The information provided in this newsletter will help you prepare for this year’s Fair which begins Tuesday, August 19th and will run until Saturday evening, August 23rd.

Please take some time to read the letter carefully. If you should have any questions, we encourage you to contact the MSU Extension Office at 231-873-2129. We hope that everyone has a great time at the Fair!

Those with animals: when arriving at the Fair, you will follow the established rule of 15 minutes to load or unload feed or tack and then you will have to park in the back lot.

ALL LIVESTOCK AND HORSE TRAILERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS AT THE CLOSE OF ENTRY DAY. ANY TRAILER ON THE GROUNDS WEDNESDAY MORNING WILL BE TOWED.

We thank everyone for the wonderful cooperation that we have had with parking. Remember, the only people allowed to park by the barns are the Building Superintendents.

Those with exhibits for the youth building you may enter them at the youth building between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please be helpful and supportive to your club members, leaders and stall/ pen neighbors. The Fair is an opportunity to show off your efforts in various project areas and promote Oceana County 4-H.

Remember: NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014.

Information provided & prepared by: Lori Cargill, 4-H Program Coordinator & Toni Van Bergen, 4-H Secretary
PROMOTING THE AUCTION

The Large Market Auction will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2014. We need to promote the sale for new buyers as well as those buyers that have supported the auction over the years. Any chance you have to mention the 4-H Market Livestock Sales will be helpful. The good prices over the years have been in part due to the promotion of the sale.

COMPLAINTS & CONCERNS

If you have a concern, complaint or problem please use the following line of authority:

1. Contact your leader.
2. Your leader will contact the barn superintendent
3. Your superintendent will contact a member of the Executive Committee for your project.
4. The Executive Committee may contact the 4-H Youth Council

PLEASE DO NOT GO TO THE FAIR OFFICE. WORK WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS FIRST.

BUILDING SUPERINTENDENTS . . .

Superintendents are the special people who are in charge of a specific building at the Fair. If you have any questions, please contact them. If you do not fulfill your responsibilities to your building or barn; and don’t keep everything cleaned up or display a bad attitude, the building superintendents have the authority to pull your premiums, withholding your monies. You may also risk not being allowed to attend next year’s Fair.

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NEW DATE AND TIME FOR 4-H AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcing of the 2014/2015 4-H Ambassador will take place Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., immediately prior to the 4-H dog show, in the infield opposite the grandstand. The new ambassadors will promote 4-H throughout the Fair and also be recognized at the Large and Small animal auctions.
LARGE MARKET LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

*** These sections will hit some of the more important reminders related to the 4-H Market Livestock Projects ***

RECORD BOOKS: Make sure that you check that your 4-H Market Livestock Record Books are accurate, neat and completely up-to-date. You must present your notebook at the time that your animal is weighed. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. You have until 5:00 p.m. to submit your notebook at the 4-H Exhibit Building. Be sure your green (exhibit) card is attached. As a precaution, it may be wise to check with your leader to be sure that your premium statement is correct with all entries listed.

JUDGING SCHEDULE: The Livestock Judging schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 a.m.- Swine judging begins in the Small Arena
8:30 a.m.- Beef judging begins in the Large Arena
4:00 p.m.- Sheep judging begins in the Small Arena

Don’t forget that all Livestock Showmanship Classes will be done first.

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Steers – 950 lbs. to 1600 lbs. (since the scales are only rated to 1600 lbs., anything over 1600 lbs. will be sold as 1600 lbs.)
Lambs – 90 lbs. to 160 lbs.
Swine – 220 lbs. to 310 lbs.

Animals that do not meet the above weight ranges will not be eligible to sell during the 4-H Market Livestock Auction.

SALE ORDER:

* SWINE * LAMB * BEEF *

EAR TAG REQUIREMENTS

All 4-H Market Livestock Swine & Lamb Project animals must be double tagged with ear tags provided by the MSU Extension Office. Any animal coming to the Fair without at least one MSU issued ear tag will not be allowed in the barn, unless arrangements were made with the Extension Office before entry day. It is your responsibility to notify the Extension Office immediately when your animal has lost it’s ear tag.
SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION FOR LAMBS & GOATS REQUIRED

All sheep and goats must be identified with the USDA approved form of identification. This includes:

A) USDA Official Scrapie Tag
B) USDA Official Scrapie Tag number tattooed in the ear, flank or tail web. This Scrapie tag must be carried with the animal whenever it is moved. If tattooed, the end of the Scrapie tag should be cut off or made so it cannot be reused.
C) USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program identification
D) USDA approved breed association registry tattoo. The breed registration certificate must accompany the animal when moved. Check with the USDA for approved breed associations at (517) 324-5290.
E) Pygmy goats registered with the National Pygmy Goat Association (NPGA) can use the NPGA microchips. They must carry the NPGA registration certificate with the goat when moved. Owners using this ID are required to provide a microchip reader.

ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE

Please check the schedule below to see if your club is responsible for auction preparation or take-down this year. This responsibility does not count as a non-club point towards the point requirements to participate.

Note: The club responsible for auction take-down will also be required to clean (hose/scrub off) the white cement wall and collect garbage from the Grandstand. There will be NO non-club points given for cleanup. It is a club responsibility.

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The Market Livestock Committee voted to provide a hot dog roast again this year for the buyer reception. The buyers will be offered hotdogs, chips and bottled water upon presenting their buyer’s letter.

WORKBEE NIGHT

Workbee night is scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. In the hog barn—no pens will be assigned before the superintendent arrives. In other barns, please check with your leader or superintendent.

PEN/STALL CLEANING

Please remember that all 4-H Market Livestock members must have their animal pens/stalls cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day the Fair is open. This is a requirement of the project and if not completed each day will result in possible premium forfeiture and additional penalty.
WEIGH-IN DAY AUGUST 19, 2014

STEER, FEEDER CALF & YOUTH BEEF WEIGH-IN

All steer, feeder calf & young beef market project animals must be weighed in between 8:00 a.m.– 12 noon in the Beef Barn.

LAMB WEIGH-IN

All 4-H Market Livestock Lamb project animals will be weighed between 8:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.

HOG WEIGH-IN

The 4-H Market Livestock Executive Committee will begin weighing hogs at 10:15 a.m. Hogs must be in their assigned pens no later than 11:00 a.m. and must be weighed no later than noon. If they should arrive early and there are no lambs to be weighed, the weigh-in crew will begin to weigh hogs.

PARTICIPATION FEE SET AT $25.00

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee has imposed a Participation Fee for all 4-H members whose animal does not make weight and the member elects to keep the animal at the Fair for showmanship classes only. If your animal is either over or underweight or you choose to not participate in the auctions and you want to keep it at the Fair, whether you are going to sell it out of the barn or not, you must pay a $25.00 participation fee for Large Market or $15.00 for Small Market animals. This fee must be paid by 5:00 p.m. on entry day or you may remove your animal and take it home. Just to clarify, to keep it at the Fair you must pay the $25 or $15 fee. This fee was established to help offset the cost of the clinic, advertising, buyer’s awards, ribbons etc. that are deducted from members that have completed the project with the sale of their animal. The fee of $25 for those electing to stay at the Fair will be due upon entry day payable to the superintendent. Members will receive for this fee, a sign which they may display once their auction has begun, that their animal is “For Sale”, if they choose to sell their animal out of the barn. To have your animal hauled to a processor or re-sale auction, you will need to contact Hollis Rockwell, Beef Superintendent, to purchase a hauling pass to have your animal removed from the Fairgrounds by the 4-H Market Livestock haulers. If you should have any questions please contact the MSU Extension Office at 873-2129.

VIDEO RECORDING

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee has made arrangements to record the auction. 4-H members will have until 12:00 noon on Friday, August 22nd to question any sale prices. The 4-Her must go to the MSU Extension Office with any sale question. If there is a difference in sale prices, Kathy will contact the Market Livestock Committee and make the necessary adjustments. Remember, if you have the slightest question on your sale price, please stop by the Extension Office on Friday after the sale between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to appeal the price.
**DISPOSING OF WATER IN THE BEEF BARN**

All water to be disposed of from this barn is to be dumped by the fence and not by the barn doors. The entrance to the barn has been a slippery, muddy mess in past years and efforts to keep it dry this year will again be enforced. Please be helpful and dispose of water along the fence line.

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**STEER CLIPPING PRIOR TO FAIR**

It has been requested that all steers be clipped prior to arriving at the Fair. With the many preparations going on during show day, one less activity will help keep the barn traffic flowing smoother.

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**REMOVING GROOMING CHUTES**

All 4-H Market Livestock Members are requested to have all grooming chutes removed by 1:00 p.m. Thursday of Fair. This will allow more room during horse classes and other activities taking place the last couple of days of Fair. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**SPRINKLING CAN REQUIRED!!**

All 4-H Market Livestock Swine Clubs are required to have a sprinkling can filled with room temperature water available during judging and all other times it may be needed to cool the hogs.

