



OCEANA

4-H Family News

February 2021

Happy almost Spring everyone!

We hope everyone is safe and healthy. As you can see the newsletter is now going out in email format. It will also be posted on the portal page and Facebook. We do not meet the bulk mailing requirement. If you absolutely need it in paper form please let Toni know and we will try to get it to you.

MARKET SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS– IMPORTANT USDA UPDATE TO REQUIRED 840 IDENTIFICATION TAGS

The official ID for exhibition swine may no longer be offered through the Fair Board, nor our program or committee. The Public Act of 466 of the Animal Industry Act requires that pigs shown at fairs, exhibitors or shows (4-H or open) must have official individual animal ID.

There is a change of how MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development) will manage the animal ID program. Beginning December 2020 MDARD no longer provides bulk order of official ID tags for fair or exhibitions. The owner of the animal is responsible for acquiring the official ID. What should you do?

1. The easiest way to do this is to purchase a pig that already has the ID in from the breeder with the USDA 840 tag.
2. You can order USDA tags for your farm. You must obtain a premise number, if you do not already have one.
3. Speak with your leader. If animals are housed on one property (some clubs house swine together) you may use that property's 840 tags as that premise number traces back to a physical ADDRESS.

Please see the enclosed literature for more information on how to go about obtaining these tags.

We are NOT requiring that you get the electronic tags (which are a bit more expensive). You only need the 840 (nonelectric) tags.

Again, the easiest way is to purchase a pig from a breeder that has the USDA 840 tag in the ear already.

If you are going to obtain your own premise ID do not wait to do so.



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Do you want to learn more about fitness & running?

Join the 6-week Clover Chasers 4-H Running Club!

Youth ages 8-13 are invited to learn about nutrition, proper running form and hydration on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00p.m., March 11th - April 15.

Participants will receive some 4-H swag in the mail and are encouraged to walk/run/roll a 5K to celebrate completion of the program.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/36KnuTc>

Questions please email our 4-H Program Coordinator, Sarah Schaner, at schaner4@msu.edu.

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OCEANA DATES & DEADLINES

(all deadlines are 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated)

- March 1 - SMAA/Jr. Mkt may drop without penalty
- March 2 - SMAA/Jr. Mkt may sign up for second animal (per space)
- March 15- Bert Stevens Scholarship must have been received, with attachment, to the Oceana Community Foundation.
- March 26- Oceana County Competitive Scholarship Deadline
- April 1- SMAA signups close for year
- May 10- Swine Pictures with breed & ear tag are due to the office.
- 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
- July 30- All other SMAA/Jr. Mkt pictures with breeds due to the office
- Aug. 9- Office must be notified in writing of backup animal if being used.

The following dates are pending COVID restrictions:

- July 30- Potential Buyer's names due
- Aug. 24- Entry day of Fair
- Aug. 26- Market Livestock Auction
- Aug. 28- SMAA/JR Mkt Auction
- Aug 29- Load out day of Fair
- Sept 1- New 4-H year begins

Complete rules were provided with you applications to participate in the market project that you submitted. They can also be found on the Oceana County MSUE website:

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

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

- The applications are due no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26th to the MSUE office.
- You must be a graduating Senior by June.
- You must have been accepted at a college, university, accredited trade school or enlisted in military Service.
- 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 Wednesday, April 7th in person or via Zoom, depending upon Covid restrictions.



** Financial need is not a consideration for either of these awards **



BERT STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP

(requirements)

- 1. Graduating Senior*
 - 2. Four years of high school membership in 4-H.*
 - 3. Must have exhibited at the Oceana County Fair for the first three (3) years of high school.*
 - 4. Maintaining a minimum 2.5 cumulative high school GPA.*
 - 5. Planning to pursue any degree at any two or four-year accredited college, university or vocational/technical school.*
 - 6. Fill out application online and submit written portion by March 15, 2021.*
- 2. If you are a **MUSKEGON COUNTY RESIDENT YOU MUST NOTIFY SARAH SCHANER** At Schaner4@msu.edu so she can verify with the Oceana Community Foundation that you qualify as an Oceana County 4-H member.*

The application process is through the Community Foundation for Oceana County which is found online at: www.oceanafoundation.org. You also need to mail, or email, the Oceana County 4-H Youth Program Participation form to the Foundation. This can be found on the portal, or we can email it to you. It will also have the address and complete instructions attached.

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You can find Animal project notebooks online, along with what 4-H is, rules, committees, resources, etc. at:

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

If you would like a notebook emailed to you in Word please let us know at:

vanberg2@msu.edu

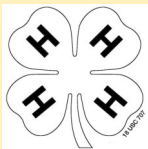
**ALL MARKET PROJECTS:
NONCLUB POINTS WILL NOT BE
REQUIRED THIS YEAR!**

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please call ahead to let us know you are coming. We will meet you outside the front door. There is a doorbell if you do not have a cell phone to let us know you are here.

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. via Zoom
March 8th
April 12th
May 10th
June 14th
July 12th

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.

We also have an Oceana MSU Extension page where both youth and adult work shops, updated office hours, etc. are posted daily.



**Michigan 4-H
presents American
Ninja Warrior
Daniel Gil**



Join Michigan 4-H on March 24 for a special presentation by 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil!

