



Lapeer County

# 4-H Family News

April 2022

## Highlights For the Month:

(More Details in Newsletter)

**Exploration Days:** Registration is opening April 14th at 7pm. This event will be self registration this year.

**Fundraiser Auction:** Business Donations due April 12. Club Baskets due April 22. Volunteers needed April 28-30 for various duties and times.

**Fair:** The Fair is now an open class fair. Please get in touch with the fair office or fair superintendents to find out about fair book changes, ownership dates, and

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canr.msu.edu/lapeer

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Lapeer, MI 48446

Hours: 8am—4:30pm

Closed from 12-1

The building remains closed to the public. Please call 810-667-0341 when you arrive to be let in.



## Important Dates

- ◆ April 8 Goat Committee Meeting 7pm via zoom
- ◆ April 10 Camp Counselor Training 5pm
- ◆ April 18 County Awards Review Meeting 6pm
- ◆ April 18 Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ April 25 Horse Leaders Meeting 6:30pm
- ◆ April 29 Celebrity Autograph Fundraiser Auction 5pm
- ◆ April 30 36th Annual Fundraiser Auction 8am
- ◆ May 9 Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm

If you are interested in attending a committee meeting, contact the 4-H office to be added to the committee's email list to receive meeting reminders and information.

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## Fundraiser Auction

**Club Business Visit Donations due April 12th.**

**Club Baskets due April 22nd.**

**Volunteers Needed** April 28th, 29th and 30th to assist with set-up, table monitoring, clerking, cashier duties, and other auction duties! Please contact Sarah if you are available to help!

### 36th Annual Fundraiser Auction

Saturday April 30th

Lapeer Center (Building)

Silent Auction 8:00am—11:00am

(Graduated Bid Closings Start at 9:05am)

Live Auction 11:00 am

Breakfast and Lunch Concessions Available

Celebrity Autograph Auction: Friday April 29th

Doors Open at 5:00pm



#### Club Baskets

Clubs and Committees are invited to create a fun filled basket to donate to the Spring Auction. 50% of the basket sale price is returned to the club. This is a great club activity and fundraiser!

Remember, Club Baskets should be creative! Clubs that submit their basket theme to the office and is not a duplicate of another club's theme will receive an additional 5 points during judging. The top 3 baskets will be sold in the Live Auction. The remaining baskets will be sold during the Silent Auction.

Baskets don't have to be a basket! Feel free to be inventive. Wagons, coolers, picnic baskets, chairs and other items make great baskets.

All baskets must be delivered to the 4-H office by 5pm on Friday, April 22nd.





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## Important Notice Regarding Fair:

The Eastern Michigan State Fair has become an "Open Class" fair. As an Open Class Fair this means that the fair is open to any youth to show a project regardless of 4-H or FFA membership. This affects how much information I am made aware of in regards to fair book rule changes, ownership dates, weigh-ins, registration deadlines and show days and times. I will do my best to share important information regarding fair in newsletters, emails and on Facebook, however, I strongly encourage you to keep in touch with the superintendents for your project areas for updates.

I have noticed that many of the Livestock areas have created Facebook pages to share fair information. Following these pages is a great way for you to get information that you will need to know. I have heard there are a few fair book rule changes happening this year. Now, is the time to find out about these changes so that you are prepared for a successful year at Fair!

Swine Superintendent: Michelle Peel, [curellmi@hotmail.com](mailto:curellmi@hotmail.com)  
No Changes from last year's fair book rules. Ear tag registration is due May 1st.  
[Eastern Michigan State Fair Swine Department | Facebook](#)

Sheep Superintendent: Tammy Hyatt and Jason Patterson, [jason.patterson@scotts.com](mailto:jason.patterson@scotts.com)  
[Lapeer County Youth Sheep Program | Facebook](#)

Poultry Superintendent: Betty Gilbert, [gilbert\\_bl@yahoo.com](mailto:gilbert_bl@yahoo.com) and Rebecca Rachow, [rebs1marcus@gmail.com](mailto:rebs1marcus@gmail.com)

Rabbit Superintendent: Tiffany Weiss, [satin\\_chick@hotmail.com](mailto:satin_chick@hotmail.com)

Goat Superintendent: Kris Johnston, [kjohnstons2001@charter.net](mailto:kjohnstons2001@charter.net) and Trad Hodgkinson, [trad148461@gmail.com](mailto:trad148461@gmail.com)  
Market Goat: tagging and weigh in day is May 14 from 10-12 at the fairgrounds.  
Market Goats deadline is May 1st of the current year to have your goat/goats in your care.  
Breeding stock goats must be in the youths care by May 31 if the current year.  
[Lapeer County Goat Department | Facebook](#)

