



4-H Newsletter

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OCEANA FAIRBOOK WORKSHOPS



Check out our NEW 4-H Event! It is a series of learning and crafting days. Come learn about different projects in the Oceana Fairbook that can be displayed in the Youth building at the Fair. Meet judges and get feedback about what they are looking for.

There is even a notebook session, where you can come meet with Extension office staff to get help on your record books, create scrapbook pages for them and learn what the judges may be looking for. Perfect for first time members!

These workshops are open to all ages; 5-19. There is a \$5.00 cost per Sunday. Space is limited to 20 spots for each Sunday workshop. They will run once a month for 4 months. Detailed flyers will be provided each month with more information on each topic on our Facebook page.

*See enclosed flyer for dates, time and general information.



You are invited!

Ceres Solutions will be hosting a fun, educational event for youth ages 1st- 6th grade at the Oceana County Fairgrounds coinciding with the Oceana Conservation District's Tree sale.

Taking place Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m.- Noon this fun, educational event will have multiple booths covering a range of topics including; wastewater, smart gardening, photosynthesis, cover crops, and North County Trail & Parks and Rec. This program is aimed at children 1st-6th grade but anyone is welcome. Each attending child will receive a free seedling tree, among other prizes.

Food trucks & popcorn will be available!



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OCEANA DATES & DEADLINES**(all deadlines are 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated)**

- March 2 - SMAA/Jr. Mkt may drop without penalty
- March 3 - SMAA/Jr. Mkt may sign up for second animal (per space)
- March 17- Oceana Grange Parade - 6:00 p.m. (call the office if planning to attend)
- March 29- Fairbook Workshop (1)
- April 1- SMAA signups close for year
- April 10- Oceana County Competitive Scholarship Deadline
- April 19- Fairbook Workshop (2)
- April 25- OCHDC Shaggy Show
- May 11- Swine Pictures with breed & ear tag are due to the office.
- May 16- OCHDC Horse Show
- May 31- Fairbook Workshop (3)
- June 1 - Horse Registration paperwork due including coggins and picture.
- June 1- Lamb Project Deadline
- June 1- Lamb Pictures with breed & ear tag are due to the Office
- June 1- Feeder Calf Pictures with breed and tag number due to the office
*NOTE- tag MUST be in the ear
- June 21- Fairbook Workshop (4)
- June 27- OCHDC Horse Show
- July 15- Shelby Library Petting Zoo/Reading Program
- July 25 - Kaitlynn Scott Memorial horse show
- July 26- Kaitlynn Scott Memorial horse show (day 2- speed & games)
- July 31- All other SMAA/Jr. Mkt pictures with breeds due to the office
- July 31- Potential Buyer's names due
- Aug. 11- Office must be notified in writing of backup animal if being used.
- Aug. 25- Entry day of Fair
- Aug. 27- Market Livestock Auction
- Aug. 29- SMAA/JR Mkt Auction
- Aug 30- Load out day of Fair
- Sept 1- If your animal did not make weight, or there were unforeseen circumstances, you may submit a letter by 4:00 p.m. to request that the leader & committee review this request to possibly stay Grandfathered in for the upcoming year.
- Sept 1- New 4-H year begins

REMEMBER IF THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER THEN MEETINGS ARE ALSO CANCELLED. CALL THE OFFICE IF IN DOUBT.

STATEWIDE EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This is a **partial listing**, the complete calendars, along with future information are at the following:

http://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth_events

<https://kettunencenter.org/index/php/kettunen-center-4h-events>



- ❄ **Michigan 4-H Dog Project Leader and Youth Workshop**
March 7, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Location: MSU, Anthony Hall, 474 S Shaw Ln
 MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development is pleased to offer an opportunity designed to assist 4-H dog project leaders and youth build their knowledge and skill in understanding how various dog care and training topics. Cost is \$25 which includes workshop materials, lunch and snacks. The session will be held at Anthony Hall on the campus of MSU. All 4-H leaders and youth 4-H aged 8 to 19 are encouraged to attend. For more information or questions contact Nikki Hersch at 989-743-2257 or herschni@msu.edu

- ❄ **Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference** **March 13 - 15, 2020** Kettunen Center
 The Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference is open to 4-H members (ages 11-18 as of January 1, 2020) and volunteers interested in learning more about dairy science. For more information you may contact Melissa Elischer at elischer@msu.edu or 517-432-4306. Cost is \$125.00 for registered 4-H member or volunteers.

