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4-H NEWSLETTER

RETURNING LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS—It's time to re-enroll in 4-H!

Leaders, we need you to be enrolled BEFORE we can accept enrollments to your club. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/> to re-enroll, if you have not already done so.



This year the 4-H enrollment fees are again being waived! Your 4-H enrollment makes you eligible for 2021/2022 Local, State and National 4-H opportunities such as workshops, Exploration Days, resources, etc. It will also keep you on the mailing list for this newsletter and e-mails with program updates.

Your **PROJECT** application (for market animals or horses) is a separate Oceana County form. These applications get you signed up for a specific project within 4-H. There is **NO** guarantee that by signing up to participate in 4-H that you will get a market spot. There is limited space at the County Fair and we can only take the number allotted. You can be in 4-H without attending the Fair. **4-H is making your 6 meetings and learning about a certain project area.**

You WILL NOT be eligible for market project sign-ups until you have completed the online re-enrollment.

If needed, the following is a link for help on how to enroll: https://www.canr.msu.edu/od/planning_evaluation_and_reporting/File-Uploads/4-H%20Online%20Family%20Guide%202021-22.pdf

We can also email you a copy.

DO NOT set up a new family account. You have to re-enroll under the account you already have as a family. If you make a new account it will be deleted and you will have to redo your re-enrollment.

If you are a 4-H volunteer/leader you must have went through the volunteer background check. You can contact Sarah if you have questions on this. If there are more than 1 volunteer in the household they each will need their own email account. You can create one under Gmail, Hotmail, etc. if needed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either Sarah, or Toni, and we can walk you through it.



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LARGE and SMALL/JUNIOR MARKET ANNUAL MEETINGS:



Monday, October 25th
Shelby Road Baptist church Gymnasium
4066 W Shelby Rd, Shelby, MI 49455
(Door #9, mid level off 72nd Street, gym door)



SMALL MARKET: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LARGE MARKET: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

At the annual market meetings checks will be distributed, elections will be held, project rules and changes will be reviewed and applications to participate will be available to pickup. If you are picking up a check from the auction, remember to bring your signed buyers slip. **No slip = no check.** If you can not make the meeting, or forget your buyer's slip, you may pick your check up in the office anytime after the meeting.

At this meeting you can also pick up your market project applications to participate for the 2021/2022 year. This is the first chance they will be available.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD. The committees are looking for youth to run for the **Market Livestock Committee**. We need YOUTH NOMINEES for beef, swine and sheep. Anyone that is interested from any of these project areas needs to let us know so we can add you to the ballot. Market Livestock usually has 6 meetings a year. We are also in need of ADULT VOLUNTEERS (parents, leaders or business reps). ***If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@msu.edu by October 20th.***

The **Small Market Animal Committee** is seeking ADULT VOLUNTEERS (parents or leaders) interested in running for the committee. We also need YOUTH NOMINEES from beef, poultry and rabbits /or goats to run for committee spots. There are approximately 4 meetings a year.

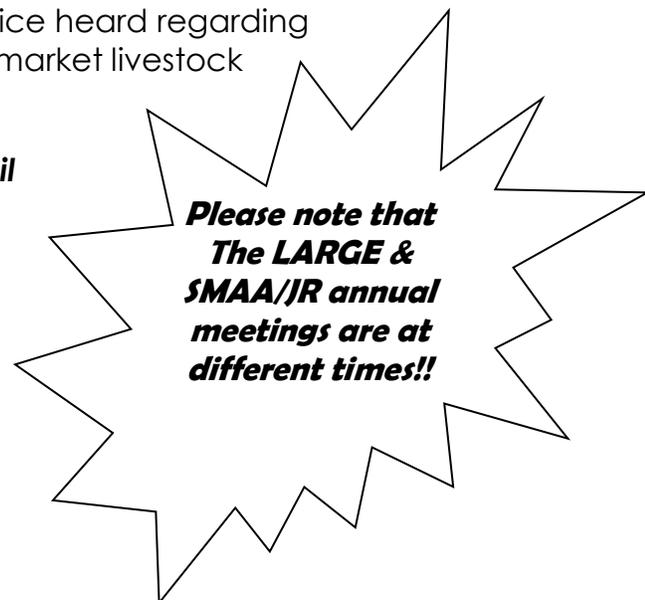
Serving on the committees allows you to have your voice heard regarding decisions impacting your animal project and also the market livestock programs as a whole.

If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@msu.edu by October 20th.

This meeting counts as 1 non-club point for market members. You MUST sign in!

Make sure to attend as the committee's will explain any changes for the upcoming 4-H year.

