

OCTOBER 2019



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 return to <https://mi.4honline.com> to re-enroll, if you have not already done so.

Youth, please re-enroll, and submit payment to the Hart MSUE office ASAP, especially if you are in a market project. Your 4-H enrollment makes you eligible for 2019/2020 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. Once you have enrolled there are **no refunds** made by campus. You can be in 4-H without attending the Fair. **4-H is making your 6 meetings and learning about a certain project area.**

Please be timely in submitting your annual enrollment fee, **\$20.00** per youth (maximum of **\$60.00** per family) by check payable to **Michigan State University**, cash, credit, or you can request a scholarship from Youth Council. Youth Council is offering scholarships for up to 50% of your fee, if it is not affordable for your family. When you re-enroll you will get a notice that you are in pending status. Once payment is received you will be made active.

You **WILL NOT** be eligible for market project sign-ups until both the online re-enrollment and payment portions are complete.

We have copies of "how to re-enroll" in the office if needed. 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 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 MEETING:

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Montague High School Auditorium

This year both Large and Small/Junior market annual meetings will be held at the same time. At this meeting 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.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD. The committees are looking for youth to run for the **Market Livestock Committee**. We are taking nominations for YOUTH reps 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). The adults are either North or South reps (Baseline road is the dividing road). ***If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@anr.msu.edu***



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@anr.msu.edu

This meeting counts as 1 non-club point for market members.

You MUST sign in!

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

If you can not make it you may pick up your market checks, and market project applications to participate, in the office any time AFTER the meeting.



Please note that Large, Small and Junior Market are again all meeting together! This year it is being held near our Southern clubs, at the Montague High School.

PROJECT APPLICATION SIGNUP PROCESS!

Requirements for the automatic re-enrollment program:

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 4:00 p.m. on November 1st.
4. 4-H must have completed their 4-H enrollment form through <https://mi.4honline.com> and paid the participation fee of \$20 by November 1st.
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.

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). In order to not wait in line, you need your applications to participate in by November 1st also.

~ After the 4:00 p.m. November 1st deadline for automatic enrollment the office will know how many slots are still available for those needing to wait in line on Saturday, Nov. 9th ~

LEADERS!! If you have not reenrolled in 4-H online (<https://mi.4honline.com>) and did your background check review that Sarah has sent out, you will not be able to sign applications as you are not an active leader yet. Please don't delay, get this done. If you are not sure of the link please email us and we will send it to you again.

**For the Market Programs:
Oceana County 4-H Automatic Enrollment Policy for 2019-2020
(if requirements below are met)**

Purpose/Policy:	Those who have completed a market project the previous year may sign up in a predetermined window before any new project members.
Scope:	This policy applies to Oceana County 4-H residents only.
Objective:	To implement an improved re-enrollment process for the experienced 4-Her in their specific project area.
Eligibility:	Six conditions must be met to qualify for automatic enrollment in the 2019 – 2020 4-H Large / Small Market Programs.

Requirements for the automatic re-enrollment program:

- 4-Her must enroll in the same project species as the previous year.
- 4-Her must have achieved a "B" ribbon or better on their most recent market animal notebook entry at the Oceana County Fair.
- Animal must have been sold at the Oceana 4-H Livestock Auction(s).
- 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 by November 1, 2019.
- 4-Her must have a completed 4-H Enrollment Form through <https://mi.4honline.com> and participation fee of \$20 paid by November 1, 2019.
- 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 years (i.e. must participate in the same animal species project for back-to-back years).
- 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 animal species project area.
- 4-Her's already in the project (old enough to sell) will be given automatic enrollment priority over Little Buddy members.
- Projects not making weight or have an unforeseen issue as to why their animal could not be in the auction; yet all other project requirements have been met (meetings, notebook, etc.) may consider the below steps:
 - 4-Her to send a letter to their respective committee, requesting an exception, by September 1st at 4:00 p.m.
 - Once received at the 4-H Office, the letter will be forwarded to the appropriate 4-H leader who will be required to provide either a letter of recommendation or a denial of the request in respect to time spent on the project, etc.
 - The leader's response is due by September 15th.
 - If the Committee approves the exception, the 4-Her may sign up in the same week as the Little Buddy members.
 - If the Committee does not approve the exception, the Committee will provide sign up direction to the 4-Her.
 - 4-Hers who were granted the exception under Item "C", will have priority over Little Buddy members for automatic enrollment.
 - Committee will make the final decision by October 1st.

Little Buddy Guidelines (example)

If there is space in the large market swine program and the swine little buddy has met four of the six conditions above (a little buddy does not have a buyer photo/signature requirement nor a sold through auction requirement), they may be automatically enrolled in the Large Market Swine Program. In the event of limited openings, eligible little buddy's may be selected by age (oldest would be allowed in the program first).

