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4-H Newsletter



*Happy Holidays
From the Oceana
MSUE Staff!*

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~ Thank You ~

This year especially, we would like to say "thank you" to our leaders, volunteers, parents and members. This past year has been extremely stressful with all of the unknowns and we appreciate the support that has been given as we all navigate through the constant changes and challenges.

Throughout the year the MSU Extension office has been blessed with opportunities to express and receive gratitude. We have praised the accomplishments of our youth, celebrated the dedication of our volunteers and welcomed new members into the 4-H family. The daily reminders of the value of 4-H in Oceana County and the surrounding communities is the best gift of the season. Here are a few of the gifts Oceana County 4-H has given to our community this past year!

Happy Holidays

- ❄ Youth and volunteers who say "YES!" and "How can I help?" when told something needs to be done.
- ❄ Teen Leaders who share their passion for 4-H and seek opportunities to engage others in their passion.
- ❄ Adults who volunteer their time, and talents, to help teach & mentor our 4-H youth.

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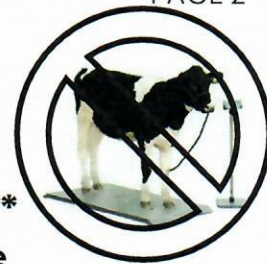
We APPRECIATE and CELEBRATE you, our 4-H family, this holiday season. Warmest wishes for a safe and happy winter, Sarah, Toni & Kathy.



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STEER WEIGH IN- CANCELLED FOR 2020

See this year's requirements!!



**** IMPORTANT- IF YOU ARE REGISTERING A BACKUP STEER****

You must have paid your \$5.00, per person registered on that animal, to the MSUE office by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1st. (the market steer signup deadline)

Requirements

1. Get a picture of the entire steer for identification purposes with the breed written on it.
2. A picture of the RFID tag number (where it can be read).
3. These items must be in by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1st.

NO FAXES as our fax prints in black only. ***This includes your backup steer. Please email your pictures to vanberg2@msu.edu or leave them in the MSUE drop box.***

If you are registering a BACKUP steer you must have paid your \$5.00, per youth registered, to the office by 3:00 p.m., December 1st. If writing a check make it payable to Market Livestock. You can leave those envelopes in the larger drop box outside the front door of the building if you would like. Please mark it MSU Extension as it is a secured box used by other offices. This box is in the process of being put up at this time.



MARKET TIER 2 AND TIER 3

Tier 2 (those who completed their meetings and notebooks last year) is still taking place. Tier 3 will begin on December 2nd, pending space. We will send out an email at the end of the day December 1st to let you know how many spots are available so please check your emails that you have recorded in your 4-H online accounts.

STEER members- You need your pictures into the office by 3:00 p.m. on December 1st. Email those to Toni at vanberg2@msu.edu. This is the deadline for enrolling in the steer market project for 2020.

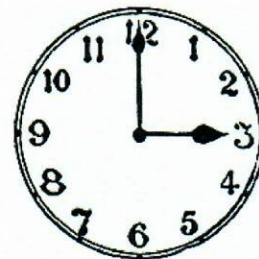
The Swine deadline to enroll in the market project is January 4th (pending space).

Reminder to all market projects: You must first enroll online at: <https://v2.4honline.com>. You may then apply for a market spot with the appropriate market application and residency affidavit (pending space). All applications and rules are online at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/>.

Please email all applications to vanberg2@msu.edu if possible. You may also leave them in the drop box but be aware that this is only checked twice a week!

OFFICE HOURS AND COMMUNICATION

Due to the new State mandate our offices are closed for in person business. We are however all working from home and available during normal business hours of 8 .m.– 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



We will be checking the phones voice messages twice daily. We will be available through email or social media throughout our normal work hours. We will be checking mail and the drop box at work twice a week.

You can reach us at:

Sarah Schaner– 4-H Program Coordinator: schaner4@msu.edu

Toni Van Bergen– 4-H Secretary: vanberg2@msu.edu

Kathy Walicki– Office Manager: walicki@msu.edu



We are trying to keep everyone updated through both email and our Oceana County 4-H Facebook group. Please check them regularly. We use the email that you have in your 4-H online profile so if that needs changed please do so.

