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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


MSU Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status or family status.
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 Stitchers.

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 lent 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.
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.)
Statewide 4-H Events

May 4: Build Your Future Curriculum Training
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)
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_palooza1
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)
Otsego County MSU Extension Office, Gaylord

May 28: Skill Building for Youth Workers: Youth Development and Communication
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_camp1
Camp Tuhsmeheta

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
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)
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

June 13-20: Citizenship Washington Focus
http://bit.ly/1Mn3yOh
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
MSU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour
Contact Melissa Elischer (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 33rd 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/IxbmVw8) 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) or 906-774-0363
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

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.

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.
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
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 online 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.

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State 4-H Goat Show June 27th at the MSU Pavilion

State Poultry Show May 16th at the Eaton County Fairgrounds

MI 4-H Companion Animal Camp May 30-31st Greenville, MI

4-H Rabbit Showmanship Workshop in Boardman, MI