



# 4-H Family News

Lapeer County

April 2023



## Spring Fundraiser Auctions Volunteers Needed!

The Fundraiser Auctions are April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The 2-day fundraiser is the primary fundraiser for the county 4-H program. Funds raised help support club activities, local educational workshops, scholarships to state and national conferences, camp, leadership training, community service, college scholarships and more.

Volunteers are needed Friday and Saturday!!

- Friday Set-Up 9:30am – 3:00pm
- Friday Celebrity Auction 5:00pm – 9:30pm
- Saturday Auction 7:30am – 3:00pm
  - Register Bidders
  - Cashier
  - Monitor Tables
  - Enter Silent Bids into Computer System



If you are available to help on either day for any amount of time, please contact Sarah at [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) or call/text (586)531-3524.

### Calling All Bakers!



Youth and Adult 4-Hers prepare your favorite delicious dessert to be sold at the Fundraiser Auction!

New at auction this year: There will be a silent auction table filled with yummy goodies made by youth members and adult volunteers! If you can contribute a dish, please let Sarah know. Drop off will be Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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# Lapeer County 4-H



## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Auction

Free Admission – Open to the Public

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Lapeer Center Building - 425 County Center St., Lapeer 48446

**Silent Auction 8-11am** (Graduated Bid Closings)

**Live Auction 11am**

Pancake Breakfast 8am-10am and Lunch Concessions Available

**Hundreds of Items:** Sherriff for a Day, Day at the Capitol, Detroit Tigers Tickets, Flex steel Arlo Reclining Power Sofas, Golf Packages, Waterpark Passes, Hotel Stays, Business Services, Legal Services, Event Tickets, Automotive Care, Home and Garden Items, Recreation and Entertainment Passes Restaurant Gift Cards, Health and Beauty Care, Collectibles, Out of State Activities, Craft Items, Animal Related Services and Products, General Merchandise & More!

**Proceeds benefit Lapeer County 4-H Youth Program**

For More Information Call: (810)667-0341

or email [msue.lapeer@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.lapeer@county.msu.edu)

Follow us on Facebook: Lapeer County 4-H Fundraiser Auction



**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Autographed Items Auction**

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Doors Open 5:00pm · Silent Auction 5:45pm (All Celebrities)

Live Auction 6:30 – 7:45 (Non-Sports Celebrities) · 7:45- 9pm (Sports Only Celebrities)

**Over 400 Autographed Items!** Chris Osgood, Barry Sanders, Tom Izzo, Mario Andretti, Peyton, Eli & Archie Manning, Gordie Howe, Scotty Bowman, Clint Black, Merle Haggard, Tim Allen, Roseanne Barr, Alec Baldwin, John Travolta, James Earl Jones, Dustin Hoffman, and many more.



# County 4-H News

## 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.

Every Month on a Tuesday at 7 p.m. - Virtual  
Zoom Link will be sent after Registration is Completed

- April 25 - Global and Cultural Education
- May 16 - Community Service and Service Learning
- June 13 - Leisure Education

Attend as many sessions as you are interested in.

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

Global and Cultural Education project area 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 April 25<sup>th</sup>!

## 4-H Summer Camp

Inviting parents, volunteers, and teens to be a part of Lapeer County Summer Camp Committee. There will be a meeting held Monday, May 8th at 5pm in the boardroom at MSU Extension. This will be a brief meeting to discuss programming, funding and recruitment for campers, counselor, and camp staff. The committee will meet 3-4 times a year. The dates and times of such meetings to be decided by participants to best suit everyone's schedules.

Camp week is July 10-15 at Camp Lael in Lapeer and theme is "Welcome to the Movies". Monday and Tuesday will be a day camp for kids who have completed grades K-1; Wednesday through Saturday will be overnight camp for kids who have completed grades 2-6. Teens age 13 -19 are invited to be camp counselors and attend our next training, Monday, May 1st at 6pm, downstairs in large meeting room at extension office. Come and bring a friend!

Also needed are adult volunteers to be session leaders and/or overnight chaperones. Call the office and speak with Jean for more information and see how your child can attend camp for free. Thank you for your time and support!

