Happy Holidays From the Oceana MSUE Staff!

We would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and thank you all for your support of the Oceana County 4-H program. Whether you are a parent, a 4-H member, or one of our wonderful volunteers, we appreciate you.

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!

- Teen Leaders who share their passion for 4-H and seek opportunities to engage others in their passion. This passion translated to two individual State Awards this year, Kayla Dean with the state horse award and Cassie Holladay being named the State Sportsmanship award winner. Great job, your dedication to helping others, learning about your projects and work ethic paid off!!

- Adults whose employers support their volunteer hours with a monetary contribution to our organization! Thank you, Alcoa employees!

- The supervision and attention to detail of parents and leaders that keeps our kids safe while they work with their animals, stir up a feast over a hot stove, and work with tools to craft the perfect project.

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

REMEMBER IF THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER THEN MEETINGS ARE ALSO CANCELLED. CALL THE OFFICE IF IN DOUBT IF THERE IS A YOUTH COUNCIL OR HDC MEETING.

Michigan State University Extension programs are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
Green & White Youth Education Fair & Open Hog Show

**What:**
The Green & White Swine Youth Education Fair & Open Hog Show

**When:**
January 29-30, 2016

**Where:**
MSU Pavilion  
(http://www.ans.msu.edu/facilities/pavilion)

**Who can enter?**
All Michigan youth who have reached their 9th birthday (but are not yet 21) by January 1, 2016.

**Entry deadline:**
January 11, 2016

No hogs will be marketed by the show in 2016!

Complete information can be found at:  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/green_and_white_swine_show

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2016 Michigan State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

**When:**
Saturday, January 30, 2016, beginning at 9 a.m.

**Classes:**
Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

**Other events during the show:**
» Breed ID  
» Educational Posters and Displays  
» Club Informational Booths  
» Supply Vendors  
» Scholarship Auction  
» Gold Clover Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Award Contests

**Cost:**
$3.00 per class

Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2016). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available.

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

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OFFICER TRAINING & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES WORKSHOP

**Who:**
Open to all 4-H youth and adults

**When:**
Monday January 11, 2016 from 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. at the OCEANA MSUE office.

**What:**
Participants will explore the role of club officers ~ Practice writing receipts and taking minutes ~ Understand how to create a meeting agenda ~ Practice making motions using Parliamentary Procedure to create a trail mix.

Dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP by January 8th to 873-2129.

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS
Interested in governance and how you can make an impact in Michigan? Join Michigan teens speaking out on the hot topics that matter to them in education, agriculture, health, crime, jobs, equality and the environment at...

MICHIGAN 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

March 20–23, 2016

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing a current issue area (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan’s Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will choose an issue area to learn more about and will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue that will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Community
- Corrections
- Education
- Health
- Corrections
- Environmental
- Quality
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Military & Veterans
- Natural Resources
- State Police
- Transportation

Location, Registration & Cost

The University Quality Inn of Lansing provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court and surrounding areas.

$315 Current 4-H and MFB members $325 Non-4-H or MFB members (Scholarships are available)

The registration fee includes all meals, lodging and material fees.

Registration deadline: February 5, 2016 Register at events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex. For more information visit 4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience

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4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular!

When: Jan. 30-31, 2016
Where: Kettunen Center
Registration: Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Workshop Ends: Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016, 1 p.m. with lunch
Cost:
$68 - 4-H members, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff with 4-H responsibilities who bring a volunteer leader or member
$123.80 - MSU Extension staff who attend without a volunteer or member, non-4-H members and personnel from other agencies
Persons canceling without a replacement by Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, will be charged a $30.80 cancellation fee

Who Should Attend?
The conference is open to youth, 4-H members and non-members, aged 12 (by Jan. 1, 2016) and older. The conference is also open to adult 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension youth educators and adults who work with youth in a variety of educational settings. The 2016 conference is for individuals who want to make a difference in their community and are willing to put into action the skills they learn and knowledge they gain.

Workshop Purpose:
The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! In the spirit of “thinking globally and acting locally” participants in this exciting, energetic, hands-on workshop will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, and international cultures. Attending the 2016 Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures...it will change your world!

