

*Osceola County*

4-H Family News

November 2020

Dear 4-H members, leaders, parents, and supporters,

As we keep moving towards the winter months please spread the word about 4-H to your friends, family, and anyone you may know so we can keep growing. For the upcoming program year there are no fees to be active in 4-H. It has been many years since this has happened and I would like to see Osceola County to take full advantage of this.

As we continue to move forward during the pandemic, Osceola County 4-H is only doing virtual programs and meetings with no face to face until further notice. As we move thru the virtual format we have had 3 OLC/Small Animal education meeting over the past few months. What have the Judy Mohr Life Skill competition starting here this month. Please take a look at page 4 for more details Graduating seniors local scholarships area available on page 4. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy month of November.

Sincerely,

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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is open. Please remember if you had an account in the past, please DO NOT make a new account; please call the 4-H Office if you forgo your Username and/or Password. If you need help, please let us know, we are here to help! To register, go to this website: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

There are no 4-H Enrollment fees for the 2020-2021 year.

REMEMBER...4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1ST!!!!

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**MSU's Institute of
Agricultural
Technology Virtual
Open House!**



**Institute of
Agricultural
Technology**

You're invited to attend a virtual open house for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology to learn more about [MSU's academic programs](#) and many [partnerships with Michigan community colleges](#).

The open house events begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 45 minutes. The presentation will include information about academic programs, career pathways, enrollment process, resources for student success, and key campus life opportunities, as well as providing an opportunity for youth to ask questions at any point throughout the presentation.

To register, click on the preferred date below:

[Tuesday, November 3](#)
www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-3-nov-2020

[Tuesday, November 17](#)
www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020

Questions?
Contact ati.iat@msu.edu or
call 517-884-7334.

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6-11: Michigan Youth Fall-a-thon

Online via GooseChase

Join the fun on the GooseChase app as youth compete as household teams to complete challenges in this fun, self-paced, virtual fall event!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-youth-fall-a-thon>

November 9-13: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

Online via Zoom

Join the 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club and explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-minecraft-spin-club-nov-9-13>

November 9-12: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Vet Science Interactive Series

Online via Zoom

Explore veterinary science through interactive sessions as you visit Tollgate Farm virtually to learn about livestock and companion animals through STEM challenges and learning!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-vet-science-interactive-week-long-series>

November 9-12: Youth Armory Babysitting Training

Online via Zoom

Join this four-day training designed to teach teen youth everything they need to know about being safe, effective, trustworthy and responsible babysitters.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-armory-babysitting-training>

November 10: Wild Spartans Series

Online via Zoom

Join 4-H staff to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-november>

November 25: 4-H Sooper Yooper GooseChase Scavenger Game

Online via GooseChase app

Learn fun facts about the U.P. while completing missions on the Goose Chase app! Participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, or wherever your family will be during this time!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-sooper-yooper-goosechase-savenger-game>

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



Instructors wanted for 2021 4-H Exploration Days!

Plans are underway for an exciting and enhanced 4-H Exploration Days in 2021—and we need your help! MSU Extension's 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. Volunteers are crucial to this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated to be held June 23-25, 2021 on the campus of MSU. During this tumultuous time, MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are also preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience. We will continue to keep both volunteers and potential participants informed as to any updates as time progresses.

To make the most of our 2021 event, regardless of format, we are currently looking for instructors to host fun and engaging sessions. Please consider submitting a session proposal before December 1. Session proposals include a session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) you plan to engage and their contact information.

New for this year, sessions will take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2.5, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots. To learn more about instructor roles and to access the form, please visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/ or contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

4-H'ers excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase; \$50,000 in youth scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they have put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](http://www.michiganstatefair.org) and [MSU Extension](http://www.msu.edu). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Among those scholarships were new funds provided in 2020 to support 4-H Virtual Scholarships, specifically for 4-H youth. Recipients of the 4-H Virtual Scholarships are:

- Magdalene Callender, Ingham County
- Rebecca Havelka, Menominee County
- Travis Liford, Oakland County
- Adrian Noecker, Antrim County
- Elizabeth Shane, Washtenaw County
- Alexis Fisher, Monroe County
- Sarah Liford, Oakland County
- Allison Littlefield, St. Joseph County
- Kylie A. Ossege, Oakland County
- Troy Todd, Osceola County

"I have always dreamed of competing at the Michigan State Fair, but due to distance that was not possible," said scholarship recipient Rebecca Havelka. "The positive in this whole experience is that I had the ability to compete virtually at more shows than I could have ever imagined. Thank you so much for making this possible!"

