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LAPEER, MICHIGAN - For a second year, the Lapeer County Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the Human Development Commission surprised local senior citizens with healthy vegetable plants at May's commodity food distribution. Ready for planting, vegetables included cucumbers, green beans, peppers, tomatoes, yellow summer squash, and zucchini.

The seven-week project engaged 82 FFA students from all public school districts in the county. Students learned how to select multi-pick plants that would yield throughout the growing season, how to plant from seed, and how to nurture delicate seedlings.

Seniors received information on the transfer and care of plants to sunny garden spots. Ready for harvesting in late summer and early fall, over 40 flats of vegetable plants were distributed to more than 120 Lapeer County seniors on May 26.

Incorporated in 1965, the Human Development Commission is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in the state of Michigan that cares about the entire community and is dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014, HDC provided more than 10,000 people with nourishing food, utility assistance, affordable housing, and other needed services.

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