Final Authority: The appropriate committee; 4-H Market Livestock Committee, or the Small Market Animal Association Committee, will be the final authority on all matters of concern and can grant/deny exceptions to the above policy/rules.

PROJECT RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS

SMAA MARKET:

Goats: The small market committee has voted to allow the market goat project to do showmanship with either their market animal or a doe (as long as there is space available at the Fair).

LARGE & SMALL MARKET: The committees have voted that those not making weight, or having some other non-controllable issue close to Fair, may submit a letter by September 1st of that year requesting an exception regarding automatic enrollment. This letter will be sent to the leader for either a recommendation or a denial and then to the committee to approve or disapprove.

**THE MSUE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON TUES., OCTOBER 29TH AND
WED., OCTOBER 30TH AS ALL STAFF
WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTY AT
FALL CONFERENCE.**

4-H ENROLLMENT

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

This is done online at
mi.4honline.com.

The enrollment fee (\$20/ youth, \$60 maximum for families, scholarships available) **MUST BE PAID** in order to complete your enrollment.

Your enrollment fee is not refundable. *You are enrolling in 4-H*, there is no guarantee of getting into the market project of your choice.

ACCEPTING MEMBERS

The Purrr...fect Cat Club

Love your cat?

Wish you had one?

Want to learn more about cats?

Call our office at 873-2129 and speak with

Sarah about joining our Cat club!

(space is limited to the first 15 to sign up)



BELLA'S BOUNCING BUDDIES (DOG CLUB)

Love spending time with your dog?

Want to learn more about he or she?

Want to teach your dog obedience?

Have a great time with other dog owners by calling
Our office and we will get you in touch with the
leader of this fun club!



LEADER'S BANQUET

The 2019 Leader's Banquet is being held **Tuesday, November 5th**
beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the **New Era Reformed Church**
at 4775 1st St, New Era, MI 49446 .

Invitations will be mailed out to those who were active leaders and resource leaders for the 2019 4-H year. This year's theme is "**Halloween**".

Everyone is ENCOURAGED to dress up in their favorite costume.

We hope for another great turn out. Thanks to Trudy Sibley and Ann Marie Overla for planning, decorating and ensuring that this event is always a good time!

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council will present a check to the Crystal Valley Care Fund for the amount of \$2,617.13, the monies they raised during the yard sale in July. Thank you to Trudy Sibley and Ann Marie Overla, and 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.

4-H MEMBER COUNTY MEDAL/AWARDS

WHO: All 2019 4-H Members and their Families

WHEN: Sunday, October 27th at 3:00pm

WHERE: *Pentwater School Gymnasium*



This year's Awards ceremony will be held in the Pentwater Schools gymnasium (600 Park Street, Pentwater, MI). 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.

This year we will be holding a "pet needs drive". Please bring pet food, toys, treats, supplies such as kitty litter, etc. for the 4-H Program to donate to local shelters.

We ask that you please bring a "finger food/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 2019 4-H year!

JOHN SAYLES MEMORIAL AWARD

This year the Sayles Family has chosen a family to award the John Sayles Memorial Award to. There will not be nominations. Keep an eye out for those who go above & beyond "just because" for next year.

Save the Date!

Oceana County 4-H Sponsored Horse Shows!

(All shows will be at the Hart Fairgrounds.)



April 25th, 2020—Open adult and youth Shaggy Show

May 16th, 2020—Open youth full dress show

June 27th, 2020—Open youth full dress show

July 25th & 26th—Kaitlynn Scott Memorial *NEW 2 DAY*
Jumping & Speed show

(Camping/stalls available, open for adults & youth)

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. 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.

Under the direction of the Youth Council are the Horse Developmental Committee, the Large Market Committee and Small Market Committee. If interested in participating in any of these committee's, please call the office at 873-2129 and speak with Sarah.

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

4-H Scholarships and Recognition

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCEANA COUNTY 2019/2020 AMBASSADORS



We would like to congratulate our new 4-H Ambassadors



Grace Alvesteffer, Nicole Rockwell & Sadie Sorensen

We would also like to thank **Alexis Gale, Mikaylyn Kenney and Sadie Sorensen** 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's Banquet Monday, November 5th. Nomination paperwork is available at the MSUE office. Contact Sarah or Toni for details.

- ♦ **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT 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 2018-2019
- ♦ **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.



4-H SENIORS!

Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship



Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually

Who can apply: Those who will be college freshmen in Fall 2020. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

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

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.

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships

If you would like assistance writing about your 4-H experience in a narrative form or need information regarding your participation in Oceana County 4-H programs, contact the MSU Extension office at 231-873-2129 or email schaner4@msu.edu

Make sure you have your email address is 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.

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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**JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.– Noon
& 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.**

Appointments are available from 4:00-5:00 p.m. if requested in advance.

We will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, October 29th & 30th for Fall Conference.