In total, more than 400 youth from 62 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards. To view placings for the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, visit www.michiganstatefairllc.com.

Getting crafting — for free!



Through National 4-H Council's partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com!

When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15 percent off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com!

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Already have a rewards card? Go to www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h and use your rewards card number to sign up for free Creativebug access today.

Don't have a JOANN's reward card? Sign-up at www.joann.com/4-h/.

Livestock

The **Osceola Livestock Committee (OLC)** meets on the second Monday of each month. 4-H members are required to attend 3 OLC Meetings per year in order to show and sell a market beef, sheep, or swine at the Osceola County Fair. Meetings are currently being held via Zoom. Please watch your email for the links to these Zooms, being sent out the day of.

Osceola County Fair Beef Weigh-in registration forms and pictures must be turned in to the 4-H Office by **Tuesday, December 1st**.

Small Animal

The Osceola County **4-H Small Animal Association** plans and carries out the small animal events in the county, as well as helps establish rules and policies for the fairs. Come and be a part of the process and find out what is available for your members and clubs. Meetings are currently being done via Zoom on the second Monday of the month. Please watch your emails for the links to these Zooms.

General News

The **Osceola County 4-H council** would like to invite anyone that would be interested in attending a meeting. The 4-H Council helps formulate 4-H club policies and programs in Osceola County, works on scholarships such as Exploration Days, fundraisers (plat book), Ag Olympics just to name a few. If you are interested please email Jake so you can be invited to the upcoming zoom meeting in January 2021.

Judy Mohr Life Skills Contest - This is open to any youth that is interested. Youth will fill out an application for Turkey, Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine, then submit it the 4-H Office by the deadlines. The Selection Committee will go through the applications and pick individuals that will go to the next step by participating in a non-formal interview. After the interview one recipient will be awarded for each species and that species must be shown and sold at any of the three fairs. Please watch your emails for more information such as applications and deadlines.

High School Seniors!! The Osceola County Community Foundation webpage has scholarship opportunities. You can access the webpage at: <https://facommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Small Animal and OLC Educational Meetings are being held on the second Monday of every month until we can meet face to face again. Please watch your emails for the links to the Zooms. There are different age groups, but family members can participate in one Zoom session, even if they are different age groups. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

December 1st is the deadline for registration for the Osceola County Fair Beef and Dairy Beef registration. The form has been emailed in the Friendly Reminders. If you need it, please let us know. The forms and pictures need to be turned into the 4-H Office by the end of the day on December 1st.

Osceola County Fair Beef and Dairy Beef Registration Form 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Registration Form Postmarked by December 1, 2020)

Mail to MSU Extension 301 W. Upton Ave. Reed City, MI 49677

Circle which species you will be showing at fair.

Beef	Breed: _____
Dairy Beef	RFID: _____
	Tattoo _____ (IF APPLICABLE)

ATTACH PHOTOS ON SEPARATE SHEET (NO EMAILED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

(6) PICTURES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH ANIMAL -FRONT, BOTH SIDES, REAR, RFID TAG INCLUDING PREMISE & SEQUENCE NUMBER, AND TOP OF HEAD NEEDS TO SHOW HORN AREA CLEARLY, MOVE HAIR IF POSSIBLE

If this form is not complete and pictures of ID are not clear --it will not be accepted

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Upcoming in
December...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Small Ani- mal & OLC Zooms	10	11 Courthouse Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Closed for Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

December 1st -
Osceola County Beef
Weigh-in Registration
Forms and pictures are
due to the 4-H Office.

December 14th - OLC
and Small Animal
Meeting Zooms.
Watch your emails for
the link and times

December 24th, 25th,
31st and January 1st -
The 4-H Office is
closed for Christmas
and New Years.