuals and organizations.

Check out the County Awards Program on the Lapeer County 4-H website for more information:

www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/county_awards_program.

The forms on the website are fillable and can be saved and emailed to graversa@msu.edu for submission

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Want to become more involved with Lapeer County 4-H?

Want to be a part of the discussions and decisions for the county program?



We are looking for a few more youth and adults to serve on the Lapeer County 4-H Council.

Monthly Meetings for approximately an hour. Attend in-person or virtually.

Share your ideas and be a voice at the table for others.

If you are interested in becoming a council member contact Sarah or Jean.



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Jean's Tid Bits

Cards and More SPIN Club:

Starting Tuesday, Nov. 30th I am conducting a weekly Cards and More SPIN Club from 6:00-7:00pm. We will be doing a variety of activities from making greeting cards to recycling greeting crafts. This is open to all ages 5-19 and do not have to be a 4-H member to participate so bring a friend! This will be held at MSU Extension so masks are required. You must pre-register by Nov. 29th by calling the office, 810-667-0341. Only 12 spots available, so call today! Looking for teen and adult volunteers to help.

Summer Camp 2022 and other Workshops:

Summer Camp 2022 will be held at Camp Lael here in Lapeer County July 11-16, 2022. I am looking for teen counselors, anyone age 13 and older, as well as adult volunteers. If you are interested, please come to our first camp counselor training on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 6:30 pm (see insert below), please contact me at 810-667-0341 for more information.



Also looking for teen and adult volunteers to help with workshops to be held on Saturdays from 10-1 or 10-2 starting in December. Workshops vary each month and cover areas such as crafts, science and/or nature projects, animals/vet science, photography, etc. Location may also vary.

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Make and Take Holiday Gift Workshop



Make gifts for friends and family!

- * Ornaments
- * Pinecone Bouquet
- * Scenic Candle Holder
- * Wall Decor

December 18th
10am– 1pm

\$10
Lunch is Included

Ages 5-14

Register by Dec. 10th
(810)667-0341



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Volunteer Information and Recruitment Night

We will be hosting a 4-H Volunteer and Recruitment Night at MSUE on December 9th, 2021 at 6:30pm. If you are interested in learning about other ways you can volunteer within 4-H, need assistance completing your



VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.

volunteer enrollment or you know someone that is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, please attend. You are welcome to invite anyone you know that may be interested in hearing more about the program. We have volunteer opportunities that range from simple one time tasks, short term projects, project area leaders and more. Invite someone who attends and be entered to win a 4-H gift bag.

Spring Achievement & Style Revue

We are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase and celebrate 4-H member's projects, achievements and awards. After missing spring achievement for the last two years, we are excited to begin planning an in-person event. We are currently discussing some possible changes for spring achievement and value your input. We will be scheduling a meeting soon for those interested in discussing new ideas for spring achievement. As always you are welcome to e-mail Jean or Sarah any thoughts or suggestions.

Spring Fundraiser Auction



We are thrilled to announce that we are planning to resume our in-person spring fundraiser auction. Our 36th annual fundraiser auction will be held April 29th and 30th, 2022 at Lapeer Center (Building). More details will be announced shortly. Our 2021 Fall online auction raised over \$19,000!

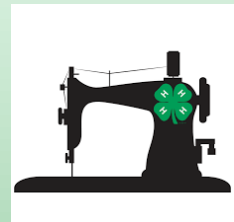
The next Auction Committee Meeting will be January 5th at 6:30pm at MSUE.

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Do you have items around your house looking for a new home?

Is your craft closet overflowing?

Did you catch a good deal or discovered an awesome clearance sale?



Consider Donating to Lapeer County 4-H!

- ◆ Greeting Cards (new or used)
- ◆ Fabric
- ◆ Ribbon
- ◆ Sewing Notions
- ◆ Scrap Book Items
- ◆ Bingo Dabbers
- ◆ Buttons
- ◆ Yarn
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Glue



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Meet Trent!

Please join us in welcoming Trent Haarz to the Lapeer County 4-H team. As an Americorp member, Trent will be a serving Lapeer County 4-H for the next year, in a part-time position. He will be working to develop SPIN clubs (short term, Special Interest groups), recruiting volunteers, organizing two family events and coordinating a community service project.

4-H is not new to Trent. He has been a 4-H member for almost 5 years. He has participated in Campers and Counselors for 4 years and Bark Brigade for 2. He has also been a member of the State Youth Leadership Council for 2 years. Trent states his favorite 4-H memory is showing with his dog at the fair and winning ribbons. He also enjoys the memories he has of camp counselors being wacky and singing camp songs as loud as they possibly can.