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**ANIMAL RELEASE TIMES**

Release time for the Market Livestock Animals will be the morning of Sunday, August 24. **NO EXHIBIT WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE SUNDAY!!**

Please check with your barn superintendent, leader, or Hollis Rockwell to confirm the time your animal is scheduled to leave.

All manure and bedding will need to be removed from the barn at the conclusion of the Fair. If you neglect to clean your stall after release of your animal, you may forfeit your premiums.

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**OPEN CLASS ANIMALS WANTING TO RIDE HAULING TRUCKS**

If you have an open animal (or an animal that did not make weight and stayed at the fair) that you would like taken to a processor or Ravenna Livestock for reselling, please see Hollis Rockwell by noon on Friday for a loading pass. There will be a small charge for this service. Cost is as follows: Steers- $14.00, Feeder Calf- $10.00, Swine- $8.00 and Lambs- $6.00. *(Prices may vary slightly).*

**NO LOADING PASS-NO RIDING!!**
LAMB SLICK SHEARING
Sheepin’ Up Lamb Club is hosting a slick shearing on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. This will be held Tara Vandernaalt’s at 2083 W. Lever Road. Please call Tara at 873-5357 if you would like to attend.

STEER TRIMMING CLINIC
Green Community Beef Bums will be hosting a steer trimming clinic next week. At the time of this printing we do not have exact details. If you are interested in attending watch your email or the oceana county 4-H facebook page for details. If we do not have your current email let Toni know at vanberg2@anr.msu.edu.

CLOVERBUDS
The Oceana County Fair Board follows the 4-H Cloverbud guidelines for 5-8 year olds. This is for ALL animal project animals whether it is dairy, swine, beef, poultry, rabbits, etc. This policy states: Children aged 5 & 6 may be involved with animals on halter & lead but they must be directly assisted one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on the grounding holding the animal’s halter or lead to maximize safety. When 5 & 6 year olds are working with horses, assistance must be provided by adults on foot, rather than mounted on other horses. Children aged 5 & 6 may be involved with nonhaltered animals such as swine, chicken & rabbits. Again, each must be directly assisted one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer while the child is in contact with the animal. Those who are 7 & 8 may be involved with animal on a halter & lead. They must be assisted by either a parent or another adult or older youth volunteer who is on the ground holding the halter & lead. Full Cloverbud rules can be read at:

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/resources/4-HCloverbudPolicy.pdf

This was explained in your rules and guidelines that you were presented with when you registered for the project.

VET FOR MARKET LIVESTOCK ANIMALS
The Vet for this year’s Fair will be Dr. Sarah Velat, Rolling Oaks Veterinary Service. If an animal should become ill or show symptoms of illness and the 4-H cannot be reached, the Superintendent or Leader has the authority to contact Dr. Velat. Any visit by the vet that results in a charge will be the responsibility of the 4-Her.

4-H BUILDING WATCH HELP NEEDED!!
The 4-H Building is IN NEED of people to sign-up for building watch. Although many have commitments in other barns, you still may have items exhibited in the 4-H Building. Hours that are not covered will force the building to close. Please contact the Extension Office at 873-2129 to sign-up for a one hour shift. We need everyone to take at least one slot!!

Livestock & Horse members-- remember, your notebooks are on display in this building. If there is no one to watch the building, it will be closed for those hours not attended.
GRAND SLAM SHOWMANSHIP

The Grand Champion Showman in each animal species will be entitled to compete in the Grand Slam Showmanship Competition for a trophy and a gift card donated by Fifth Third Bank. If you are the champion or reserve champion in this competition your superintendent will have information on this when the time comes. If you are not interested in competing, please let your superintendent know so that they may ask the reserve champion of your species.

DO YOU HAVE A PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR THE 2014/2015 MARKET LIVESTOCK PROGRAM?

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee will hold its annual fair and program rules evaluation meeting in late September. This is the only time that changes to the 4-H Market Livestock program are made. All 4-H Market Livestock leaders and superintendents are invited to attend in person or to mail or fax written comments to the Committee. If you have an idea or suggestion, please talk to your leader or superintendent and send it in writing to the Extension office to be considered by the committee. Please note that ALL CHANGES ARE FINAL by the time of the Annual Meeting. It is set on a school night and is for rules and distributing checks, we would like to remain very efficient with everyone’s time!

The current Market Livestock Committee consists of:

- Lance VanSickle
- Hollis Rockwell
- Michelle Holladay
- Mary Semelbauer
- Dan Verschueren
- Ben Payne
- Whitney Holladay
- Emma Babbin
- Kaylee Herrygers
- Gary Tate
- Joel McCormick
- Tom VanDerZanden

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WANT TO RUN FOR THE MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE?