## Upcoming Craft Workshops

Looking for volunteer help (teen and adult) for some upcoming craft workshops. Jean will be holding a Mother's Day, Father's Day and Welcome to 4-H workshop in the future months. If interested in helping please contact her via email, [kreiner@msu.edu](mailto:kreiner@msu.edu) or phone 810-667-0341. These workshops may be held on a weekday or Saturday depending on availability of space and help.





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## Read With The Animals



Congratulations Ellie Sudbury! Her photo received the most Facebook reactions in the "4-H Reads with the Animals" contest! Ellie won her choice of a book bundle or \$50 TSC gift card thanks to Lapeer County Farm Bureau.

Reading makes everyone a winner so every youth that entered the contest will be getting a surprise! Prizes will be available after April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations:

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Ellie Sudbury | Jacklynn Schalau  |
| Remi Peel     | Owen Russell      |
| Luke Wilcox   | Autumn Wellington |
| Sabrina Kosa  | Charlotte Russell |

## 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.

## Spartan Community Garden – Volunteers Wanted!



Last year Lapeer County 4-H partnered with Imlay City Schools to help plant and care for the school community garden. We will be continuing this project again this year and would like to organize an advisory group to help plan garden workdays, learning opportunities, and more. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Sarah. We are hoping to have a meeting in the end of April or beginning of May.

Did you know? Family Farm and Home has a discount program for 4-H members! Check it out: <https://www.familyfarmandhome.com/4hffa-program>



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## Spring Service Challenge

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Service activities can be completed individually or there will be some opportunities to complete them as a group event through 4-H. Participating in the group activity that is offered is not required.

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## National Volunteer Week

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. 4-H programs, activities, clubs and events would simply not exist if it was not for the time and dedication that so many volunteers pour into the program. Lapeer County is fortunate to have 88 approved active volunteers that selflessly give to the program. Please be sure to thank these amazing volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you volunteers! We appreciate you today and everyday! ***As a special thank you, current volunteers can pick up a special gift at the Extension Office throughout the month of April.***

## 30 in 30 Days

**30 volunteers in 30 days! Help us meet our goal of recruiting 30 new volunteers in 30 days from April 16<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Adding on to our list superb volunteers, will help divide the many tasks of current volunteers, fill vacancies on advisory committees, build our program and will assist with the addition of new programs and events. We have volunteer jobs of all sizes including some tasks that can be completed at home.

If you know of someone that would be a great volunteer, send them our way or send their contact information to Sarah at [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu).

We will be hosting a Volunteer Open House on May 4th from 4pm to 7pm for interested volunteers to stop in and learn more about the program.



ALONE  
WE CAN  
DO SO LITTLE.  
TOGETHER  
WE CAN  
DO SO MUCH.  
-HELEN KELLER

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.



# Spring Service Challenge

## 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







# County Calendar of Events

## April

State Award Applications Due.....	4/01
Camp Committee Meeting.....	5:00pm: 4/03
Camp Counselor Training.....	6:00pm: 4/03
Livestock Committee Meeting.....	7:00pm: 4/10
Office is Closed for Staff Development.....	4/12
Fundraiser Auctions.....	4/14 & 4/15
National Volunteer Week.....	4/16 – 4/22
Spring Service Challenge Starts.....	4/16
Ambassador Meeting.....	6:00pm: 4/17
Exploration Days Registration Closes.....	4/20
Horse Committee Meeting (downstairs).....	6:30pm: 4/24
Council Meeting (boardroom).....	7:00pm: 4/24
Global and Cultural Education Virtual Info. Session.....	7:00pm: 4/25
Ambassador Team Building Outing.....	4/30

## May

Camp Counselor Training.....	6:00pm: 5/1
New Volunteer Open House.....	4:00pm – 7:00pm: 5/04
4-H Day with The Loons.....	5/6
Camp Committee Meeting.....	5:00pm: 5/8
Exploration Days Orientation.....	6:00pm: 5/9
4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers.....	5/13



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.



### 4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023  
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle  
Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).



## Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/).

**Lapeer County Exploration Days Orientation will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for all registered youth!**



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign).

## Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers).

### April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge)

### April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

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

### April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will 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-2023>

### April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

### April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

## SAVE THE DATE!

### May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





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