



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

March 2022

Important Notice Regarding Fair:

As many of you are aware, The Eastern Michigan State Fair made the decision a few years ago to 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. Among many changes this decision has brought, is the restructuring of how superintendents and judges are recruited.

Although many of the people involved with the fair are also 4-H volunteers, there are also people committed to fair roles that are not 4-H volunteers. 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 find out who the superintendents are for your project areas and keep in touch with them for updates.

I have noticed that many of the Livestock areas have created Facebook pages to share fair information. Following these pages are 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!

Important Dates:

- ◆ March 7 Spring Achievement Registrations & Cover Designs Due
- ◆ March 7 Auction Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- ◆ March 12 Goat Committee Meeting 10am at Lapeer Library
- ◆ March 13 Camp Counselor Training 5pm
- ◆ March 19 Spring Achievement & Awards 9:30am at Deerfield Twp. Hall
- ◆ March 21 Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ March 28 Horse Leaders Meeting 6:30pm

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.

[As of March 6th, Face masks will no longer be required for 4-H meetings or activities, except for those being held on MSU Campus.](#)

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Spring Achievement and Awards Ceremony

March 19th, 2022 at Deerfield Township Hall

Judging: 9:30am -12:30pm

Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Awards Ceremony: 2:00pm

Spring Achievement is a one day event to provide an opportunity to all 4-H members to enter projects to be judged and displayed. An awards ceremony will be held at 2:00pm to recognize and honor youth and adult volunteers for their service and commitment to 4-H in the 2021 4-H year. Registrations are due in the 4-H office by 4:30pm on March 7th. Forms and additional information are included with this month's newsletter email and were also sent out with the February Newsletter, and are available on the Lapeer County 4-H website.



Shoe Collection

Community Service Project

Each year, Lapeer County 4-H youth complete a Community Service Project during Spring Achievement. This year, as members Step Into 4-H, after two years of virtual meetings and activities, we want to provide others the opportunity to safely take steps into their future. This year we will be collecting new or gently used tennis shoes to help change the lives of those in need of shoes (and help the planet too).

Shoes can be brought to Spring Achievement or dropped off at Lapeer County MSU Extension during business hours. Let's reach the goal of 100 pairs by Earth Day (April 22nd)!

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Volunteer Recognition

One of the most important parts of 4-H are our volunteers! We appreciate everything they do to help youth in our county grow into successful citizens.

During the annual Awards Ceremony, Volunteers are recognized for their years of service after one year, five years and then at each five year interval .

Due to the awards ceremony being suspended the last two years, in addition to the change to online enrollment that occurred a few years ago, we are afraid that some volunteers did not receive recognition that has been well deserved.

If we have missed recognizing one your years of service anniversaries, please email Tina so that we may honor you this year!



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Fundraiser Auction

36th Annual Fundraiser Auction

Saturday April 30th—Doors Open at 8:00am

Lapeer Center (Building)

Silent Auction 8:00am—11:00am (Graduated Bid Closings Start at 9:05am)

Live Auction 11:00 am

Lunch Concessions Available

Celebrity Autograph Auction: Friday April 29th—Doors Open at 5:00pm

We are pleased to announce that we are currently planning the 2022 Fundraiser auction to take place in-person on April 29th and 30th. Clubs/Individuals that are interested in completing business visits to earn a percentage of profits should email Sarah at graversa@msu.edu. Clubs may also participate in auction efforts by donating a themed basket of items. Clubs will receive 50% of their basket's profit. Selected basket themes should be submitted to 4-H Staff to avoid duplication of baskets. Clubs can also apply to serve breakfast items and/or lunch concessions as a club fundraiser. For an application please email Sarah. Lunch Concession Applications are due March 7th.

Volunteers Needed April 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!

Next Auction Committee Meeting is March 7th at 5:30pm.

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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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 Lapeer County 4-H

CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022
5:00 - 6:00 PM
LAPEER COUNTY MSU EXTENSION

Youth 13 and Older



Fun and Adventure
Make Memories
Be a Role Model
Gain Work Experience
Earn Volunteer Hours

For more information or to RSVP Call (810)667-0341

Summer Camp 2022

Looking for Teens 13 and older to become Camp Counselors for Summer 2022.