The 4-H Market Livestock Committee struggles each year to find people interested in running for election. Do you want to run or do you know of someone who would be good on the Committee? Fair is the time to make that known. Please mention that to your leader or call the Extension Office and leave a message so that when the Committee holds the evaluation meeting they can place your name, or your suggested candidate’s name, on the ballot. This year’s annual meeting will include an election for teen representatives in beef, swine and sheep as well as a North and South representative and a business representative. Teens hold one-year terms, but other representatives hold three year terms. We are looking for people who are committed to attending the six meetings that are held annually. The Committee prefers that candidates attend the Annual Meeting so that they can stand to be recognized and give a brief bio and explanation of interest. Please forward any names that you may have to your leader or the Extension Office at 873-2129.
**SMALL MARKET ANIMAL MEMBERS**

**AUCTION PREPARATIONS**

Below is the rotational schedule that was agreed upon at the last Small Market meeting. It was also agreed to serve cookies, brownies & bottled water at the Auction this year.

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All parents are expected to continue to pitch in at the barn getting the animals ready for auction. We NEVER have an issue with this and we thank you all for this!!

The SMAA & Junior Market Auctions will be held Saturday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Arena.

**POULTRY:** Poultry will be banded on entry day. If your bird is already banded, those numbers may be used. Poultry must be tested for PULLORUM which will take place on entry day, Tuesday, August 19, 2014. There will be no charge for testing this year thanks to Ted and Chris Gilmore. Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. If you have MARKET poultry, please plan on testing first. No exhibits of the poultry family will be allowed in the poultry building until they have tested negative for pullorum.

**RABBITS:** Rabbits must be tattooed to enter in the Fair, even if they are for show only. Pat Mackey will have a tattooer available on entry.

**GOATS:** All sheep and goats must be identified with an USDA approved form of identification when moved. (please see full details on page 4 of this newsletter)

**NOTEBOOKS:** Please make sure your notebooks are up-to-date, neat and complete by Fair time. They are required for ALL Small Market/Junior Market Animal entries. Notebooks must be checked by the weigh master and turned into the 4-H Building before 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day. Be sure your exhibit card is attached to your notebook. As a precaution, it may be wise to check with your leader to be sure your premium statement is correct with all entries listed according to the fair book sequences. Make sure your notebook reads 2014 on the front.

**JUDGING/SHOWING TIMES**

- **Wednesday, August 20th:**
  - 8:30 a.m. Beef Young Beef & Feeder Calf to follow
- **Thursday, August 21st:**
  - 9:00 a.m. Goats Small Arena
  - 10:00 a.m. Rabbits Rabbit/Poultry Barn
- **Friday, August 22nd:**
  - 9:00 a.m. Market Poultry- Rabbit/Poultry Barn
  - 10:00 a.m. Fancy Poultry - Rabbit Poultry Barn

All exhibits will be judged for top quality and against a standard of excellence. Remember, the judge’s decision is **FINAL and good sportsmanship is expected!**
CUTLINESS OF ANIMALS

All Small Market Animals are expected to be spotlessly clean for the Auction, this includes rabbits, goats, young beef, feeder calves and especially poultry. 4-H Rabbit & Poultry youth are responsible for cleaning the cages of their animals. A time schedule will be set up for clubs and individuals. Remember that buyers will be touring the barns beginning as early as 5:00 p.m. You definitely will catch their attention with a clean animal and cage/pen. The extra effort that you put into making sure that not only your animals, but also your notebook, is as neat as possible will pay off in the long run!

SMAA/JR. MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION

Due to the restrictions of the MSUE staff not being able to help at the Junior Market Auction, the SMAA and Junior Market must have a definite distinction again this year. We will begin with Junior Market as Small Market went first last year. We will again have community volunteers run the Jr. Mkt. Auction. Thank you to those volunteers helping to make this happen. When JR MKT is over, we will immediately begin the SMAA Auction. Please remember to bring any cages and wagons that you may have available to use.

ALL MARKET ANIMALS, LARGE AND SMALL, DON’T FORGET....

ANTIBIOTIC FREE STATEMENT REQUIREMENT: This requirement is requested by one of the packers we use for the 4-H animals. A form is being sent to each 4-Her planning to sell their animal at the Auction. Please complete the form with the proper information requested. These forms will need to be turned in on Tuesday, August 19th (Entry Day) in your barn.

4-H INFORMATION CARD: Once again we will be using the Market Livestock, 4-H Small Market Animal Member Information/Jr. Market cards during the auction. Please take a few minutes to complete the card as neatly as possible, and turn it in on Entry Day in your barn. These cards will be used to announce members during the auction. The neater, the better!!

