



Ogemaw County

# 4-H Family News

March 2019

## Hello Ogemaw County 4-H Families and Friends,

It has been many years since we have had a newsletter for Ogemaw County 4-H. My hopes are to have a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter available to 4-H family, friends and stakeholders to let you all know about all the fun and exciting things that are going on with our county 4-H program and across the state.

As most of you know, many of our local clubs are livestock based. My goal for this new year is to get MANY more 4-H clubs up and running in areas that youth in the county have an interest in. I am currently looking for adults that are willing to be a leader or a co-leader for a club in an area that they have an interest in themselves. The adult leaders must enjoy working with youth and helping to make their lives better by teaching them the abundance of life skills youth learn through the 4-H clubs and programs they participate in.

If you have any interest in helping to better the lives of youth here in Ogemaw County, please contact me so we can talk. I have a vast array of resources to help you make the club successful. All I need is a little bit of your time to dedicate to the youth.

Please know that you can always contact our office to get more information on a program at 989-345-0692 or email Peggy at [zettlep@msu.edu](mailto:zettlep@msu.edu)

I am looking forward to sharing information with you throughout the year through our new Ogemaw 4-H Family News.

Sincerely,

Peggy Zettle

4-H Program Coordinator

## New Staffed Office Hours M-F 11:30am-4:30pm

[Ian Sawyer has joined MSU-Extension of Ogemaw County as our new Office Support Staff.](#)

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**Stop in for all of your  
4-H needs during our  
new staffed office  
hours and meet Ian!**

**Registration  
available for the  
4-H Animal &  
Veterinary  
Science Camp**



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign**

*Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan*

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

**March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign**

*Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan*

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

**April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo**

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

**April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

**April 8: Michigan 4-H Club Officer Roles and Parli-Pro Training**

*Saganing Tribal Center, Standish*

For All 4-H Club Officers and any 4-H member or adult leader interested in learning more about basic roles of club officer and the correct Parliamentary Procedure to run an effective meeting.

<http://bit.ly/ParliProTrng/>

**March 21: 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Orientation**

*Standish-Sterling High School, Standish*

Are you interested in serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor on July 10-12, 2019? If so, submit an application and attend the orientation training! Application due prior to March 15th.

<http://bit.ly/4HCounselor>

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

## Save the date!

**July 10-12, 2019:**  
North Central 4-H Summer Camp at Camp Nissokone. \$150.00 for 4-H members, \$170.00 for non-members. Partial scholarships available. More details to follow soon.

**July 23-24, 2019:**  
4-H Outdoor Exploration Day Camp for youths ages 8-19 as of 1-1-2019 at Pioneer Power Grounds. More details to follow soon.

**July 30-August 1, 2019:**  
4-H Cloverbud Day Camp for youth ages 5-7 as of 1-1-2019 at Pioneer Power Grounds. More details to follow soon.

## 4-H Events and Workshops (continued)

**Tuesdays in March & April: 4-H Cloverbud Exploration Club**

*MSU Extension Office– Ogemaw County, West Branch*

For youth ages 5-7 as of Jan 1, 2019 to learn what 4-H is all about, make friends, and take part in fun and exciting things to do like crafts, science experiments, and more!  
[mi.4honline.com](http://mi.4honline.com)

**April 27: Achievement Day**

*Ogemaw Heights High School, West Branch*

Come out and see what 4-H is all about! 4-H members will be displaying their projects for evaluations and the public to view.

**May 17-18 : 4-H Babysitter Training**

*Rose City City Hall*

Open to youth ages 11-19 as of 1-1-19. Limited to 15 youth. May 17th 4:30pm-8:00pm and May 18th 9:00am-12:30pm, cost is \$10.00. Call 989-345-0692 to register.

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## 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University

Every year, approximately 2,500 youth (ages 11-19 years old) and chaperones from every Michigan county come to MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. This MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer, it could even change your life! Registration is \$220 (additional \$20 for non-4-H members).

There are partial scholarships available through Ogemaw County 4-H. There are more than 200 sessions to choose from. This event has something fun and exciting for everyone. Youth attending will live like a college student during this event, staying in dorms, eating in residence hall cafeterias, and attending classes across campus.

To learn more about 4-H Exploration Days, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_H\\_exploration\\_Days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_H_exploration_Days/).

Registrations are due March 19th at the Ogemaw County MSU Extension Office. Please contact Peggy Zettle for more information at 989-345-0692 x1 [zettlep@msu.edu](mailto:zettlep@msu.edu). Forms are available at the Ogemaw County MSU Extension Office.



OR

## Scholarship Available!

Ogemaw County 4-H Council Scholarship applications are available for high school seniors that have been active in Ogemaw County 4-H Program for at least 3 years. For more information on the scholarship, visit the MSU Extension Office, call 989-345-0692, or email [zettlep@msu.edu](mailto:zettlep@msu.edu). The application deadline is March 29, 2019 at 4:00pm.

## Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



*Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator*

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comeingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal-science/>.

## 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.