The 2016 4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference objectives are for participants to:
- Develop skills, knowledge and commitment in global citizenship and youth leadership.
- Give youth and adults the tools to start a citizenship, leadership and service program in their community or build on and enhance existing programs and activities.

Discover ways to be an effective club member, leader and officer. Have fun!
4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop & Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen and Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop

Dive into veterinary science with Veterinarians & MSU Veterinary Students!

Case Studies ∙ Biosecurity ∙ Birthing Difficulties ∙ Animal Care International Studies ∙

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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 and arrangements can be made. We want anyone that wants to attend to be able to go.

TEEN & ADULT 4-H HORSE LEADER’S CONFERENCE

WHEN: February 26-28, 2016
WHERE: Kettunen Center
WHO: We welcome 4-H youth ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2016) and above as well as all 4-H adult volunteers to attend. We’ll have a weekend full of fun, educational, hands-on opportunities for equine enthusiasts! We’ll learn about equine judging, horse bowl, equine massage, horse hair crafts, leadership skills, and much more!

Registration information coming soon!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_adult_4_h_horse_leaders_conference
4-H Volunteer Training Workshops
September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016—Kettunen Center and Kellogg Biological Station

2016
• Jan. 30 - Jan. 31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
• Feb. 6 - Feb. 7: 4-H Winterfest
• Feb. 13 - Feb. 14: 4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop
• Feb. 19 - Feb. 20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
• Feb. 20 - Feb. 21: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
• Feb. 26 - Feb. 28: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
• Mar. 11 - Mar. 13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
• Mar. 12 - Mar. 13: 4-H Robotics Workshop
• Apr. 22 - Apr. 24: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop
• Jul. 22 - Jul. 24: 4-H Mentoring Weekend

You can read descriptions on the above workshops and learn more about what they involved at:

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule

Make sure you bookmark the above link to the workshops. We also send links out to each individual workshop as registration opens via email and Facebook so please make sure we have your most up to date information. **Workshop fees for Oceana County 4-H Leaders are reimbursed by the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council.** Active Oceana County 4-H members must pay up front and are then reimbursed 100% of the fee once they return and share what they learned with their club, another club or the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council at their monthly meeting. If you carpool, you may also have your mileage reimbursed.

Don’t miss out on these wonderful opportunities.

MSU Events:
January 11: Officer Training & Parliamentary Procedures Workshop (Oceana County)
January 30: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy show
January 29-30: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
February 5-6: 4-H/MQHA Clinic. 4H/MQHA Horse Judging Workshop with Mini Contest same day
March 20-23: 4-H Capitol Experience
April 13: MSU Horse Judges 5th Annual Hoofin’ It for Horses 5K Run/Walk
April 22-23: MI 4-H Equine Educational Expo
April 23: State 4-H Goat Expo
June 11: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo
August 19-21: State Horse Show

**This is just a partial listing, see enclosed Animal Science 2016 Calendar of Events for complete list**
POULTRY SHOWS PERMITTED IN MICHIGAN IN 2016!

MSU Extension reminds poultry owners to remain vigilant to biosecurity measures with their flocks.

Posted on December 23, 2015 by Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension

On December 23, 2015, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), under the direction of state of Michigan veterinarian James Averill, lifted the decision to cancel poultry shows in the state.

There are several caveats to this decision, and the state vet’s office retains the right to cancel shows again in the future. Michigan State University Extension reminds 4-H poultry families to remain vigilant with biosecurity measures.

To help poultry owners keep their flocks biosecure, MSU Extension is partnering with USDA/APHIS on several bird biosecurity trainings throughout the state. Please mark these on your calendars.

More information is available on the registration site: http://events.anr.msu.edu/APHIS/.

- Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph County Intermediate School District in Centreville.
- Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason.
- Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Monroe.
- Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School in Lincoln.
- Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Isabella County Building in Mt. Pleasant.
- Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Ravenna Baptist Church in Muskegon County.
- Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Lapeer County MSU Extension office in Lapeer.

For those unable to attend a session in person, a live virtual connection will be available, with an opportunity for questions and answers with the training instructors.