The next Camp Counselor Training will be held March 13th, 5-6pm, at Lapeer County MSU Extension

Contact Jean for more information about becoming a camp counselor.



**Spring Around
The Corner
Make and Take
Craft Workshop**

**March 26th
10am-2pm**

**\$10 per person
includes sup-
plies and lunch**

**Call
(810)667-0341
to Register**

**Fee Assistance
Available**

Summer Camp 2022 will be a full week of specialized day camps in July. Each day will focus on specific grades that youth have completed in 2022. Watch for more details and registration to come soon.

Location: Camp Lael in Lapeer
Monday 9am-7pm grades K & 1
Tuesday through Friday 9am-9pm
Tuesday-grades 2 & 3
Wednesday-grades 4 & 5
Thursday-grades 6-7 & 8
Friday-grades 9-12

Counselors 15 years and older will stay Thursday night and enjoy camp all day Friday.

Camp activities will include swimming, crafts, science, nature or STEM projects, songs, games, and campfire. Lunch and supper will be served with snacks throughout the day. Everyone to bring their own refillable water bottle.

Tractor Safety and Certification

DATES & TIME:

Tuesdays
March 15
Through April 19
6-8 pm

LOCATION:

6939 Bordman Rd.
Almont

Sponsored by:

Lapeer County MSUE
4-H Youth Programs



Obtain your Tractor Operation Certificate as well as learn about topics such as but not limited to: Electrical Safety, Hazardous Materials, Truck Driving, Livestock Dangers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth ages 14-19 (4-H membership not required)

Cost: \$25

HOW TO REGISTER:

Call 810-667-0341 to register by March 10, 2022. Space is limited.

CONTACT:

For more information or questions please call Jean 810-667-0341

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Michigan 4-H Dog Program Learning Workshop

For youth ages 8 - 19

DATE & TIME:

March 26, 2022

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION:

Isabella County Commission
on Aging
2200 S. Lincoln Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

COST: \$20/person

TO REGISTER:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/
Dog2022](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Dog2022)



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Agenda:

- 8:30 - 8:50 Check In - Lobby
- 9 - 9:45 Welcome/Opening Session
- 10 - 10:45 Session Block #1 *(all sessions will be repeated so that attendees can participate in them all)*
- Nutrition - - Kenny Rang, DVM
 - Fundamentals in off leash work - - Diane Gaw
 - Developing a proper warm up exercise program - - Anna Schloff
 - A look into Nosework - - Nancy vonKoehnen
- 11 - 11:45 Session Block #2 (repeat of session block #1)
- 12 - 1 Lunch
- 1:10 - 1:55 Session Block #3 (repeat of session block #1)
- 2:05 - 2:50 Session Block #4 (repeat of session block #1)
- 3 - 3:30 Panel Discussion with Instructors & Closing



***The Michigan 4-H Dog Project Learning
Workshop is sponsored by Michigan
4-H Youth Development Programs,
Michigan State University Extension***

MSU EXTENSION 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

June 22-24, 2022

YOUTH WILL:

- ✓ Experience campus living
- ✓ Develop and expand their career and personal interests
- ✓ Increase their responsibility, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision making and time management skills

\$220

covers meals,
lodging, all event
activities
and a T-shirt.



**LEARN MORE
TODAY!**

Contact your local MSU Extension Office

OR

Visit canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index





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2022 SKILLATHON Michigan 4-H State Championship

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.



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REGISTER:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/skillathon2022/>

INFORMATION PAGE:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2022-Skillathon>

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2022 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon Championship Qualifiers

March 5 or 12, 2022
via Zoom

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management in 10 different Market Livestock Categories.

Poultry	Swine
Rabbits/Cavies	Dairy
Dogs	Beef
Sheep	Horses
Goats	General Knowledge

Contestants scoring above the minimum percentile in their respective division will be notified via email within two days of the qualifier contest that they have advanced to the State Championship on March 19, 2022!

Age divisions:

- ◆ Novice (8-11 years)
- ◆ Junior (12-14 years)
- ◆ Senior (15-19 years)
- ◆ Adult (20+)

Youth competitors must be 8, but not yet 20, before January 1, 2022. Those who are 20 years and older are eligible to compete in the Adult Division.

