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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 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 2017/2018 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.



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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) payable to **Michigan State University**, cash 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 Sam, or Toni, and we can walk you through it.

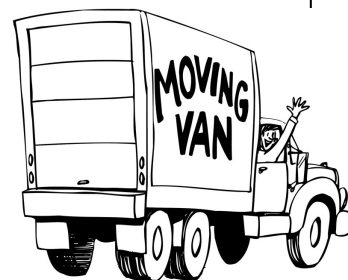


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THE EXTENSION OFFICE IS MOVING!!

The MSU Extension Office will be moving to 844 S. Griswold Street, Hart, around the end of October (the exact date has not been set at this time). Griswold is almost on the corner of Polk and Oceana Drive (the West side of Oceana Drive). If you do not get emails, or are not on our Facebook page at: 4-H Youth Programs Oceana County, please call ahead to 873-2129 to make sure we are still in our old office. If our doors are closed we will have signage to remind you of the new address.



LARGE and SMALL/JUNIOR MARKET ANNUAL MEETING:

**Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Shelby Cafetorium at Shelby Middle School**

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.

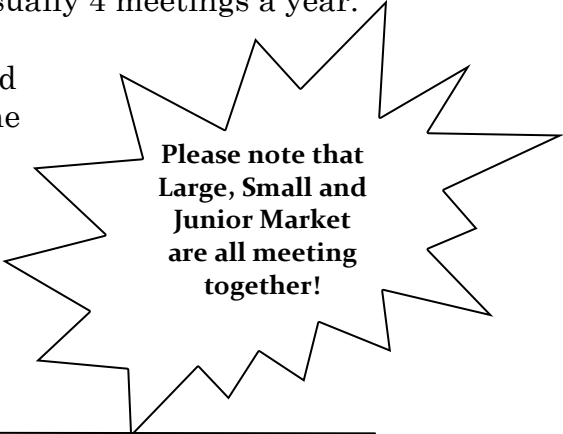
HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD. The committees are looking for youth to run for the Market Livestock Committee. We need YOUTH NOMINEES for beef, swine and sheep. Anyone that is interested from any of these project areas needs to let us know so we can add you to the ballot. Market Livestock usually has 6 meetings 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@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 usually 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!



**Please note that
Large, Small and
Junior Market
are all meeting
together!**

LARGE MARKET PROJECT RULE CHANGES & CLARIFICATIONS

Following are the project rules changes voted on by the Market Livestock Committee for the 2017/2018 4-H year.

Project changes and/or clarifications

1. There will be a waiting list for all projects. There will be at least 5 waiting list spots for each Market Livestock animal project. If you are placed on the waiting list and are notified of an opening you have 2 weeks to get your application submitted from the notification date. If you are notified prior to the normal project picture, ear tag and breed deadline (Steers –Dec 1st, Hogs –May 10th, Lambs—June 1st) you will be expected to submit your picture, ear tag and breed by the appropriate deadline. If you are notified after these deadlines, you will have 2 weeks to submit your picture, ear tag and breed. The deadline to fill open spots from the waiting list is July 2nd. After July 2nd there will be no filling of open spots.
2. On sign-up day, November 11th the 4-H member, a sibling, or their parents/legal guardian are the ONLY ones who may be in line and turn in their paperwork for them. If it is discovered that you are not following this rule you will be directed to go to the back of the line.

THIS SYSTEM WILL BE CHANGING NEXT YEAR!

All committees are working together to try to improve the way signups are held. Please be present in order to have any questions or concerns addressed.

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., **Dec. 2nd** 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 not 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 are the waiting list for a steer you will want to bring your steer to be weighed to remain on the list.

Oceana County 4-H is seeking adult volunteers willing to assist youth in learning about:



**ARCHERY
MODEL CARS
ROBOTICS**

**FISHING
ROCKETRY**



If you know of someone willing to share their time with Oceana County youth, please put them in touch with the Extension Office at 873-2129.

MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT SIGNUP

Market Livestock Animal Signups will be held **Saturday, November 11, 2017**. 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 and paid your fee (or requested scholarship assistance)

*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, the 13th.*

The order of sign ups this year will be:

BEEF: 8:30-9:00 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

(must be 4-H age 10 or older to participate in the Steer or Little Buddy Steer program)

SWINE: 9:00-9:30 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

LAMB 9:30-10:00 A.M. (including Little Buddy)
(must be 4-H age 10 or older to participate in the Steer or LB Steer program)

As always, project enrollments are first come, first served. There are limited stalls/pens at the Fair (60 swine, 36 lambs, 48 steer)

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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.

Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your 4-H Market Animal Project

**ONE OF THE MANY BOOK/DVDS/CDS
THAT MAY BE CHECKED OUT OF OUR
4-H LIBRARY!**

What does it cost to raise a market animal? How can raising a market animal teach positive financial management? What does learning how to present and market have to do with an animal project?

Most young people in 4-H market animal projects are focused on basic animal science, care and management. But market animal projects also have the potential to teach youth valuable life skills.

Through this curriculum, youth will gain knowledge about marketing & advertising their products.

Participants will also explore & practice production, management & distribution skills. In addition, it provides a venue to explore what it takes to be successful in business & view the world of animal science & agribusiness as a viable career option.

SMAA/JUNIOR MARKET SIGNUPS

The Small Market and Junior Market Project Registration signup will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2017. This year Small/Junior will be first and will run from 8:00 a.m.– 8:30 a.m.** You must have your application to participate filled out with **ALL** signatures. Applications will not be accepted if missing any signatures. You must have signed up in 4-H online and paid your fee, or requested scholarship assistance, prior to this day.

A 4-H member may sign up for one animal at this time. **If you can not attend sign-ups, a parent/legal guardian or sibling may wait in line and submit your paperwork for you. There is NO holding of spaces or no other relatives that can hold a spot. If you do this and it is found out you will be asked to go to the back of the line.** A 4-Her will have until March 1st to drop without penalty. Beginning March 2nd, members may sign up for a second animal if they wish, pending available space. If you drop out after March 1st, you will NOT be eligible to sell in the Small Market or Junior Markets the following year. You may request a meeting with the SMAA committee if there are extenuating circumstances.

Project Enrollments are first come, first served. There will be a waiting list.

There are limited stalls/pens at the Fair.

The following are the combined project limits for SMAA and Junior Markets.

Chickens– 10	Turkeys- 6	Feeder Calf/Young Beef * –18
		<i>* you must be at least 4-H age 7 to bring your own feeder calf</i>
Rabbits– 4	Goats– 8	Ducks– 4
		Geese– 4

SMAA/JR.MARKET PROJECT RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS

1. Feeder Calf: Will now read: No heifers allowed.

Ear tag MUST be in the calf's ear when turning pictures in.

2. Goats: Market limit of 8

All market animals (with the exception of poultry and rabbits, where the meat can not be handled) the 4-Her is required to show their market project animal. There will be market showmanship classes added to the Fair book.

3. There will be a waiting list for all projects. There will be at least 5 waiting list spots for each Market animal project. If you are placed on the waiting list and are notified of an opening you have 2 weeks to get your application submitted from the notification date. Feeder calf members, if you are notified prior to the normal project picture, ear tag and breed deadline of June 1st, you will be expected to submit your picture, ear tag and breed by the appropriate deadline. If you are notified after this deadline you will have 2 weeks to submit your picture, ear tag and breed. All other SMAA/JR Mkt project pictures, tags, breed deadline is August 1st. The deadline to fill open spots from the waiting list is July 2nd. After July 2nd there will be no filling of open spots.

4. On sign up day the only ones allowed in line to turn in YOUR application to participate in the Market project are YOU, A SIBLING OR A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN. This rule has changed so take note of it!