The trainings are free of charge. Attendees can register at: http://events.anr.msu.edu/APHIS/

**See insert for more information**
SMAA MARKET ANIMAL INFO

PROJECTS: Small Market signups took place immediately following the large market signups. Everything went very well and at the time of the printing of this newsletter we have 1 project full: feeder calves. There is still room in all of the other projects. If these projects are not full by the end of the day February 1st, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on February 2, 2016, you may sign up for a second project, if you choose. Most importantly, if you are going to drop your project you must do so by 5:00 p.m. on February 1st, or incur the penalty of not being able to sell the following year. If you must drop after that date, you need to request an exception from the SMAA committee.

LARGE MARKET ANIMAL INFO - DATES & DEADLINES

Dec. 1 - Steer Project Deadline
Jan. 2 - Swine Project Deadline
May 11 - 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
Aug. 10 - Buyer’s Names due to the office by 5:00 p.m.
Aug. 11 - Office must be notified in writing of backup animal being used.

HDC NEWS

Congratulations to the HDC Award recipients for the 2015 4-H year

High Point:

Walk/Trot 9-14 years old - Kaitlyn Scott
Walk/Trot 15-19 years old - Dakota Dailey
Walk/Trot/Canter 9-14 years old - Grace Meacham
Walk/Trot/Canter 15-19 years old - Abigail Christmas

Most Improved:

Cloverbud - Amanda Cederquist
Walk/Trot - Chloe Coker
Walk/Trot/Canter - Erin Ross

Sportsmanship Award
Deanna Gray

Notebooks were given to everyone as they signed up for a large market spot. You may download one, or specific pages, at www.msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/oceana under market livestock or purchase an additional copy for $2.00 in the office if needed. SMAA & Horse Notebooks will be available after the first of the year.

HDC Meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at the Oceana MSUE office in the basement at 7:00 p.m.
COUNTY MEDALS/AWARDS

Congratulations to the following 2014/2015 4-H medal awardees. Although everyone works hard at their projects there are a few who go above and beyond with both their projects and/or helping in their clubs. Good job everyone!

4-H YOUTH AWARDS

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| Cassie Holladay |

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Public Speaking/ Demonstrations

| Cheyenne Kalfsbeek|


## COUNTY PROJECT MEDALS

### Beef:
- Kaleb Adams
- Sierra Albus
- Brandon Vanderleest
- Mark Vanderleest
- Samantha James-Witteveen
- Emma Woller

### Personal Development:
- Grace Alvesteffer
- Corbin Berry
- McKenna Holladay
- Whitney Holladay
- Erin Ross
- Hannah Smith
- Alexis Thocher
- Victoria Walker

### Clothing & Textiles:
- Rebekah Tate

### Communication Arts:
- Cheyenne Kalfsbeek
- Haley Jessup

### Community Service:
- Alex Holladay

### Dairy:
- Therese Bromley
- Jaimee Burd
- Julia Burd

### Rabbits:
- Meagan Grondsma
- Sarah Hepworth
- Cassidy Jessup

### Expressive Arts (Crafts):
- Lilia Gonzalez

### Gardening/Horticulture:
- Jodi Lemmen

### Sheep:
- Hannah Babbin
- Zackery Lemmen
- Jeremy Schroeder

### Horse:
- Emelien Bersonnet
- Caitlin Coppess
- Jamee Dahl
- Grace Meacham
- Summer Bush-Sillman
- Sienna Wallace

### Swine:
- TJ Grieve
- Chase Jancek
- Jacob Jancek
- Alexis Mischler
- Markell Owens
- Landry Tate
- Alexis Wade

### Veterinary Science:
- Katie Lemmen

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### JOHN SAYLES MEMORIAL AWARD (youth)

**Cassie Holladay**

### 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP Awardees:

- Kayla Dean
- Deanna Gray
- Cheyenne Kalfsbeek
- Scott Pankow
- Maria Semelbauer

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO CASSIE HOLLADAY FOR BEING NAMED THE STATE ANIMAL SCIENCE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM !**
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

SENIO RS— Don’t miss out on Scholarship Opportunities

Oceana County 4-H Youth Council Scholarship

application is due to the office by 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2016.