If you can not make it you may pick up your check at the office beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 26th.



PROJECT APPLICATION SIGNUP PROCESS!

Requirements for the automatic re-enrollment program: all deadlines are by 3:00 p.m.

TIER 1 (October 26th– November 5th)

1. 4-Her must enroll in the same project species as the previous year.
2. 4-Her must have achieved a “B” ribbon or better on their most recent market animal notebook entry at the Oceana County Fair
3. 4-Her must complete the previous year project by delivering the buyer’s photo, obtaining buyer’s signature and returning the signed photo form in exchange for their check at the annual meeting, or no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 5th. You may not turn in your market project applications until you have done so.

4-H must have completed their 4-H enrollment form through <https://v2.4honline.com/>

5. 4-Her must be within the Oceana County Fair resident guidelines to be eligible for automatic enrollment.

Additional Guidelines:

- Automatic enrollment option is available if there is no gap in participation year (i.e. must participate in the same animal species project for back-to-back year).
- Automatic enrollment option is not available if changing project areas (i.e. swine to beef, lamb to swine, small market to large market). It can only be used if the 4-Her is staying in the same species area and same markets such as small/Jr or large market.
- 4-Her’s already in the program (old enough to sell) will be given automatic enrollment priority over Little Buddy members and those who may receive an exception due to not making weight, etc.

TIER 2 (November 6th - November 12th)

For those who did not make weight but completed all 6 meetings and received a B or better on their notebooks. You must stay in the same project to qualify for Tier 2. If you received a C on your notebook you need to request an exemption from Market Livestock (appear before them). They will ask you questions and may, or may not grant the exemption depending on any special circumstances.

Little Buddy Guidelines:

If there is space in the large market program and the little buddy has met four of the five conditions above, they may be automatically enrolled in that large market project. In the event of limited openings, eligible little buddy’s may be selected by age (oldest would be allowed in the program first).

TIER 3 (November 13th)

For those who are brand new to the project, or switching to a new project. You will wait in line on November 13th (see schedule below) to try to secure a market spot (pending space). After the 3:00 p.m. November 12th deadline for automatic enrollment the office will know how many slots are still available for those needing to wait in line on Saturday, November 13th

MARKET PROJECT SIGNUPS (CONT.)

For those not getting their paperwork in by the 12th, or who may not qualify for the automatic enrollment, Market Animal Signups will be held on a first come first served basis, **Saturday, November 13, 2021**. You must have your applications to participate filled out with ALL signatures. Applications will not be accepted if missing any signatures. You must also have already enrolled online.

If you can not make it, you may **have a PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN OR SIBLING submit** your forms. **There is NO holding of spaces or no other relatives that can hold a spot.** If you fax or mail your application, it will be accepted in the order which received beginning Monday, 15th.

The order of sign ups this year will be:

LAMB 8:00- 8:15 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

(must be 4-H age 9 or older to participate in the market lamb project with their own animal)
Little buddies may be 4-H age 5 & up.

BEEF: 8:15-8:30 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

(must be 4-H age 10 or older to participate in the market beef program)

SWINE: 8:30-8:45 A.M. (including Little Buddy)- must be 4-H age 9 or older to participate in the swine with your own animal.

Little buddies may be 4-H age 5 & up.

SMALL & JR MARKET 8:45– 9:00 A.M.

After November 12th we will know how many spots are available for those new to the projects. As always, project enrollments are first come, first served. There are limited stalls/pens at the Fair (60 swine, 36 lambs, 48 steer, 22 feeder calf, 10 chickens, 6 turkeys, 4 ducks, 4 geese, 4 rabbits, 12 Goats)

STEER WEIGH-IN & TAG RECORDING DATE

The steer weigh-in takes place in the Beef Building at the Oceana County Fairgrounds. It will be held on Sat., December 4th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Your steer will be weighed to get your starting weight, tag number scanned & picture taken. If you personally can't attend, you must inform the office of the name of your sibling or parent bringing the animal in your absence. This is worth 1 non-club point for steer and feeder calf members who are present.

If you have a backup steer, you must bring it to be weighed, however you **MUST** have paid your \$5.00 backup animal fee before Dec. 1st. If you are on the waiting list for a steer market spot you will want to bring your steer to be weighed to remain on the list.



MJLS Winter Classic Beef Show

<http://michiganjrlive-stockociety.com/>

December 10-12, 2021
MSU Pavilion

November 26-28
(If Pavilion unavailable) at
Midland Co. Fairgrounds

PROJECT RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS

SMAA MARKET: The committee has voted to approve the following changes:

FEEDERS: The small market committee has voted to approve the following changes:

Must be ear tagged, with tag in ear when turning in the pictures, males must be castrated and all animals must not have any horns. Heifers will be permitted.