DO NOT TURN YOUR CARDS IN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE, THEY NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO YOUR BARN ON ENTRY DAY.

HORSE INFORMATION

The Horse Superintendent’s office is located at the West end of the draft horse barn.

Please enter ANY class that you “THINK” you might want to be in... it is easier to scratch it later than to try to add it.

Watch in the horse barns for posted schedules, etc.

GOOD LUCK TO STATE HORSE SHOW DELEGATES!!!!
The following 4-H-ers will be competing at the state horse show, August 15-17, 2014
Emelien Bersonnet, Abigail Christmas, Haley Gale, William Kidder,
Cassandra Pankow, Tressa Swihart, and Kasey Tufts
MORE HORSE INFORMATION....

Please remember that you are responsible for cleaning your horse stall before 9:00 a.m. When the Fair visitors come through, they will be impressed by your cleanliness. NO blacking of hooves in aisle way. Please bring a board and take your horse outside. Also, please keep all lawn chairs and tack out of the aisles. To maintain open aisle ways, please keep your horse moving to the exit when leaving your stall. Visitors may ask questions in order to learn more about 4-H or horses in general. Please be polite and if you do not know how to answer their question, get your leader or another adult who may be able to help.

After Wednesday’s classes and also after the costume class on Friday everyone needs to please help clean up the ring.

Please look for the exercise schedule and list of barn rules at both ends of the barns. We hope that everyone will follow both. Also, there will be NO horses out of the barns after 5:30 p.m. unless a 4-H Horse event is scheduled.

You MUST clean up after your horse at all times. There have been complaints in the past to the organizers of the Fair that there has been manure in the walkways and roads from where a horse has been walked to the arena. It does not reflect well on any of us that visitors to the fair have to walk around piles that have been left. We have not had any complaints lately, let’s keep it that way!

Everyone needs to make sure they clean up their gathering “sitting” area from all trash. “leave where you have been, better than you found it”.

All 4-H Project members MUST present their project notebook for examination of content & points at the time that your entry cards are turned in.

Let’s try to be helpful to one another and congratulate each other for our efforts and successes.

Good sportsmanship is not something that we hope you will exhibit
it is something that is EXPECTED!

We are required to display the Equine Liability signs. These signs must be displayed and visible at all times. Please make sure they are up and not removed.

ALL RIDERS MUST DISMOUNT BEFORE LEAVING THE BEEF (LARGE) ARENA. IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE MAKE-UP AREA OR IN THE RING, YOU WILL NOT BE ON YOUR HORSE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DISMOUNT AND IF YOU DO NOT, YOU WILL LOSE PREMIUMS AND MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS. YOU MUST ALSO WEAR APPROPRIATE BOOTS/FOOTWEAR & HELMETS WHEN APPROPRIATE. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE AND A RULE.

A Negative Coggins Test must be on file in the MSU Extension Office before entry day. No trailers may be left on the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.
FAIR PASSES

There are several different passes available. All passes will be issued at the North End of the 4-H Exhibit Building on ENTRY DAY ONLY. You will not be allowed to cut through the Building, you must walk around. You will need to obtain a pass to get in the Main Gate in one of the following ways:

1. Livestock Exhibitor Pass
   Issued only to those that must take care of their animals everyday

2. Youth Pass
   Available for all youth building exhibitors- $3.00/pass

3. 4-H Leader Pass/Parent Pass
   Available for all enrolled 4-H Leaders- $6.00/pass

4. Daily Pass
   For clerks and “Building Watch” volunteers (not needed if you have one of the above passes) This pass is free because you are volunteering your time for building watch.

5. Barn Loading & Unloading Permits
   There will be one per family. There will be a sign-in system to make sure only one is issued per family

ALL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 UNTIL 5:00 p.m. NO PASSES WILL BE ISSUED AT ANY OTHER TIME.

BARN LOADING AND UNLOADING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED ON TUESDAY ONLY ALSO.

THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEED FOR THE FAIR

1. 2014 Fair Premium Book (1 per family)
2. Premium Statement (1 per 4-Her)
3. Fair Youth Exhibit Tags– One for each class/exhibit entered. Use only one exhibit tag even though 3 articles may be required in a class. Please use complete mailing address, including city. The exhibit tags for Department of Youth are green in color.
4. Stall Card for Market Livestock Animals– available on Entry Day
5. Stall Card for Small Market Animals– available on Entry Day
6. Tab Sheet for Horses

Everyone: If you haven’t spent a few minutes reading the Fair Book, do so before filling out your exhibit cards. An exhibitor may receive a B or a C ribbon instead of an A because rules were not read carefully and followed. Please double check your cards.