Requirements of Application:

- A high school graduate this June (end of 5th year with ASM Tech)
- Acceptance at a college, university or further course of study.
- Current year 4-H member with at least four years or more of total involvement in the Oceana County 4-H Youth Program.
- Must have at least 2.5 grade average.
- Completion of this application by April 15th of the current year and an interview with the Awards Committee.

You can find the application on the portal, after February 1st, at:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/oceana

The application will also be available at the MSUE Office in Hart.

The Community Foundation for Oceana County
Bert Stevens Memorial Scholarship

Current members of the Oceana County 4-H Program who are graduating seniors and have four years of high school membership in 4-H are eligible to apply for the Bert Stevens Memorial Scholarship. You may be a resident of Muskegon County, but have participated in Oceana County 4-H, and are therefore eligible. Contact our office for procedure. In addition, to be eligible for this award, a student must have exhibited at the Oceana County Fair for the first three years of high school. Other criteria include maintaining a minimum 2.5 cumulative high school GPA and planning to pursue any degree at any two or four-year accredited college, university or vocational/technical School.

How to apply: The Community Foundation for Oceana County is found online at:

http://www.oceana-foundation.org/receive/scholarship

Click on the scholarship link and complete the required steps. You also need to mail in the Oceana County 4-H Youth Program Participation form (available online, by email or in the office) by March 1, 2016.

Mail to:
Community Foundation for Muskegon County Scholarship Program
425 W. Western Avenue, Suite 200
Muskegon, MI 49440

Applications will be evaluated on presentation, biographical information, 4-H and other awards, 4-H leadership and involvement, future plans, and high school recommendation. Financial need is not a consideration for this award. While there, check for other scholarships you may be eligible to receive.
MARK OF EXCELLENCE AND STATE AWARDS

GETTING STARTED—Download the Overview and Instructions document and application forms at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/2016_Overview_and_Instructions_State_Awards.pdf

Michigan 4-H State Awards
presented to
Dedicated 4-H Members
in honor of
Engaging in rich learning opportunities that have
developed your leadership skills
and prepared you for future success

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WITH SPECIAL TALENTS?

OCEANA COUNTY 4-H is in need of leaders for clubs such as gardening, photography, model rocketry, model cars, woodworking, fishing and more. If you know someone who may be willing to share their talents with our youth, please have them call 873-2129.

How much time does being a volunteer take?

- You can plan the time you spend on 4-H around your family and your job.
- You do not have to know a lot about a subject to be a volunteer. Many 4-H and community resources are available to give you a working knowledge of 4-H project areas. Many volunteers get involved in projects that are unfamiliar to them, and they learn right along with the youth participants in the club.
- MSU Extension provides low-cost materials, workshops and training seminars for volunteers on an ongoing basis. Find out more at 4h.msue.msu.edu/volunteers.

Pass on what you know

What better way to leave a legacy than by helping young people achieve their full potential? As a 4-H volunteer, you will have an opportunity to inspire and empower youth and be a positive role model and mentor.
North Central Co-Op will award over $9,000 in Scholarships for 2016

North Central Co-Op recently announced the scholarships available for 2016. NCC is proud to support our local youth and our future leaders in agriculture. NCC began offering this scholarship program in 2001 to award deserving high school seniors who have been involved in at least five years of 4-H and/or two years of FFA and have parents or grandparents that are current stockholders, patrons, or employees of the cooperative. The student must be entering his/her freshman year in an Associate, Bachelor or Technical/Trade School. North Central Co-op has now awarded over 90 scholarships totaling over $90,000 since the program began. NCC will award ten scholarships this year. The 2016 scholarship applications are available below.

In addition to the NCC high school scholarships, NCC is also offering the Darrell L. Smith Honorary Scholarship to a student who has achieved junior year status in an agriculture-related program and expresses a desire to pursue a career in agriculture.

A new scholarship that will be awarded this spring is the NCC Huntington University school of Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship supports this local college that has instituted their agriculture program in the last year and is available to Huntington University students enrolled in the agriculture program in the fall of 2016. Registration info may be found at: http://www.ncc.coop/about-ncc/ncc-scholarships/

All applications must be submitted online by March 1, 2016. Any questions may be submitted to dsmith@ncc.coop.