BUYER'S NAMES: The buyer's requirements will be three names per youth. All 3 must be different from their siblings.

NONCLUB POINTS: Nonclub points will be required. There will be one addition to the Community Services Opportunity Section: Fairgrounds Community Service workbee (it would be organized by the office or your leader)

LARGE MARKET: The committee has voted to approve the following changes:

STEER: #13 will read no stags will be allowed at the Fair. It is recommended that all males be knife castrated by January 1, 2021. All animals must be dehorned. No horns or scurs will be allowed. Any re-growth must be removed. If a stag is determined after slaughter a \$.25 per pound adjustment will be made. Heifers will be permitted.

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4-H ENROLLMENT

You need to complete your 4-H enrollment PRIOR to Market signups.

This is done online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

You are enrolling in 4-H, there is no guarantee of getting into the market project of your choice.

YOUTH & LEADER/VOLUNTEER END OF YEAR AWARDS

WHO: All 2021 4-H Members and their Families

WHEN: Sunday, October 24th at 3:00pm

WHERE: **West Michigan Research Station**
5185 N. Oceana Drive, Hart

This year's Awards ceremony will include both the leaders/volunteers awards as well as the youth awards. **Please RSVP to our 4-H office at 873-2129 or schaner4@msu.edu if you can attend and with the number attending.**

Youth: This ceremony is to recognize all 4-Her's for their completion of the 4-H year (actively participating in a 4-H club or program by attending 6 or more meetings). You will be presented with your year pin upon entry. For those who showed outstanding achievement, there will be awards presented which include county project medals, youth awards, HDC High Point and more.

Leaders will be presented their end of year certificates and also the leaders awards.

We ask that you please bring an "appetizer type finger food or dessert" to share after the ceremony so we can all have some time to get to know each other better over some goodies.

We hope you all join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the 2021 4-H year!

GREAT JOB! The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council will present a check to the Crystal Valley Care Fund for the amount of \$2,624.57 the monies they raised during the yard sale this summer.

Thank you to Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, Trudy Sibley ALL of those who donated their time to spend the week at the Fairgrounds organizing and running this event.

If you would like to help with next year's yard sale/bake sale call the Extension office to be added to the committee. This is a great service to the community and more adult help is always welcome and appreciated.

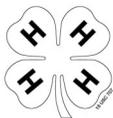
LEADERS: Please get your award nominations in by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11th.

JOHN SAYLES MEMORIAL AWARD

The John Sayles Volunteer Service Memorial Award is presented annually in memory of John Sayles, 4-H volunteer and parent. John was willing to learn, willing to help, a leader, motivated, humble, modest, and showed kindness to others. Nominations are accepted following the Oceana County Fair and are due by 4:00 p.m. on October 11th. The recipient will be recognized at the Awards Banquet and in the 4-H newsletter.

4-H Recognition

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCEANA COUNTY 2021/2022 AMBASSADORS



We would like to congratulate our 4-H Ambassadors

KASSIE BISARD, CHLOE COKER & ALEXIS SETTLER



We would also like to thank **Kassie Bisard & Chloe Coker** for a job well done representing Oceana County 4-H as Ambassadors this past year.

Recognize an important 4-H Volunteer in your life

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council is pleased to continue recognizing the service of our volunteers and parents. Nominate the people who **make 4-H so great by October 11th. Award Recipients will be announced at the Leader/Youth end of year Award Ceremony on October 24th at 3:00 p.m.** Nomination paperwork is available at the MSUE office. Contact Sarah or Toni for details. We also have a listing of past winners available.

- ◆ **LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD** Recognition for dedication to the 4-H Program through active service.
- ◆ **SERVICE AWARD** Recognition for service to the Oceana County 4-H Programs in 2020-2021
- ◆ **MENTOR AWARD** Recognition for impact in a 4-H member's life above and beyond volunteer expectations. Must be nominated by a 4-H Youth Member
- ◆ **HORIZON AWARD** Recognition for demonstrating successful participation in a new program area or event.
- ◆ **SPORTSMANSHIP** Recognition for exemplifying the MI 4-H definition of a good sport by demonstrating respect for animals (if applicable), respect for opponents, respect for the traditions of the sport, and respect for others



We had a lot of volunteers who helped to make the last two years the best that we all could. The success of our program and the success of the auctions, horse shows, community service projects, etc. can only be done by having awesome volunteers.



