



# 4-H NEWSLETTER



April / May 2015

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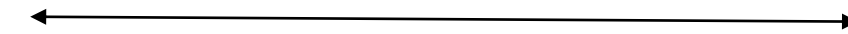
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4-H Secretary



**OCEANA 4-H UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES...**

- April 30 33rd Annual Oceana County Folk Festival
- May 9 Oceana 4-H Youth Program Bake Sale
- May 9 Oceana County Youth Horse Show
- May 11 Swine Pictures, Breeds and Ear Tags Due (for primary and backup pig if signing one up)
- June 1 2015 4-H Enrollment Deadline for Oceana County
- June 1 Feeder Calf Pictures & tag numbers due
- June 1 Lamb pictures & ear tags due (for primary and backup lamb if signing one up)
- June 2 Exploration Days Pre-orientation 6:30 MSUE
- June 20 Oceana County Youth Horse Show
- June 24-26 2015 Exploration Days
- July 1 Deadline for Swine Project replacement (if project animal should die)
- July 15 Deadline for Lamb Project replacement (if project animal should die)
- July 18 Oceana County Youth Horse Show
- July 25 Take A Kid Fishing
- July 31 Small Market Animal Project Pictures, Breeds, Identifications due for Rabbits, Poultry, Goats
- August 5 Buyer's Name due for ALL Market Animals
- August 24 WorkBee at Fairgrounds
- Aug. 25-29 Oceana County Fair
- August 30 Load out of Fair



Thank you to the wonderful parents and 4-H volunteers that we had help with the Spring Breakin' the Blues Day Camps. We could not have done it without you all!

- ★ **Sarah Sylvester**
- ★ **Cathy Alvesteffer**
- ★ **Alisha Gray**
- ★ **Kathy Grantz**
- ★ **Grace Alvesteffer**
- ★ **Lilia Gonzalez**

Community Support provided by: ShopKo, Weesie's Greenhouse of Hart, North Central Co-Op, Country Dairy, and Oceana Builder's Supply.

## **4-H GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ENROLLMENTS**

June 1, 2015 is the last day for enrollments for the 2015 4-H year. For those of you who have not done so, you need to sign up and also either pay the \$10 enrollment fee to the office, or request a scholarship, before you are an official 2015 4-H member.

If you know of anyone interested in joining please direct them to the 4H Online enrollment site at <http://mi.4honline.com>. They may also come into the office and we will help them signup online.

### **NEW CLUBS**

We are fortunate to have two new clubs who are accepting members. We have a new horse club, Pixies Ponies and a new sewing/quilting/craft club, the Shelby Stitches.

#### **THE SHELBY STITCHERS**

**Led by Kathy Grantz of Shelby. Members will learn how to sew and quilt along with some arts and crafts type projects.**

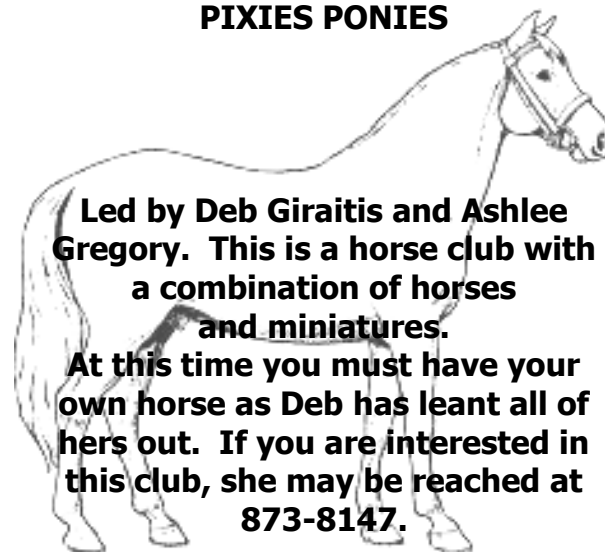
**If you are interested in joining this club, you may reach Kathy at 861-5472.**



#### **PIXIES PONIES**

**Led by Deb Giraitis and Ashlee Gregory. This is a horse club with a combination of horses and miniatures.**

**At this time you must have your own horse as Deb has leant all of hers out. If you are interested in this club, she may be reached at 873-8147.**



### **EMAIL AND FACEBOOK**

The *MAJORITY* of our information is now shared through email and Facebook. If you have an email address, please make sure it is updated in your 4-H online account.