PREMIUM CHECKS WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT ON SUNDAY OF LOAD OUT. They will either be mailed, or if you are a market project member, attached to your buyer’s picture along with reenrollment paperwork. If the method of delivery changes we will inform you on behalf of the Oceana Agricultural Society.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!  HELP OUR FAIR RUN SMOOTHLY!
PLEASE HELP ANYWAY THAT YOU CAN, FOR HOWEVER LONG YOU CAN!!!

Volunteers are needed each year to help in various areas during the Fair.

In the 4-H Youth Exhibit Building Becky & Jack Freeman, building superintendents, will be seeking help with building watch throughout the duration of the Fair. Our Light Horse Superintendents, Judie Burmeister & Connie Cargill, will be looking for help, from horse club members and parents, during the horse showing classes as well. Some specific areas in need of help are listed below. Even if you can only give an hour of your time we appreciate it!

ENTRY DAY (SELLING FAIR PASSES)- We need a reliable adult (or two) to sit at the end of the Youth Exhibit Building and sell the passes. If you are available to do this please let us know in the office at 873-2129.

4-H BUILDING WATCH: We need everyone to sign up for a one hour shift. Remember that notebooks are kept in the building along with the Youth exhibits, so we need EVERYONE to volunteer for at least one shift. Please call the MSU Extension Office to volunteer for the time convenient for you by August 15, 2014. After this date, we will make assignments to clubs and it will be the leader’s responsibility to recruit parents. The building WILL BE CLOSED for any hours not covered. RESPONSIBILITIES: KEEPING WATCH OVER THE BUILDING, BEING AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND BEING A FRIENDLY FACE TO REPRESENT 4-H

4-H WORKBEE: This is held on Monday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. We will offer a non-club point for helping on Monday, August 18th when moving things to the Fairgrounds in the morning. Heavy lifting will be involved, so please take this into consideration if you are volunteering. If you are interested in helping on this day, please call the MSUE Office by Wednesday, August 13th. On Monday, the 18th, Workbee night, Non-club points may be earned by jobs assigned from Superintendents or Extension Staff but will apply to the 2015 Fair. There will be NO non-club points given out after noon on the 18th that apply to this year’s Fair.

CHECK-IN: We need adults to help on entry day, Tuesday, August 19th, checking people in and placing exhibits in the 4-H exhibit building. The more help we have, the shorter the lines and quicker everyone gets done. Please volunteer some time to help kids setup their exhibits. 4-H members may also volunteer to help place exhibits.

CLERKS ON JUDGING DAY: Wednesday, August 20th from 8:45 a.m. until finished. Clerks work with the judges in specific areas stapling ribbons on exhibits and writing comments. We need one adult and one teen for each judge. Each year we get less help and last year a couple of the judges did not have help again. If this continues it will make it very difficult to get judges to return to our fair.

CLEAN-UP AND STORAGE: On Sunday, August 24th at 9:00 a.m. we will need help cleaning the buildings and putting things away for next year’s Fair.

DOG SHOW: The dog judge needs one reliable, older teen or adult to help clerk for the show Tuesday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.

LET’S SEE EVERYONE PITCH IN AND HELP! EVERYONE SHOULD SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING. WE NEED EVERYONE’S HELP! THANKS!
THE BIG DAY– ENTRY DAY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 FROM 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.

REMINDERS:
1. 4-H has its own registration at the south end of the 4-H Youth Exhibit Building. All 4-Hers must register with 4-H. All open youth, non 4-H (except for horse entries) will also register at the 4-H Youth Building.

2. All exhibits MUST be entered by 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day.

3. Exhibits may not be removed until Sunday, August 24th. Please check with your building superintendent for the time your exhibits will be released on Sunday.

4. You may only enter exhibits that have NOT been entered in our Fair or any other Fair before. Items or exhibits that you made this year are those eligible for entry. Items from last year or any previous year are NOT eligible (this excludes animal projects).

5. Fill out both the top and bottom of the Fair Youth Exhibit Tag.

6. Where possible, attach the exhibit tag to the exhibit. Identify all exhibits with the name of 4-Her by using masking tape, etc.

7. There are no entry fees in the Department of Youth, 4-H or open.

Each youth must fill out a Premium Statement. This statement lists the total exhibits entered by any one person. All classes in the Fair Book are listed in consecutive order and that is how the Premium Statement should be listed to the best of your ability.