Trent has an Associate's degree from Mott Community College in Art. A subject he is truly passionate about. Trent loves to create things using his hands. His career goal is to be happy with everything he does. Trent is most excited to teach youth about specialized interests, stating, "I like to share things I enjoy, and what better way to do that than to introduce it to youth?"

Fun Facts:

Favorite Color: Burgundy

Favorite hobby: Anything Artistic or Creative

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo or Cookie Dough Ice Cream

Final Thought:

"4H is a great opportunity for a lot of different things, it offers so many unique experiences that you won't find anywhere else. There's a club for everything." - Trent Haarz



Save the Date!

January 30, 2022



4-H Livestock
Nutrition Clinic

2-5pm

St. Paul Lutheran
School, Lapeer

More Details to
Come!

**Shop the
Michigan 4-H
store this holiday
season**



Just in time for the holidays, MSU Extension is excited to launch the first-ever Michigan 4-H pop-up shop!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

4-H Events and Workshops

December 6: Future Squad—Making a Connection in a Minute or Less

Zoom Webinar

Did you know that you make a great first impression in one minute or less with a great elevator pitch? Learn how in this interactive session for Future Squad members.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-6

December 7: Grow Your Money— Investing and Risk

Zoom Webinar

Young people have the advantage of time when it comes to investing. Start your path to wealth at a young age and learn how to make your money work for you!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-12-7

December 11: Mason County 4-H Sweet Sales Workshop

West Shore Community College, Scottville, and Zoom Webinar

Learn how to make candy and learn the financial skills to sell your own candy.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-sweet-sales-workshop

December 14: Shiawassee 4-H Family Holiday Goosechase

Online

Use the Goosechase app to collect the array of items requested. Upload the images and receive points for each. Get the whole family involved! Just use your mobile phone and have your family help you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-family-holiday-goosechase

December 17: 'Tis the Season to be Scientific Virtual Challenge

Online

Mason County 4-H is hosting a virtual holiday and STEM-themed GooseChase scavenger hunt with prizes going to the top three finishers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-tis-the-season-to-be-scientific-virtual-challenge

December 20: 4-H Future Squad - Are You Paying Yourself First

Zoom Webinar

Putting aside money for the future can help you achieve your goals. Learn how to pay yourself first and create a saving habit in your life for both short-term and long-term goals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

December 20: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener

Lenawee Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil, and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

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

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Submit your ideas to host a session at 4-H Exploration Days!

4-H Exploration Days is a team effort and we need you! We're seeking inspiring and fun educational sessions for the 2022 4-H Exploration Days event!

An exciting pre-college program for youth ages 12-19, 4-H Exploration Days bring together approximately 1,500 youth from across the state of Michigan. The 2022 event is slated for June 22-June 24, on the campus of MSU and now is your chance to get involved! We are looking for sessions and instructors that allow youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

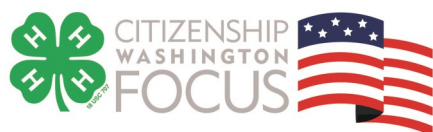


Sessions will be offered in 2.5, 3 and 6 hour time blocks on Thursday or Friday. Information on instructor roles and session times can be found on the 4-H Exploration Days website under at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.

Think outside the box for session ideas! Some great session topic areas in the past included: mental health/self care; a day in the life of a specific career path; recreational sports; art, culture, crafts, music, dance; animals and animal science; coding, website development and technology; and food, nutrition, basic cooking.

The session proposal process is now open until December 15. Notification will be sent by early 2022 regarding acceptance. Please submit your session ideas online at msu.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iFTMshS4iiYerQ.

If you need assistance with the survey, have questions, or would like to brainstorm session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please reach out to Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu and/or send an e-mail to: 4h.expodays@msu.edu.



Explore democracy at the 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about the nation's government.

Participants will enjoy hands-on leadership workshops, meet with U.S. senators and representatives and tour historical sites. Featuring national experts and leaders, along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country, this is a can't miss experience for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan delegation will depart by bus on Saturday, June 25 and return on Friday, July 1. The first stop along the route is the 9/11 Memorial in Pennsylvania followed by an overnight stay in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War before heading on to Washington, D.C.

Once in D.C., the group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The cost for this trip is \$2,000 per youth, which includes transportation, lodging, conference costs and most meals. Spaces for this exciting event are limited, to learn more contact your local 4-H program coordinator or email Connie Lange at langec@msu.edu.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

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Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.