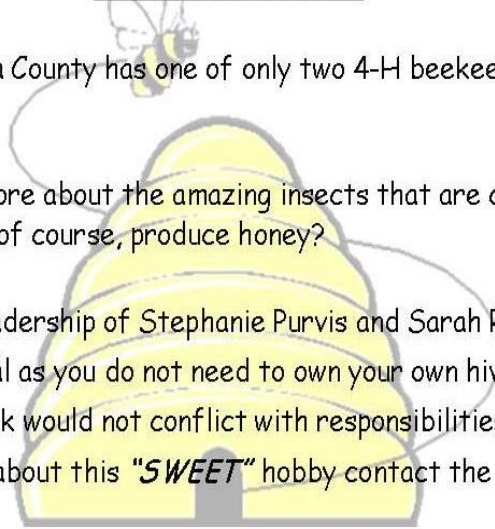
For those who are Facebook members, Oceana County MSU Extension 4-H has a Facebook page where information is updated and shared.

All you need to do is request to become a friend on Facebook.

### MEMBERS WANTED

- Did you know that Oceana County has one of only two 4-H beekeeping groups in the entire state of Michigan?
- Would you like to know more about the amazing insects that are crucial for pollination of so much of our food, and of course, produce honey?

Our group, under the new leadership of Stephanie Purvis and Sarah Rudat, would love to have you join us! Costs are minimal as you do not need to own your own hive(s) to participate, and the schedule during Fair week would not conflict with responsibilities for other clubs. If you would like more information about this "*SWEET*" hobby contact the MSUE office at 873-2129.



### 33RD ANNUAL OCEANA COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL



The Folk Festival will take place Thursday, April 30th at the Oceana County Fairgrounds. If you are a 4-Her who would like to volunteer to help for the day please let us know in the office. If you are under the age of 12 you need an adult or older teen who will supervise you. The youth volunteers will be assigned an exhibitor to assist for the day. After lunch you may swap with another volunteer of similar age if you would like to work with something new. It is YOUR responsibility to get your preplan from your school and also to call and get on the list at the MSU Extension Office at 873-2129. If you do not call the office it will not count as a nonclub point. You will find out the morning of the Festival what exhibit you are assigned to help so bring warm clothes in case you are outside and it is cold. Lunch will be provided for you.

If you know of anyone who would like to exhibit and share their past through an exhibit such as spinning, photography, an exhibit on another culture, etc. please have them call us at 873-2129 as we are always in need of more exhibitors.

### THE OCEANA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM BAKE SALE

The annual bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 9th. This year the bake sale will be held at Gales IGA of Hart and also at the Oceana County HDC Horse Show at the Fairgrounds on the same day. The proceeds of these bake sales go to those youth attending Exploration Days in June, provided they work at the sale. This is worth one nonclub point for anyone signing up with the office at 873-2129. You must bring a baked good (at least one per person) and work for one hour. The more baked goods the better, so if you like to bake, or know of someone who would like to help by donating baked goods that would be wonderful! You can drop them at the office Friday the 8th or drop them by the bake sales. The sales run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until baked goods run out (if they run out before 1:00 p.m.)



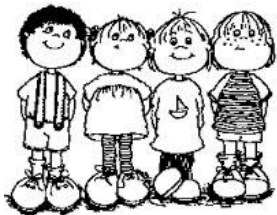
## Social Media Highlights: 4-H

If you tweet, post, chat or pin, you are enjoying social media.

Did you know that 80 percent of people check their smartphones first thing in the morning? Michigan 4-H can be found on *Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube* and *Twitter*.