- ❄ **4-H Youth Robotics Challenge** **March 14-15, 2020** Kettunen Center
 Youth 4-H age 11-16 are invited to attend. We have had 4-Her's go and have loved this workshop! You must sign up ASAP. <https://events.anr.msu.edu/robotics20/>

- ❄ **Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show** **March 28, 2020** MSU Pavilion
 Interactive horse show where judges wear microphones and give on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors. No ribbons or points awarded for class placing; the feedback is your reward!
https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registratoin-information

- ❄ **4-H Spartan Coding Camp** **June 28-July 2, 2020** MSU Campus
 A 5-day residential camp that brings high-school aged youth to MSU to develop valuable coding skills through hands-on learning. More information may be found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp-2020>

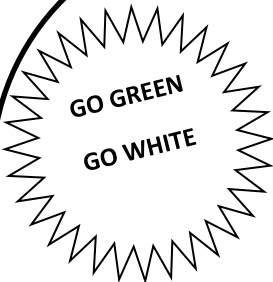
- ❄ **4-H Renewable Energy Camp** **July 6-10, 2020** MSU Campus
 The advanced 4-H renewable energy camp is a 5 day pre-college program held at MSU that explores ideas, research & opportunities around renewable energy.

- ❄ **Michigan Beef Expo** **April 3-5, 2020** More info: <https://www.micattlemen.org/Michgan-Beef-Expo>
- ❄ **Goat Expo** **April 11 2020** More information in the coming months
- ❄ **MI Beef Showcase** **June 5-7, 2020**
- ❄ **MI Jr Sheep Spectacular** **June 6-7, 2020**
- ❄ **MI Spartan Classic Jr Swine Show** **June 12-14, 2020** More information in the coming months.
- ❄ **MSU 4-H Exploration Days** **June 24, 2020 - June 26, 2020**
 Location: MSU Campus
 Registration books coming the end beginning of March (we will notify you via email and Facebook. They will be also be available before that online at:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information

- ❄ **State 4-H Goat Show** **June 27, 2020** More information in the coming months
- ❄ **State 4-H Dog Show** **August 8, 2020** MSU Pavillion– More info coming
- ❄ **State Horse Show** **August 14-16, 2020** More information in the coming months

4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN CENTER

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on **Sunday, March 1, 2020** at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus.



Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.).

Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. **Tickets are free** to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.

NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online at: <https://fevo.me/34iKc1r>

to claim as many free tickets as desired (while supplies last). Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email, and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Oceana County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. When you fill out all the information on the screen completed, click "CONFIRM."

After you click confirm, you are all set! You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan your tickets off your phone once you arrive at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.

We had over 100 4-Her's from Oceana attend last year!

Show your pride by wearing your green & white, your 4-H or MSUE Apparel and have a GREAT time getting to know your fellow 4-H members a bit better!!



Save the Date!

Michigan Adventure 4-H Day!

June 6th & 7th

Info may be found at: <https://www.miadventure.com/play/events/4-h-day>

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1



When: May 7, 2020 9:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Where: The campus of Michigan State University

Cost: No cost to participate if a registered 4-H member

Who: Students grades 8-12 during the 2019/2020 school year are eligible (see below)

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline.

As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two to five-page research paper about one of 20 grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>.

Registrations and papers are due April 1.

OUR 4-H LIBRARY

We have a 4-H "library" set up in our hallway at the office.

- * **Members & Leaders**- You may check out items for up to 2 weeks at a time. We have a large selection of books on everything from Leadership to Financial Management to Animals, Sewing, Photography, Woodworking and much more. There are also items such as a feed kit, buzzers for quiz bowl type activities, DVDs, 3D anatomy kits and more.
- * **Leaders** – we have Learning Labs for the following; beef, dog, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine and horse. You may check these out for a club meeting, they are full of all sorts of activities and information! Again, we ask that you do not keep them for more than 2 weeks so all clubs get the opportunity to use them.
- * *If you find a resource that would be great to add to the library please let us know as that is part of what the participation fee is for, to increase our resources.*

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXPLORATION DAYS

June 24 - 26, 2020

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer!

**** There are plenty of opportunities for financial assistance through our 4-H committees or you may approach local groups that look for donating opportunities such as the Hart or Shelby Rotary's, Shelby Optimist, etc. ****

About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually. 4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! **Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.**

The **2020 registration book** will be available at the beginning of March. We will let you know via email and the Oceana County Facebook page when the books are in the office.