Beef Superintendent: Liz Schapman, [schapmanliz28@gmail.com](mailto:schapmanliz28@gmail.com)

Dairy Superintendent: Virginia Ankley, [Wankley10@aol.com](mailto:Wankley10@aol.com) and Rae Haskins, [haskinsr16@gmail.com](mailto:haskinsr16@gmail.com)

Horse Superintendent: Mary Waldeck, [mwaldeck22@gmail.com](mailto:mwaldeck22@gmail.com)

Dog Superintendent: Jodi Conley, [jconley@nbbronzos.net](mailto:jconley@nbbronzos.net)

Indoor Projects Superintendent: Kathy Whitaker,



**Make and Take  
Craft Workshop**

**Saturday**

**May 7th**

**9am-1pm**

**\$10 per youth**

**Snack and materials  
included**

**For Ages 5-14**

**To Register Call**

**810-667-0341**



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## Horse Care Clinic

Sunday, April 24th

2:00pm—4:00pm

Rattlewood Farms in Oxford

Hear from a local equine vet and learn about healthcare and wellness when working with our equine friends. We will cover a variety of things; vital signs, wrapping, prevention, and emergency care. This is a hands-on workshop and great for all ages.

For more information or to register for the workshop contact:

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## 4-H Summer Showcase



June 7-25, 2022

Gallery 194

We will be working with Gallery 194 to display 4-H projects from local youth for 3 weeks in June to share with the community. The Showcase will be open to the public and we will host a special "Showcase Opening" evening.

More details will come soon!





### Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts).

#### Cash Composition Contest (9-12 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-12 have a chance to win \$100 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on “paying yourself first.” Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 11. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest).

#### Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Michigan youth age 13-19 will compete in an online quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$100. High scoring youth will be entered into the drawing for four \$100 prizes. Contest registration must be complete by April 28. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest).

Youth who want to prepare for the contests may take part in a webinar on April 13 at 4:30 p.m. ([www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13)) or a self-guided learning experience ([www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money](http://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money)).

### 4-H Exploration Days registration coming in April!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H’s largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth age 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.

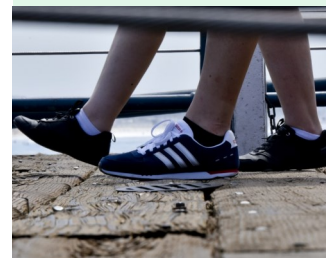
4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they’ll also have plenty of time for fun with free time activities such as skating, bowling, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open in mid-April. The cost for the 2022 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days) for more details.



### Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge



Starting May 1, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win an alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Learn more and register at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge).

### MSU Masking Guidelines Lifted



In early March, Michigan State University (MSU) updated their COVID-19 mask guidance. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H programs occurring on and off MSU property.

As of March 8, masks are no longer required at MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H programs, events, offices or meeting rooms.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H in-person events are still encouraged to follow best practices that include meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them.

As always, the most up-to-date guidelines for Michigan 4-H can be found at [extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities](http://extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### April 2: Reality Fair

*Heilmann Recreation Center, Detroit*

Gain experience making real-life financial decisions in this money management simulation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/realityfair>

### April 4: Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Goosechase

*Online*

Join Michigan 4-H to celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child! New missions will be released every week through May 4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase>

### April 7: Adulting 101—Paying for Post-Secondary Education

*Online*

This series helps youth and young adults prepare for life on their own. Different topics will be offered each Thursday in April. The first session will explore different ways to help pay for the cost of college, trade school, and other post high school educational opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-spring-paying>

### April 9 or 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

*Ralph MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon*

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day workshop! Each day offers an independent workshop leading to its own certification.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss\\_instructor\\_certification\\_spring22](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_instructor_certification_spring22)

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-2>

### April 12: Wild Spartans—Great Lakes Fish Investigations

*Online*

Head out onto the Great Lakes to learn about fish of all sizes - from tiny venomous catfish to massive lake sturgeon. Meet Michigan DNR Fisheries Technician Brad Utrup and learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2022>

### April 16: Montcalm County 4-H Goat Show

*Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville*

Do you have a goat who you think is the GOAT (Greatest of All Time)? Bring them to the Montcalm County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Goat Educational and Fun Show. Open to all.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-4-h-goat-show>

### April 23: Mock Interview Day

*MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi*

Gain confidence, communication and career readiness skills as you also gain tips on networking and interviewing. Includes opportunities to practice and receive feedback.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mock22>

### April 28: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia

*Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville*

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia2>

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