A. Fill out only parts 1 and 2

B. If you have a 2014 Fair Book go ahead and complete your exhibit cards (green) only and put them in the correct sequence. The volunteers at the registration table will check to make sure you have the correct Division and Class numbers. Then you can copy them onto your Premium Statement. It is a lot easier to fill out a new green card than to have to redo the whole premium statement.

C. If you don’t have a 2014 Fair Book, there will be people available on Entry Day to assist you. They are also available in the MSUE office and on the Oceana County Fair website at www.oceanafair.com

SADDLE UP FOR ST. JUDE’S
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SADDLE UP FOR ST. JUDE’S HOSTED BY MICHELLE HOLLADAY ON OCTOBER 18TH. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!
**4-H GENERAL INFORMATION**

**4-H vs. YOUTH NUMBERS FOR 5-8 YEAR OLDS**

Just a reminder that in order to **compete**, youth ages 5-8 must use their “Y” or youth numbers. If a youth wishes just to **participate** and receive a participation ribbon, they must use their 4-H number. Whichever they choose, they must be consistent throughout all entries at Fair. You can not do some classes for competition and some classes for participation. If you have any questions on which to use, call the MSUE office at 873-2129 and we can help you figure it out. These numbers were included with the last newsletter. If needed, you can find the old newsletters on our website at www.msue.msu.edu/oceana - click on the newsletter link.

Additional premiums are awarded to those who share a 4-H experience with others. You can demonstrate something you have learned or tell about an exciting 4-H experience you had during 4-H Exploration Days, Take-A-Kid Fishing, Folk Festival, any type of cultural skill, holiday celebration, food and games, etc.

Remember that these do not need to be long. For the younger 4-Her’s, 3-5 minutes is fine. It will be difficult to hold an audience for anytime longer than 4-10 minutes. Also, remember that a good demonstration consists of:

1. A clear introduction
2. The Main Content—the actual information
3. A clear ending—wrap up everything

Demonstrations will be done under the tent on the west side of the 4-H Youth Exhibit Building.

**EACH DEMONSTRATION MUST BE ON ONLY ONE PREMIUM STATEMENT, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY 4-HERS ARE PARTICIPATING. YOU MUST INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP DEMONSTRATION. YOU ALSO NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO PUT ON A DISPLAY ON ENTRY DAY WITH YOUR EXHIBIT CARD ATTACHED INDICATING YOUR DEMONSTRATION.**

Demonstrations are listed under Educational Exhibits in the Fair book. It is the last item to add to your premium Statement. You must have something on display in the 4-H Youth Exhibit Building such as: posters, pictures, etc. on Entry Day to qualify for a premium. Best of Show is also given for various age groups. The demonstration times are as follows:

- **Thursday, August 21** 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, August 22** 5:30-7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office or talk with your leader. The sign up sheet is posted on the door at the office.
GENERAL YOUTH EXHIBIT BLDG INFO

CRAFTS & OTHER PROJECTS:
Place non-perishable exhibits in plastic bags to keep them clean (knitting, crocheting, clothing, etc.). Use a twist closure or zip locks (no scotch tape) so they can be opened for judging. If you have small items, place them together. 4-Her’s must provide their own hangers for clothing.

Tube painting exhibitors are encouraged to mount their project on cardboard for display. Stories, if the cover is not cardboard, should be mounted on cardboard also.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES:
For guidelines on selecting and exhibiting fruit and vegetables, use 4-H bulletin #1175, cost is $1.40 plus tax. The bulletin will tell you such things as whether you need to cut the green part off of carrots and how to display your produce. Plastic bags should not be used for fresh fruits and vegetables as they need air circulation. All exhibits should be placed on paper plates with exhibit tags stapled to the plate. Use double plates for larger, heavier fruit and vegetable exhibits. Be sure to check the Fair Book and the 4-H bulletin to be certain of the way and numbers of fruits and vegetables that must be displayed. Exhibitors have been, and will be, disqualified if they do not have the correct number of vegetables/fruit on a plate. The judges look at this closely.

FOOD ITEMS:
Recipes must be submitted on a 3” X 5” card with all baked goods. Make sure that all baked goods are cool before wrapping or placing in a plastic bag.

FASHION REVIEW:
If you are enrolled in a sewing, crocheting or knitting club, you should enter the Fashion Review. It is a great experience to model the article that you have made. There will be a place you can dress in the 4-H Exhibit Building. The Fashion Review will be Thursday August 23rd, from 5:30 p.m-7:00 p.m. and Friday, August 24th from 5:30–7:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet on Entry Day. You must be signed up by 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day to be included.

A Big Thank You to Roy Strait of the Oceana County Sheriff’s Department and his crew for setting up the tables in the Exhibit building for us each year and also taking them down. This is a big job and we really appreciate their help!