The **Activity Guide** will be available early June 2020. The Activity Guide includes a campus map centerfold and lists where and when all sessions and other activities are being held during the event. Each participant receives a copy at check-in.

This MSU pre-college program is designed to:

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, team work, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- Foster ability to meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college & life as an adult.
- Give youth opportunities to try things that aren't available in their county.

WHAT'S IT LIKE?

- There'll be more than 200 session choices held on and off campus. You'll choose one or two for your three-day stay.
- You'll live in a Michigan State University dorm and eat in the cafeteria—just like MSU students do.
- Sessions are taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H volunteers and staff members and other experts.
- ***It's not all sessions!*** There's plenty of time for fun, including skating, the planetarium, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball—even a great dance Thursday night.
- **The cost has been set at \$220.** There are local scholarship help available to offset a good portion of the cost. All of this information will be included with the registration books. There is an additional \$20 4-H participation fee for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. ***The fee includes meals, a shared room in a dorm, sessions and a t-shirt. Youth Council provides transportation.***

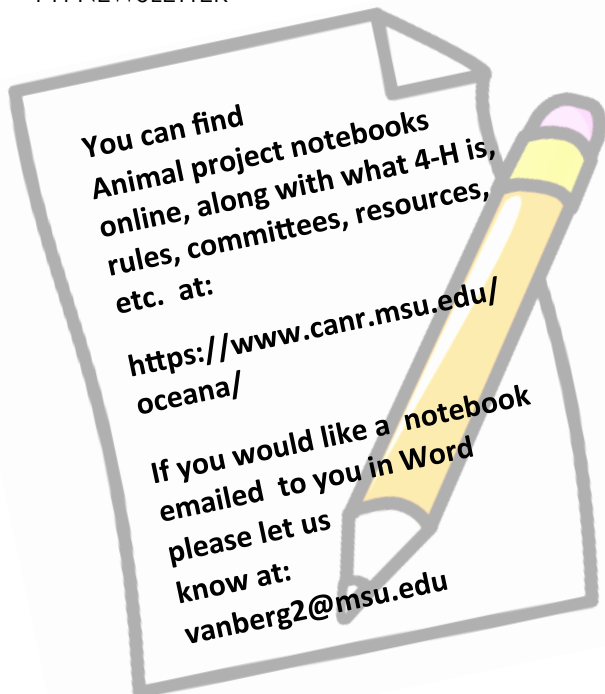
Registration opens Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 9:00am.

*get your choices into the office **BEFORE** then as popular sessions fill fast, there is guarantee you will get your first choice!!!*

We will be holding a **"How to Register" session Mon, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the office.**

There is a **MANDATORY** pre-orientation on Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the MSUE Office.

Sessions such as: Spa Day, Rock Climbing, Marketing your Animal, Japanese, Sewing, Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Sailing, Fishing, Cooking, Baking, Leadership, Escape Room, Poultry Showmanship, Leadership in Action, Olympic Weightlifting & More !



OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

(appts. may be made between 4-5 p.m. if needed– you must call ahead of time and schedule an appointment if necessary.)

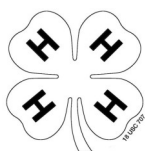
There is a MSU drop box outside the front door. If you leave something in there please call, or email, us so we check it.

The Oceana MSUE portal page is continually being updated:

You can find information regarding our program at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/>

One the top left hand side you will see “Oceana County 4-H”



Once you click on that link you will find a column on the right side of the page with our many 4-H links. You will find rules, regulations, notebooks, officer information, scholarships, etc. If you know of anyone interested in our program please direct them to this page and/or the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| YOUTH COUNCIL DATES (Mondays) 7:00 p.m. | OCHDC MEETING DATES (Mondays) 7:00 p.m. |
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| March 9th | March 16 |
| April 13th | April 20th |
| May 11th | May 18th |
| June 8th | June 15th |
| July 13th | July 20th |

Make sure to check out, and follow, our Oceana County MSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Facebook page. It is updated daily with events and information. It is the quickest way to see what is going on.

It also includes a calendar of the 4-H office staff as well as upcoming events.

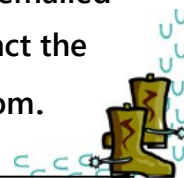
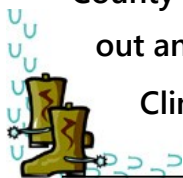


HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

This summer’s OCHDC shows include the Shaggy Show, the 2 OCHDC Open Youth Horse Shows and also the TWO (2) day Kaitlynn Scott Memorial Show.