You will also find that many state events and county programs have their own pages and groups to share information. Log in to like us, retweet, share a post, follow what is happening or learn about upcoming events.

Did you know that our local 4-H Youth Program has a Facebook page? You can find it at: **Oceana County 4-H Youth Programs.**



## Statewide 4-H Events

May 4: *Build Your Future* Curriculum Training

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/build\\_your\\_future\\_curriculum\\_training3](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/build_your_future_curriculum_training3)  
Max Thompson Community Center, Warren

May 6-8: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition

<http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5>  
Fort Custer, Augusta

May 15-16: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

Contact Nick Baumgart ([baumga75@anr.msu.edu](mailto:baumga75@anr.msu.edu))  
Bay College, Escanaba

May 16: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4\\_h\\_poultry\\_palooza](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza)  
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

May 16-17: May 15-16: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

Contact Nick Baumgart ([baumga75@anr.msu.edu](mailto:baumga75@anr.msu.edu))  
Otsego County MSU Extension Office, Gaylord

May 28: Skill Building for Youth Workers: Youth Development and Communication

<http://bit.ly/1MnLxoT> <http://bit.ly/1MnLxoT>  
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

May 30-31: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_companion\\_animal\\_camp](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp)  
Camp Tuhsmeheeta

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4\\_h\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_expo2015](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 13-14: Wilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class

Contact Nick Baumgart ([baumga75@anr.msu.edu](mailto:baumga75@anr.msu.edu))  
Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Greenville

June 13-20: Citizenship Washington Focus

<http://bit.ly/1Mm2yOi>  
National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 15: Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching Sportsmanship in Animal Science

<http://bit.ly/1MnLRnB>  
Your Computer

June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_animal\\_and\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp)  
MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour

Contact Melissa Elischer ([elischer@msu.edu](mailto:elischer@msu.edu))  
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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>

## 2015 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp (GLNRC)

This weeklong, *triple award-winning* (<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc>) camp, now in its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, features outdoor, hands-on learning experiences and activities such as charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, swimming, hiking, dune exploration, and wading through wetlands!

GLNRC learning sessions and recreation are designed to:

- Increase teens' appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors, natural resources and science.
- Develop a strong attitudinal attachment to Michigan's unique natural resources and bioregional features.
- Increase teens' knowledge about the Great Lakes, natural resources ecology and management issues.
- Foster scientifically rooted environmental stewardship.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Increase social and academic skills needed for successful transition to college and life as an adult.

**Who:** Youth aged 13 to 15 (or going into grades 8 to 10) who function at grade level or above.

**When:** August 2 to 8, 2015

**Where:** Camp Chickagami (<http://www.campchickagami.org/#/>), Presque Isle

### How

Youth applicants must complete the 2015 Michigan 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camper Application (<http://bit.ly/1xbmVw8>) and submit the application by **May 1** to Laura Potter-Niesen, 4-H Youth Development, Room 160 Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824. Space is limited!

### Cost

The 2015 cost (that includes meals, snacks, lodging, and program and activity fees) is **\$345 per young person** (\$355 for youth who are not 4-H members). A limited number of state 4-H scholarships are offered for teens with financial need. 4-H members may wish to check with their county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

***LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE SHELBY ROTARY—DEADLINE MAY 15***

### More Information

Ways to find out more about 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp include:

- The 4-H GLNRC web site (<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc>)
- 4-H staff in your local MSU Extension office (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>)
- Nick Baumgart ([baumga75@anr.msu.edu](mailto:baumga75@anr.msu.edu)) or 906-774-0363

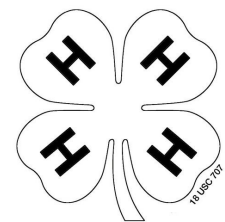
## What is Your Hashtag?

Are you capturing your 4-H memories on Instagram or Twitter? Be sure to use some of our hashtags to connect with the 4-Her's across the state and nation.