Michigan 4-H Volunteer Reminders

Welcome to the 2021-22 4-H program year! As a reminder, all Michigan 4-H volunteers are required to complete annual tasks in Volunteer Central to remain active as an MSU Extension volunteer. These steps include authorizing MSU Extension to conduct the background checks and completing the Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Agreement. The date required for this action is based on the date in which you completed this step last year and varies by person. However, a large portion of Michigan 4-H volunteers have their dates cycle at the start of the program year (Sept.1)

If you are curious when you completed this step last, you may login to Volunteer Central at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login and view the date on your dashboard under Acknowledgements and Background Checks. The Volunteer Central system will also alert you via email when you need to complete this important step; the email will come from system@ecemail.samaritan.com and the subject line will read "Annual Background Check and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due." The email will provide you a direct link to the login page and let you quickly complete this authorization. You will receive the emails requesting you to complete this important process at 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before they are due. For more information, refer to the [MSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Guide to Re-Enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment>.

When in Volunteer Central, you may also notice a tab called My Trainings. There are currently four trainings available that you may wish to view to learn more about MSU Extension, 4-H, Working with Youth and Communicating with Conflict. These modules provide new volunteers with a solid foundation and offer returning volunteers the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about these topics and serve as a baseline for future trainings. Please make sure that you have also enrolled in 4-H Online as a 4-H volunteer if you are a Gold Volunteer. Thank you for being a part of the Michigan 4-H program.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9

For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 3-9. During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and find their spark – the theme of this year's celebration.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge

In honor of National 4-H Week, the MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is hosting a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters! Starting October 3, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge, where participants will create teams of five or less and track their total miles walked to compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, the top team will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the team who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a grand prize! Each week, there will also be an individual participation prize drawing, selected at random. Challenge runs through Oct. 30!

Register today at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge.



State 4-H Scholarships and Recognition

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY:

- 4-H involvement at county, regional, state, national and international levels
- Outstanding achievement in 4-H
- Scholastic excellence
- Broad range of 4-H experiences and project involvement
- Leadership and citizenship contributions within and outside of 4-H
- Financial need (applies to 4-H Rabbit/Cavy scholarship only)



For complete eligibility information refer to the guidelines within the scholarship application below.

MICHIGAN 4-H RABBIT/CAVY SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: \$500 per scholarship, up to four scholarships are given annually

Who can apply: Current 4-H members who will be enrolled in higher education, which includes community college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2022. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. A minimum of four scholarships are given annually.

Who can apply: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

MSU Admissions: <http://admissions.msu.edu/>

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - MICHIGAN 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Michigan 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these awards scholarships – recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Scholarship applicant pool above. Current scholarships include:

- **Sigma Alpha Sorority 4-H Scholarship** *Award amount:* \$1,000
- **LOWELL AND CAROL SPIKE MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP** AWARD AMOUNT \$1,000



JANET A. BLANCHARD 4-H LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: Varies based on the available expendable amounts each year.

Who can apply: Michigan 4-H'ers enrolled as full-time Michigan State University students pursuing an undergraduate degree in any major. Recipients must have been enrolled club members of Michigan 4-H Youth Development, demonstrated leadership and been involved in extracurricular activities prior to attending MSU.

The application for the Janet A. Blanchard 4-H Leadership Scholarship will be open for the 2021-22 academic year from March 1-31, 2021. Recipients will be selected during the spring semester, with awards to be effective the following fall semester.

Application: Apply online at scholarships.msu.edu.

Mark your Calendars!



4H Events and Workshops– Statewide

October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101

Online Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-6>

October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections

Online Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-7>

October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice

Online Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-13>

October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting

Online Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-14>

October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering

Online Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-20>

October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking

Online This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-27>

October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management

Online Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-28>

Make sure you have your email address updated in 4-H Online and that you make sure to add our email addresses to your safe list so it does not go to your junk/spam mail.

If you do not want to miss anything make sure everything is up to date. You can also find information the **4-H Youth Programs Oceana** Facebook page.

schaner4@msu.edu (Sarah Schaner/4-H Program Coordinator)

vanberg2@msu.edu (Toni Van Bergen/4-H Secretary, Oceana)

Also-information is updated daily on our Oceana County 4-H Youth Programs Facebook page!!



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 at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 6-17.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN *YOUR* 4-H PROGRAM

The Youth Council is the governing body of your 4-H program. If you would like to be involved in how, when, and why things are done come to the next meeting. They will still be accepting new members at their meeting on Monday, October 11th.

Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month (no meetings in December & August). They begin at 7:00 p.m. at the MSUE Office in Hart.

OFFICE HOURS

JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. Appointments are available from 4:00-5:00 p.m. if requested in advance. It always best to call ahead to make sure we are in the office before heading in.