Make sure to get your registration paperwork in to the office, with a copy of your up to date coggins and a picture of your horse. We have registration packets in the office and also on the portal page.

Companion Animal Clinic will again be offering a haul in Coggins & Vaccination Clinic for Oceana County 4-H horses. This will take place on April 4th in the morning. More details will be emailed out and posted on our Facebook page as they become available. You will need to contact the Clinic to set up an appointment at 231-861-4353 or companionanimalvet@hotmail.com.



ENROLLMENTS FOR 2020



Youth: If you have not paid your enrollment fee, or requested scholarship help, you are not an active 4-H member & may NOT attend meetings. Remember, all monies go to MSU so once you have paid to enroll, there are no refunds.

Adults: If you are a committee member, VSP approved volunteer or even a Resource Volunteer you need to make sure you are actively enrolled in Oceana County 4-H. Please go to <https://mi.4honine.com> if you have not already done so. There is no cost to volunteers for their background checks, etc. as are all paid for by MSUE. Everything is now done online through a database ran by MSU. You can speak with Sarah Schaner, 4-H Program Coordinator, for more information and/or to get the link on where to apply.

MARKET LIVESTOCK ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE CHANGES

With input from some of the leader’s and superintendent’s this past Fall the committee has came up with a new rotational schedule for the market livestock auction on Thursday evenings.

The main change is that a swine club(s) will be responsible for setting up and taking down the fencing/gates, a beef club(s) will be responsible for setting up the beef gates.

The main change is WHAT YOU SET UP, YOU ALSO TAKE DOWN AND PUT BACK WHERE YOU GOT IT!

Letters will be sent out to those clubs listed with more information as it gets closer to Fair.

| Year | Pig Fencing/Gates | Beef Gates | Reception/ Bank/Clerking | Picture Area & Electronic | Grand Stand Cleaning & Hosing Down Auction Area |
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| 2020 | Proud Porkers | 4-Star | Me & Ewe | Beef Bums | Brooks Baconmakers |
| 2021 | Brooks Baconmakers | Beef Bums | Grangers | Sheepin’ Up | Backyard Livestock |



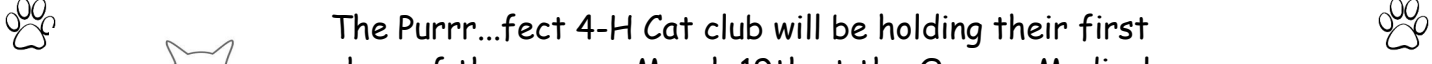
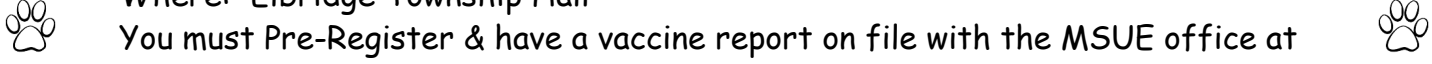
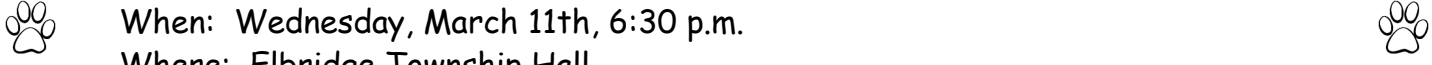
Introduction to Therapy Work

Bring your dog to a free clinic on "Therapy Work!" provided by our 4-H dog club. Open to all Oceana County Youth 4-Hers.

When: Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Elbridge Township Hall

You must Pre-Register & have a vaccine report on file with the MSUE office at 873-2129.



The Purrr...fect 4-H Cat club will be holding their first show of the year on March 19th at the Oceana Medical Care Facility. Wish the cat project members good luck as they show their cats in breed classes, showmanship and cattitude (agility).



SENIORS DO NOT FORGET TO GET YOUR OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IN!

The applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10th to the office.

You must be a graduating Senior by June.

You must have been accepted at a college, university or accredited trade school

You must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of 4 total years

You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Applications are available in the office and also online at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/oceana_county_4_h/scholarships-recognition-and-awards



If your application is accepted, you must be available for an interview on April 29th.

Just a reminder that MOST workshops at Kettunen Center and MSU will be reimbursed to you after you have attended and shared what you have learned with either your club, the appropriate committee, or another club. We have reimbursement forms available in the office. Don't miss out on attending something you may like to learn more about!!