Here is a list of some of the common Michigan 4-H hashtags:

- #MI4H
- #4H
- #makeadifference
  - #volunteer
- #leavealegacy
- #giveback
- #MSUExtension
  - #4Halumni



# Oceana 4-H Teen Leadership Summer Intensive

**WHO:** 4-H Teens, ages 13-19

**WHERE:** Oceana Extension Office  
210 Johnson Street, Hart MI

**WHEN:** Mondays, 9:30-11:00 am  
June 8, June 22, June 29  
July 6, July 13, July 27  
August 3, August 10, August 17

*You must be able to make at least 4 meetings and assist with 1 event to participate*

**WHAT:** Teens will engage in leadership practices by planning and executing events (see below) throughout the summer. Additionally, meetings will include activities to strengthen communication, practice ethical decision making, develop conflict resolution skills, and so much more!

**Potentially assist with these great 4-H projects:**

- ⇒ Cloverbud Day (June 13)
- ⇒ Officer and Parliamentary Procedure Training (June 16)
- ⇒ Ag-Innovators (June t.b.a.)
- ⇒ Hart Sparks Activities (July 2)
- ⇒ Breakfast on the Farm (July 11)
- ⇒ Take A Kid Fishing (July 25)
- ⇒ Commodity Carnival (August 28)

**CONTACT Lori at the Extension Office to sign up TODAY!**  
**231-873-2129 or [cargil10@anr.msu.edu](mailto:cargil10@anr.msu.edu)**



**Paper Clover Promotion**  
**Apr. 22 – May 3**

Starting Wed., Apr. 22 through Sunday, May 3 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at Tractor Supply Co. stores for \$1 to support their local 4-H program. Of the proceeds, 60% is donated to the county program, 10% to the state and 30% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

## **2015 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS**

4-H Exploration Days is being held June 24 - June 26 this year. At this time we have 20 Oceana County 4-H members signed up to attend. There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting of all those attending Exploration Days on Monday, JUNE 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office. (postcards will go out as a reminder with the time indicated).

Remember, depending on which classes you signed up for, you may have additional fees. These fees are due at the mandatory meeting. When you receive your postcard it will have the fees owed indicated on it. Any questions call the Extension Office at 873-2129.

### **HORSE (HDC) NEWS**

**REGISTRATION & COGGINS DUE!** All horse project members remember that your negative Coggins along with your project *registration* page (NOT the cover page of your notebook) and parent acknowledgement page are due to the MSUE office by 5:00 p.m. on May 1st.

**PROJECT NOTEBOOKS:** Read your notebooks and requirements. They are new this year. You need to have your previous levels notebooks included. If you do not have your previous levels, you will need to complete all levels to have on entry day of the Fair (if attending).

**OCHDC HORSE SHOWS:** The first Oceana County Horse Show of 2015 will be held May 9, 2015. There will also be shows June 20th and July 18th. We will have the show bills, tab sheets and waivers available in the office or on the portal soon. We are waiting for the sponsorships to be turned in to print show bills. You can also email Toni at vanberg2@anr.msu.edu for a copy. Also, HDC meets the 3rd Monday of each month. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for a reminder each month please let her know.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE STATE 4-H TRAIL RIDE**

**Date:** June 19, 2015 - June 21, 2015

**Location:** Whiskey Creek Campground, 5080 Sippy Road Custer, MI 49405

The State 4-H Trail Ride & Family Camp Weekend is a fun-filled event that YOU should add to your calendar this summer! The event takes place at the beautiful Whiskey Creek Campground in Custer, MI. Don't have a horse? No worries! There are plenty of activities for non-riders. Whiskey Creek Campground offers an indoor heated swimming pool, full electric hook ups, stocked fishing pond, wi-fi, laundry, playground and so much more! The Trail Ride committee has an agenda sure to please: crafts, t-shirt making, science activities, delicious meals, line dancing, and more! Plan on attending to meet other horse enthusiasts, camp and make great memories. This is a great event for the whole family to share! Camping fees and 6 meals are included with your low registration fee. Registration deadline is June 8. Detailed registration information can be found on the website: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth\\_extension\\_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs).



**STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW:** The State 4-H Horse Show will be held August 7-9, 2015. The entry deadline is July 10, 2015 therefore **we need your application to the MSU Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on July 3rd, 2015.** Registration information will be coming soon.

## LARGE MARKET LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

**SWINE PICTURES, BREEDS & EAR TAGS** *due by May 11th at 5:00 p.m.*

**LAMB PICTURES, BREEDS & EAR TAGS** *due by June 1st at 5:00 p.m.*

Both swine & lamb pictures need to show the entire animal and also the ear tag, if the ear tag is not legible your leader can sign the back of it verifying the number. The easiest way to get your picture is to bring in 2 pictures, one close up of the ear and one full body shot. Each 4-H Market Livestock Project animal is required to have two ear tags (one in each ear-matching numbers). Please remember that you need to know the breed also. The office is open Mon- Fri from 8-noon and 1-5. If you are registering a second animal you need a picture with the tag & breed also. You may pick up a tag at the office after paying the \$5.00 fee. You will declare your primary at this time and have until August 11th to change to your backup if desired.

### **SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION**

Just as Michigan cattle require official identification to leave a premises (the RFID tag), sheep and goats also require official identification to leave a farm in the State of Michigan. The complete description and requirements can be found at the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development Animal Exhibit Division 2013 site. Per the requirements all goats and sheep moved within MI shall be identified with the official USDA scrapie program identification prior to movement off the farm. Official ID is:

- A. A USDA approved scrapie tag. Tags are available free of charge by calling 1-866-873-2824.
- B. The premises ID, obtained by calling the above number, and a unique alpha-numeric individual animal ID, legibly tattooed in the ear (right ear premises ID; left ear-individual ID) or flanks. Tattoos in the tail web are permissible in earless sheep & goats.
- C. A tattoo of the registration number from an approved breed registry, only if the number is printed on the registration certificate, and the registration certificate is with the animal. USDA must be contacted to link the registration preface with the premises ID.
- D. Electronic ID implants only in registered animals from approved breed registry where the ID number is printed on the registration certificate. The owner must present the registration certificate and have a reader present with the animal.

### **REPLACEMENT DATES FOR ANIMALS**

The Market Livestock Project Rules state that if an animal dies or some other special problem occurs the MSUE office must be notified ASAP. A replacement animal request will only be considered after the deceased/special problem animal has been viewed by the leader, 4-H Market Livestock Committee Member or submission of a veterinarian's written explanation of the cause of death or special problem. Deadlines for requesting replacement animals are as follows:

Swine-July 1, 2015    Lambs-July 15, 2015



## SMALL MARKET ANIMAL NEWS

April 1, 2015 was the registration deadline for both 4-H and Junior Market Projects. Below are the deadlines for paperwork due to the MSU Extension Office:

- ◆ Feeder Calf & Young Beef pictures, breed & RFID electronic tag numbers must be on file by June 1, 2015
- ◆ Goat pictures and tattoo numbers must be on file by August 1, 2014
- ◆ Rabbit pictures must be on file by July 31, 2015.
- ◆ Poultry pictures must be on file by July 31, 2015

**\*\* Notice the July 31st date. This is a day earlier than normal as the 1st is on a Saturday. Mark your calendars that the 31st is the deadline! \*\***

If you have any questions on project requirements please refer to the 4-H SMAA Rules & Guidelines. We have copies in the office or you can view them on line at:

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/oceana>

**(faxes will not be accepted as all we receive is a black and white picture)**

**POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES:** You have until Wednesday, August 5th to turn in your potential buyers names. You may turn them in sooner, and it is preferred that you do. Remember the following.

1. **Your list must be submitted in person to receive a stamp & initialed by MSUE staff. You will return the original to your book.**
2. **You must have 3 different names than those of your siblings**
3. **You must have complete addresses, including zip codes, in order for us to accept them.**