There are many FREE virtual/online activities being offered for both youth and adults through MSUE. Please check Facebook as activities are posted frequently.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Just a reminder that there are no Youth Council meetings during the month of December.

If you are interested in being on a sub committee please let Sarah know at:

schaner4@msu.edu.



NEW MARKET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Market Livestock (Large Market)

South Market Rep - Audrey Herremans

North Market Rep - Michelle Holladay

Teen Beef Rep - Mary Bisard

Teen Sheep Rep - Amanda Cederquist & Marissa Sayles (TIE)

Teen Swine Rep - Blake Herremans

Business Rep- Lance VanSickle, LK Farms

Small Market Animal Association

South Rep - Kim Eubank

Youth Goat– Blane Sawdy

North Rep - Karen Pankow

Youth Feeder– Remington Hawley

Youth Poultry/Rabbit– Case Bono

* Thank you and welcome to our new members. All committee members please check your email regularly and REPLY to them*

A SMALL LISTING OF UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS ... THERE ARE MANY MORE WHICH WE POST IN OUR OCEANA COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK GROUP FREQUENTLY.


Are you a fan of **LEGOs** and wanted to bring your imagination to life? Now YOU can with the LEGO Digital Creations Virtual 4-H SPIN Club. This club will meet on Thursdays and Tuesdays beginning on December 3 through December 22, on Zoom to design our very own LEGO creations. This **free** club is open to youth **ages 9 and up**. Register at: <https://bit.ly/4-HLEGO>. Youth must also be enrolled in this club through 4-H Online (Club is listed under Bay County – SPIN Club: LEGO Digital Creations). Let's Build Together!

Cloverbud Social Emotional Wellness Kit Complete activities together with your child to help them explore their emotions. Supplies for activities are included in the kit. Emotions can hard for youth to deal with, and even identify at times. Help them explore their emotions with a variety of fun activities in this new kit. Learn more and register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MissaukeeCloverbudWellness>

Are you interested in getting involved in your community from the comfort of your home? During the **Acts of Kindness SPIN Club**, we'll explore ideas for generous actions that encourage youth voices and promote the common good, even when we are apart. Michigan youth **ages 9-13** are invited to join us for discussions and activities related to service learning, and participants will learn how to match their interests to community needs through investigation, planning, action and reflection. Michigan AmeriCorps members will lead the meetings from 4:00-5:00 PM EST Mondays from December 14th until January 18th. To receive club access, please make sure all youth interested are registered on 4-H Online. Please visit <https://bit.ly/AOKSPIN> to receive more information about this club.

Mason County 4-H is doing a special holiday episode of **4-H in the Kitchen** will be having special guest, Ruth Myers, as she walks us through how to make her special holiday Eggnog Scones, perfect to liven up your holiday. This workshop is for **ages 8– 19 years of age**.


Registration is now open and the event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at 2:00 pm. Everyone who registers will also receive a special digital scone recipe book. There is **no cost** to attend this workshop. Please go to your 4-H online account and add Mason County and the club: Mason County 4-H in the Kitchen. You may register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4Heggnogscones/>



States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal Program
CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM AROUND THE GLOBE THIS WINTER!
OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS FROM MID JANUARY - MID APRIL 2021!

Steps to Participate

- Sign up!** Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY> and fill in your information.
- Match!** We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).
- Connect!** Write at least twice per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least two messages per month).
- Make Friends!** Share fun facts about your daily life and culture with your pen pal. Be sure to check out our recommended topics of the month as a starting point for your messages.
- Share!** At the end of the program we will be creating an online space for participants to share what they learned from their pen pal.



LET'S MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS THIS WINTER!

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Happy Holidays!



Our office will be closed:

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 26th & 27th

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24 & 25th

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Thursday & Friday day, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st

for the holidays. Happy Holidays everyone!