4-H ENROLLMENT

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LEADER'S BANQUET

The 2017 Leader's Banquet is being held **Monday, November 13th**
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 2017 4-H year. This year's theme is ***"Through the Years"***. We hope for a 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 \$2,265.00. the monies they raised during the yard sale in July.

Thank you to Trudy Sibley, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow 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 2017 4-H Members and their Families

WHEN: Sunday, November 5th at 3:00pm

WHERE: *Shelby High School Auditorium*



This year's Awards ceremony will be held in Shelby MI at the Shelby High School (641 N State St, Shelby, MI 49455). This ceremony is to recognize all 4-Hers 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.

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 2017 4-H year!

JOHN SAYLES MEMORIAL AWARD

Have you noticed that special someone who is always willing to help without asking for anything in return? Who always has a positive attitude.

Please nominate them (youth or adult) for the John Sayles Memorial. We have forms in the office or on the Facebook page. We can also email them to you.

4-H Scholarships and Recognition

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCEANA COUNTY 2017/2018 AMBASSADORS

We would like to congratulate our new 4-H Ambassadors

Grace Alvesteffer, Crystal Bromley & Mikaylyn Kenney

We would also like to thank **Hailey Lemmen, Katie Lemmen & Maisie Whitaker** 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 23rd!** Award Recipients will be announced at the Leader's Banquet Monday, November 2nd. Nomination Paperwork is available at the MSUE office. Contact Sam 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 2016-2017
- ♦ **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 2017. 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 brodleys@anr.msu.edu

4-H BEYOND THE BARN

JUST FOR FUN!

2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

Location: MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48377

Contact: koehle43@anr.msu.edu

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 8, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Come, take a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch to pick your perfect pumpkin. Food, music, farm animals, educational exhibits, and children's activities all make for a fun fall outing for all ages.

The Novi and Wixom Public Library will participate in this special fundraiser for educational programming at the farm with story times throughout the day and children's authors reading their stories. In addition to a children's straw maze and pumpkin bowling, we'll have antique tractors and the MSU Bug House. Jeff Pavlik returns to the farm with a foodways reenactment near the pumpkin patch.

Entry, educational exhibits, children's Strawland and music are free of charge.

Tickets sold for cash or credit for pumpkins, food, and select children's activities. Parking is \$ 5.

Bring your friends and family and enjoy the fall festivities.

4-H Workshops (listed at this time)

November 18-19: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1

November 24-28: National 4-H Congress

<http://national4-hcongress.com/>

Atlanta, Georgia

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February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop*

**These workshops are full of information and hands on activities. If you are interested in attending, Youth Council will help you with the cost. You can share what you learned from the workshops at a club meeting, or with the Oceana County Youth Council, and the FULL amount of your registration will be reimbursed to you! If it is not affordable to put the money up in advance as required, contact the Extension Office & arrangements can be made. We want anyone that wants to attend to be able to go.*

Other 4-H Events

2018

January 27: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

June 20-22: 4-H Exploration Days

MSU

*For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>
(at this time the 2018 schedule has not been released so keep checking)*

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.

There will be a lot of information going out through email as we move our office and get machinery moved. 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.

brodleys@msu.edu (Samantha Brodley/4-H Program Coordinator)

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

Community Service Opportunity.

There is a community service project coming up for a nonclub point. For large market it would fall under #25 "Extra-Curricular School or Community Service projects(above normal school requirements) can count for 1 nonclub point, when Extension Office is notified and can verify project". For Small Market/Junior Market it was added for this year. Below is contact information and more details:

Raking leaves for Bellwether Harbor. A nonprofit animal shelter in Fremont.

The leaf raking is scheduled for October 28 at Bellwether Harbor at 11:00 am.

All ages welcome. Bring a rake and gloves. Contact Kim Eubank at 861-7212 if you plan to attend.

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 Sam.