To All 4-H Families: 4-H News Bulletin

With changes all around and budget cuts, sorry to say we haven't been able to keep up with our normal newsletter. So for the time being we will be sending out brief news bulletins to keep you informed of upcoming events and important information and would like your feedback in regards to this as compared to regular newsletter. Watch for upcoming short survey. Thanks for your support and understanding.

- Spring Achievement/Style Revue-Saturday, March 19th at Lapeer County Center Building----Deadline for entry forms, cover designs, and club display reservations is: Monday, March 7th

- Schwan's Truck Sale--- A Yummy Fundraiser!!

On March 19, from 12 noon to 4pm there will be a Schwan's Truck Sale fundraiser for the 4-H Youth program in the parking lot at the Lapeer County Center Building.

Schwan's is a Quality Food Home Delivery company and offers a wide range of food from breakfast to supper and snacks. Great variety of fruits, juices, meat, vegetables and desserts! You can stop by the office to pick up a catalog or go online to www.schwans.com to see what products are offered. You may then pre-order by dropping off, calling or faxing your order to the MSU extension office by March 16th and pick up on March 19th-do not place orders online! Office phone number 810-667-0343, fax 810-667-0355.You can also buy straight from the truck on the 19th but choices may be limited to what's on hand.

- Interested in helping with Indoor Projects at Fair and Spring Achievement?? We have 3 openings for Superintendents in the following projects:
  Woodworking
  Conservation & Entomology
  Clover Buds (Co-Superintendent)

  Requirements-Be or become a 4-H volunteer leader with at least 1 yr experience in the project area with the desire to help kids.
  Rewards- Satisfaction of helping kids
  Gratitude of 4-H Staff
  1 weekly fair pass
  Call Pat at 810-667-0343 or email waughpat@anr.msu.edu

Great food for a great cause-come out and support the Lapeer County 4-H Program! 4-H is about kids learning, having fun, making friends, developing character and helping others. MSU is an equal opportunity employer and MSU Extension programs are open to all.

- 4-H Auctions: Celebrity Auction Friday, April 15th 5:30-9pm
  25th Annual Spring Auction Saturday, April 16th 8am-4pm

Some ways you can participate:

PLEASE COME TO THE AUCTION – Buy your gas, food, oil changes, car washes, salon services, etc. at the Auction, for example, and get what you would be buying elsewhere anyway, BUT YOUR MONEY WILL BE GOING TO 4-H!

CLUB BASKETS – These baskets get a lot of attention and active bidding. Clubs may design baskets based on their projects or a theme such as “movie night”, camping, animal, sports, etc. All baskets may be dropped off at the Center Building Friday, April 16 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the office and ask for Pat or Jean.

BAKE SALE – The bake sale takes place at the Celebrity Auction on the night of April 15 and all day on April 16. Wendy Tanis organizes and manages the sale and tells us that last year, things went very well. She says that sweet things are always good sellers, but gives some examples of other items that you may like to make, such as, popcorn (small bags or large container), rolls, bread, bread sticks with cups of dipping sauce, foccacia. She says, “if everybody helps a little, it becomes a big success. Remember that the Bake Sale is pure profit for 4-H.” Call Wendy at 989-761-7763 if you have an idea and would like to run it by her.

DONATIONS – We are even more concerned than we were last year about the economy’s impact on donors, and some of our regular supporters have been forced to close their businesses. PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DONATE. Do you have a craft? Do you have farm produce or other product that you produce? Do you have something new that is lying around your house that you will never use? What about asking your employer for an item? Do you know someone else who might have something to donate: merchandise, foods, services? (The Auction is a good place for businesses to promote their merchandise and services.)

A FEW IDEAS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER: Certificate for a home baked pie, cake, or other food of the month (We can make the certificate), Home-made doll clothes, Hand knitted items, Quilts or afghans, Artwork, An afternoon of fishing at your pond, A weekend at your cabin, A singing telegram, New items from your closet or storage that you’ve never used, Antiques, Certificate for a service, such as raking leaves, washing windows, walking a dog, music lesson, YOUR OTHER IDEA.

PLEASE HELP US THIS YEAR – It takes a lot of people to make the Auction work. Think about bringing a friend, maybe someone who is not yet involved in 4-H.

THANK YOU FOR READING! PLEASE CALL ME AT 667-0343 TO LET ME KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Claudia Ferguson
4-H Auction Coordinator

- Exploration Days—June 21-24th Books will be in office after March 3rd may view them online at http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/edstaff.html in the Event Overview/Registration Information Section. Looking for talented people for the “4-H-H’s Got Talent” entertainment at the Wharton Center the opening night of the conference.

Applications can be completed at hhtp://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/ednew.html and submit it along with an audition CD, DVD, video or web link featuring their performing act (song. Dance, skits, etc). All those who apply will be notified of their selection by late March.

We are also looking for an adult male head chaperone to accompany any boys who would be attending from Lapeer County. Must be 21 years of age and have gone through application process (have background check done, references checked, etc). If interested please call office and ask to speak with Pat or Jean. Thanks.

- Any Club or Committee wishing to apply for Participation Fee Grant deadline of March 1st and May 1st call or stop by office for application.

- 4-H Weekends at the fairgrounds are: May 14 & 15
  June 18 & 19
  July 9 & 10

- 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp July 31-Aug. 6th watch for details to come.