LEADERS BANQUET

This year’s Leader’s Banquet theme was “Spring Fling”!!

Trudy Sibley and Ann Marie Overla did a great job planning and organizing the event with the decorations, food, etc. Entertainment was provided by Gordie the Organ Grinder from Ludington. He was very engaging and great to listen to and learn a bit about the different types of organs and their history. The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council presented a check for $1250.66 to the Crystal Valley Care Fund from their annual fundraising efforts at the Countywide Yard/Bake Sale this past summer. Sarah Sylvester, 4-H Youth Council President, presented those leaders in attendance with their year pins. Diane Cole outdid herself with door prizes from Oceana County businesses and everyone went home with at least 1 door prize.

The John Sayles Award was presented to Whitney James for her unending support and dedication to our 4-H program. She is a great role model and mentor for our youth. She has continued from youth status into adult status and her desire to share her knowledge and better herself continues. Congratulations Whitney.

The Hart Public Schools Transpiration Department was presented with the “Friend of 4-H” award. The dedication of Doug Fris and Lance VanSickle as drivers, and the support of the transportation department, has made it possible for many youth to attend Exploration Days with no bus fees every year, and they have also helped with transportation in many other programs.

We are very fortunate to have so many great club leaders and 4-H volunteers. The annual banquet is truly a celebration of the dedicated and passionate individuals who make our organization thrive!
THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 4-H LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

One Year Leaders
Tricia Bennett
Kellie Dahl
Ashlee Gregory
Barbara Grondsma
Amy Homminga
Wendy Kenney
Stephanie Purvis
Melanie Sayles
Chandra Sillman
Jennifer Witteveen

Seven Year Leaders
Amanda Coker
Sara Egeler
Kim Mischler
Teena Sorensen
Karla Swihart
Steven Vandernaalt

Eight Year Leaders
Kim Eubank
Stan Eubank

Nine Year Leaders
Christi Marsh

Twelve Year Leaders
Lindsey Merten

Thirteen Year Leaders
Char Vanderstelt

Fourteen Year Leaders
Marie Elliott

Fifteen Year Leaders
Amanda Freeman

Sixteen Year Leaders
Tara Vandernaalt

Eighteen Year Leaders
Alisha Gray
Jill Merten

Eighteen Year Leaders
Heather Studer

Twenty Year Leaders
Heidi Bromley

Twenty-Two Year Leaders
Kristy Sauser

Twenty-Three Year Leaders
Pat Mackey

Twenty-Four Year Leaders
Ann Marie Overla
Jane Thocher

Twenty-Four Year Leaders

Twelve Year Leaders
Lindsey Merten

Ten Year Leaders
Lindsey Merten

Fifteen Year Leaders
Jack Freeman
Karen Pankow

Twenty-Eight Year Leaders
Diane Cole
Kip Cole

Twenty-Nine Year Leaders
Nancy Koposky

Thirty Year Leaders
Becky Freeman

Thirty-Four Year Leaders
Phil Carter

Thirty-Six Year Leaders
Trudy Sibley

Thirty-Eight Year Leaders
Kathy Carter

Thirty-Nine Year Leaders
Kathy Carter

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**and many, many resource volunteers who help behind the scenes serving on committees, etc. to support the Oceana County 4-H Youth Program**. These are those who have went through the VSP background process.

Congratulations to Whitney James for being awarded the John Sayles Memorial Award (adult) and The Hart Public Schools Transportation Dept. for being named “Friend of 4-H” for all that they have done to transport our youth to Exploration Days, Take a Kid Fishing and more
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WHAT:** 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS  
**WHEN:** JUNE 22-24, 2016  
The theme is “4-H Grows Leaders”.  
This event is open to youth 11-19 years old (as of 1/1/16). Registration books will be available online on February 18th. You will want to check out the online version as the printed version will not be at the Extension Office until early March (about a week before registration opens)  
We usually have about 20-25 youth that attend. With all of the local, and state, scholarships available the cost is minimal.  