During the free virtual event, Gil will discuss overcoming obstacles. This unique opportunity is open to all Michigan youth and their families.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST. Preregistration is required. To register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Events and Workshops

March 4— April 8: 4-H Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Explore ecosystems, Michigan wildlife, and citizen science by examining trail camera footage. The club will meet each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. EST through April 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club

March 9: Wild Spartans Series - Searching for Vernal Pools

Zoom Webinar

Join each month to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In March, dive into the springtime ephemeral pools in the woods to discover the treasures within!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march

March 10: Officer Training - Virtual Edition!

Zoom Webinar

This training is open to all 4-Hers in Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The youth-focused training will offer instruction on running club meetings virtually and tips for voting in a virtual meeting, as well as provide an opportunity to try out various features.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10

March 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series 2021

Zoom Webinar

This youth-led series, occurring monthly, is a safe place for past, present, and future MSU Tollgate Farm stewards and stewards-in-training to connect or reunite as a community and to explore resiliency and growth as youth leaders.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-march-18

March 16: 4-H Give Green Day

Everywhere

Michigan 4-H is once again joining MSU's #GiveGreenDay. Help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 23: The Roots and Branches of Your Family Tree

Zoom Webinar

Ever wondered about the traditions in your family, where they came from or how they settled where they are now? Join this webinar to learn how to start researching your family tree.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-roots-and-branches-of-your-family-tree>

April 1: 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline

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

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EXPLORATION DAYS



4-H Exploration Days: Expanded

June 22-24, 2021

A Virtual Experience

One of many highlights for Michigan 4-H participants and staff each year is 4-H Exploration Days: a three-day event where youth and adults from across the state gather on campus to grow their knowledge and skills. As 4-H families begin to plan for this exciting summer event, it is in the interest of the health and safety of all participants that Michigan State University Extension has made the decision to shift 4-H Exploration Days to a virtual format in 2021.

During the week of June 21, 2021, MSU Extension will present “4-H Exploration Days: Expanded.” This online opportunity will offer a virtual alternative to the treasured event, alleviating the public health risks associated with gathering more than 2,000 people from throughout the state in one place. The online program will focus on skill development and exploring new experiences.

MSU Extension remains committed to resuming in-person programming when the public health crisis caused by COVID-19 has lessened. The decision regarding 4-H Exploration Days does not indicate that all 2021 4-H summer programming will be virtual. Rather, the decision reflects on the unique nature of 4-H Exploration Days, an event that brings together participants from across the state to live and learn alongside one another for several days and nights. The size and scope of this event, combined with a number of uncertainties that remain at this point in the novel coronavirus pandemic, led MSU Extension Leadership to make an early decision about a face-to-face 4-H Exploration Days event this year.

Your continued interest in Michigan 4-H programming and your support and understanding of the efforts to protect participant health is appreciated. Mark your calendar to virtually attend “**4-H Exploration Days: Expanded**” in June!

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute - registrations due April 1

When: May 6, 2021

Where: Live Interactive Online Conference

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



“The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience coordinated by Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University where youth in grades 7-12 research grand global challenges and propose their ideas to solve key global issues. The 2021 World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute will be held on May 6 as a live interactive online conference. Participants will speak with other youth about their ideas, interact with experts from Michigan State University, and explore career and academic pathways that will allow them to make a positive impact on our world.

To participate in the Institute, youth will prepare a short research paper (2-5 pages) following a step-by-step guide which they can download from the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute website at:

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

Youth must register for the Institute and submit their research paper by no later than April 1.

A group of outstanding youth who participate in the Michigan Youth Institute will be invited to represent Michigan at the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute. There, they will join hundreds of other outstanding high school students from across the United States and around the world for an exciting program to interact with Nobel and World Food Prize Laureates and thousands of global leaders from 65+ countries attending the World Food Prize's annual international symposium.

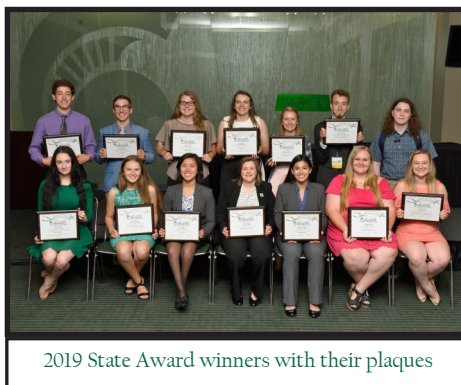
For more information contact the co-directors of the Michigan Youth Institute: Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu) or Deb Barrett (smithde6@msu.edu).

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Apply for a 2021 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1, 2021. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



Join the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team!

Youth ages 15-19 are invited to apply for the new Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team to help create a friendly, positive environment for Michigan youth and communities. The Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance is the brainchild of two Michigan 4-H teens who attended the [2020 National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute](#) and were inspired to create positive change in their 4-H community.

Applications are being accepted for the teen leadership team that will serve as advisors for the state-level Alliance. These leaders will develop leadership skills and help to create opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to come together in fun, positive, and supportive ways. While this group is being established through Michigan 4-H, youth do NOT need to be 4-H'ers to apply; this opportunity is open to all teens interested in supporting the inclusion and participation of LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in Michigan 4-H.

Teen leaders will meet two to three times per month and should plan on committing about three hours of their time each month. The first meeting will be in April. This teen leadership team is just the beginning; additional opportunities will be available for youth who wish to serve on regional or local Alliance leadership teams, as well as join and participate as members.

Applications from prospective youth leadership members will be accepted from February 15 – March 15 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hlgbtqia/>. Youth interested in learning more about the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance are encouraged to attend an optional Zoom open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required to participate in the open house, and can be completed at <https://bit.ly/3q6v1D8>. For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educator Brian Wibby at wibby@msu.edu.

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 29. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.