Skillathon Start Times :

March 5, 2022

Seniors & Adults:
Check-in: 9:30 AM
Contest starts: 10 AM

Juniors & Novices:
Check-in: 11:00 AM
Contest starts: 11:30 AM

March 12, 2022

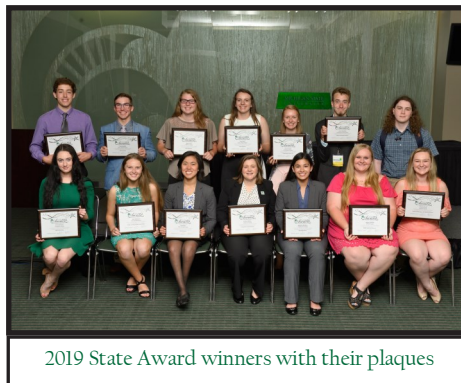
Seniors & Adults:
Check-in: 9:30 AM
Contest starts: 10 AM

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Apply for a 2022 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.

New training required for 4-H volunteers

Since 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) has required all MSU employees and volunteers conducting business on behalf of the university to report child abuse and other harm to children. To help MSU Extension volunteers better understand the reporting expectations, a new online learning module titled "Child Abuse Reporting Protocol" has been developed. The module can be completed in 10-15 minutes.

All 4-H volunteers are required to complete this training in the upcoming year. Deadlines are as follows:

- New volunteers must complete the module as part of the screening and onboarding process.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks on April 1 or later must complete the training before their 2022 annual compliance date.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks in February or March must complete the training before their 2023 annual compliance date. However, these volunteers are encouraged to complete the training prior to this date.

To review the training, 4-H volunteers may either:

- Log into [Volunteer Central](#) and complete the module through the system. Within Volunteer Central, the module will be visible on either the screening dashboard (applicants) or the annual compliance dashboard (volunteers). Once completed, Volunteer Central will log this as "completed".
- Check with your local 4-H program coordinator to determine if they will be hosting a local training or meeting to review and discuss the material. For trainings conducted by MSU Extension professionals, attendance will be recorded in Volunteer Central on your behalf.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment as a 4-H volunteer. Questions about the training? Contact your local 4-H program coordinator.

*Help youth find
their SPARK with
JOANN Fabrics*



From now until April 30, every dollar can make a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. While visiting your local JOANN store or shopping online, you can support 4-H by adding a donation at checkout.

The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 20% supporting Michigan 4-H.

To find out more information about this partnership, visit joann.com/4h.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops



Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop!

Held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon on April 9 and 10, workshops will offer hands-on training that compliments virtual video instruction.

Participants will learn about the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports' mission and policies, risk management, safety, equipment use and care, teaching methods, positive youth development and more.

Each day will offer different certifications with choices among archery, rifle, shotgun, and hunting and wildlife disciplines. First Aid/CPR and Project WILD/Learning Tree will be concurrent sessions.

Register by March 15. To learn more, contact Laura Quist at quistla1@msu.edu.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 2: Virtual School Garden Education Sessions

Online

This six-week series that will occur every other Wednesday through May 11. Attendees will leave each session with 2-3 lesson ideas for teaching in the garden.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-school-garden-education-sessions-spring-2022>

March 3: Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Online

Learn the many ways to fund your education after high school so you can minimize your debt while investing in yourself.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-3-3>

March 5: 4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

Demmer Shooting Sports and Education, Lansing

Become a trainer for the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program! Trainers facilitate instructor certification workshops for teen and adult volunteers in the 4-H shooting sports project area.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_trainer_workshop

March 8: Wild Spartans Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conversation

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

March 9: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Resumes and Cover Letter Review

Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your resume and/or cover letter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-resumes-and-or-cover-letter-review>

March 16: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training—Application Review

Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your application.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-application-review>

March 18—20: Animal Science Career Quest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Learn about all the opportunities an animal science education can bring them, not just as an undergraduate student, but long-term post-graduate, career options, and beyond.

March 26: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-contest-2022>

March 27: 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine conformation and performance while giving an oral explanation of your class evaluation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest-2022>

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