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE REGISTRATION BOOKS, AVAILABLE ON FEBRUARY 18TH AT:**  
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days/registration_book

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WHAT:** 4-H NIGHT WITH THE GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
**Where:** VanAndel Arena  
Discounted tickets, special pregame activities & more! More Information available soon!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WHAT:** 4-H DAY AT MICHIGAN’S ADVENTURE  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH  
Discounted tickets will be available for $24.00. A meal ticket for lunch can be added for an additional $6.00.  
We will share more details as they become available.

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If you have not re-enrolled for the 2015/2016 4-H year, or have not completed your enrollment, this is the last newsletter that you will receive until doing so, as the new 4-H year began September 1, 2015.

If you have questions on how to complete this requirement please call 873-2129.

THANK YOU ALL & HAVE A GREAT 2016!
Bird Biosecurity Training

Biosecurity remains a key tool in preventing the spread of avian diseases. Attend this free workshop to learn more about avian influenza, disease transmission and prevention, and proven biosecurity measures any bird owner can implement.

Open to poultry producers, owners of backyard flocks, 4-H and FFA members and volunteers, and anyone interested in poultry and biosecurity.

Dates and locations:

Jan. 7   St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, Centreville
Jan. 26  Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason
Feb. 10  Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe
Feb. 15  Alcona County, location to be announced
Feb. 16  Isabella County Building, Mt. Pleasant
Feb. 18  Muskegon County, Ravenna Baptist Church
Feb. 25  Lapeer County MSU Extension office, Lapeer
Feb. 29  Grand Traverse County, location to be announced

*All programs are available virtually through Zoom connection.

Learn more and register here: http://events.anr.msu.edu/APHIS/
4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN CENTER– MSU WOMEN VS IOWA

Date: Saturday, January 16th, 2016

Time: Game begins at 4:30 p.m. Gate D will open at 3:00 and is the gate you need to enter whether you are picking up tickets or if you already have your tickets.

Tickets being held for pick-up will be at the 4-H Registration Table inside Gate D. (DO NOT go to the Breslin Center “will call” entrance).

Ticket Ordering Information:
Tickets ordered after Wednesday, December 30th, 2015, will need to be picked up at the 4-H Registration table inside Gate D at the Breslin Center on game day. The last day to register online for tickets is Monday, January 11th, 2016. YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MSU EXTENSION OFFICE FOR ORDERING.

Parking Information: School buses are FREE; all other buses are $20 each. Cars are $5.

Attire: Participants are asked to wear green and white 4-H and/or Extension apparel if possible. We really want to make our presence in the Breslin Center known!

Overnight stays: For those who want to make a weekend of it, the following hotels are located on or near campus & convenient. The web sites are listed below for your convenience, but you must call the hotel directly.

Kellogg Center: The Kellogg Center is located on the campus of MSU and is within walking distance from the Breslin Center. This very convenient location is an excellent way to experience the elegance of the Kellogg Center, the beauty of MSU’s campus and the excitement of joining other 4-H’ers as we cheer on the Spartan Women’s Basketball team. Overnight parking is free. For reservations call 800.875.5090 or 517-432-4000. Or visit their web site at www.kelloggcenter.com

University Quality Inn: The Quality Inn is located one mile from MSU and offers a complimentary hot breakfast. For reservations call 517-351-1440. Or visit their web site at http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-lansing-michigan-MI030

Breslin Center Rules, Regulations and Concession Costs:
No noise makers or items that obstruct the view of others (i.e. foam hands, foam fingers, foam noodles, pennants, flags, banners or beach balls). Signs are restricted to no larger than a ½ sheet of poster board.

The Breslin Center does not allow food or beverages to be brought into the facility. The list below shows the cost of some of the food items available, to give you an idea on how to plan.

- Popcorn $4; $5 Tub
- Soda $4.50 (22 oz.); $5 (32 oz./souvenir cup); $8 (souvenir mug)
- Pizza $5 (slice)
- Pretzel $4
- Hot dog $4.50
- Carmel Corn $4
- Ice Cream $5
- Bottled Water $4

We hope to see you at the Breslin Center on Saturday, January 16th, 2016!