NO MEETINGS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL & HDC during the month of August. See you all in September.

WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAS A FUN AND SAFE FAIR! YOU HAVE ALL WORKED VERY HARD, ENJOY IT!!!
NEW OCEANA COUNTY FAIR RULE

Date: August 6th, 2014
To: Oceana County 4-H families
Re: 2014 Fair Policy Change for Food in Barns

As of August 18th, 2014, the Oceana Agricultural Society has prohibited food in all animal exhibit areas. This change is a result of recommendations from the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) and the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

In a presentation made by Dr. Cherie Collins on January 10th, 2014, the case was made for Michigan Fairs to review and enhance their Biosecurity procedures. There are three physical areas of concern that fairs are encouraged to address: Non-animal Areas, Entrance/Exit Transition Areas, and Animal Areas. Specific actions include hand-washing facilities, signage encouraging the practice of hand-washing, a holding area for strollers, keeping animal feed inaccessible to the public, making sure there is adequate airflow and ventilation in all enclosures, isolation of animals displaying signs of illness, and many more.

If you are interested in reading more on this subject, the CDC has published the Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2013. Copies of this may be requested in the Extension office or found on the CDC website. Of considerable concern are the Enteric (Intestinal) Diseases, primarily e. coli. There are numerous instances nationwide where illnesses, and several deaths, have been traced back to fairs and contact with animals. One of the specific factors cited in increasing the risk for infection is an incomplete separation between animal exhibits and food preparation and consumption areas.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OCEANA COUNTY 4-H?
All 4-H fair exhibitors are considered ambassadors for their project areas and as such, bear a civic responsibility to educate fair patrons as the opportunity arises. Exhibitors are role models, expected to model behavior that reinforces quality animal care and execute biosecurity prevention measures to the best of their ability.
As a result, there will be NO POTLUCKS IN BARNS during the 2014 fair. Clubs are encouraged to utilize the space by the Youth Exhibit Building for their community gatherings.
“KEEPING KIDS SAFE!”

It is the responsibility of those involved with MSU Extension 4-H Youth to do all we can to ensure that the young people in our programs are treated with respect and dignity, and are provided with safe, caring environments in which to learn and have fun. All 4-H staff, volunteers, parents, grandparents and guardians who work closely with young people, have the potential to profoundly affect the well-being of children. This not only applies to their physical health, but their mental health, also.

If you see negative behavior on the part of a young person, don’t wait for someone else to step in, whether or not they are in your club or are your child. 4-H is the village that is raising kids in a safe encouraging environment. Please use positive approaches when correcting behavior. Give kids a congratulations when they have achieved their best and encouragement to try harder to those who are not happy with their accomplishments.

In your role as the adult at a 4-H event, please keep the following in mind:

- Be a positive role model and lead by example! Let your behavior reflect the widely used CHARACTER COUNTS six pillars of character that 4-H believes in: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

- Keep in mind, just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes all the adults at an event to contribute to a positive experience for the participants. Provide support, guidance and feedback to all the young people who are present.

- Communicate regularly with participants and use the language of the six pillars of character in your interactions. Point out examples of positive behaviors in action (for example, recognize good behavior as being respectful and caring of others).

- Be familiar with the Michigan 4-H Youth Development “Conduct Policy,” which is: Positive behavior is a key expectation for youth and adults participating in 4-H activities—behavior that reflects trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Participants are expected to follow all rules and guidelines. Theft, vandalism, the use of illegal drugs and alcohol, inappropriate or threatening behavior that violates the rights of others, and other such offenses are strictly prohibited, and anyone involved with these offenses will immediately be dealt with in the appropriate manner. If it is determined by 4-H staff or persons in charge, that the offense warrants it, the offender will be turned over to the proper authorities.

“BUDDY SYSTEM”

Part of keeping kids safe is making sure that the “Buddy System” is always used. It is just as important during the day as it is at night, but especially at night. The more people in a group, the less likely anyone with ill intentions will approach. Keep EVERYONE safe!!!
NERVOUS HORSE
(By Kasey Tufts)
A dozen false starts,
Your such a fool, I said
Spooking at shadows when
All day you are calm.
Nosing the bushes,
That now you pretend are
strange,
But he shuddered, stubborn,
In his horsey pasture,
saying that I brought
Devils with me that he
Could hear gathering in all
the places behind him as
I diverted his coordination
With my halter and tack.
As we walk down
The dark path,
There was a glimpse of
light.
A slight excitement raged
through him,
Calming him down by
twenty heart beats.
This was the start of
a less nervous
Horse!

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC WITH TRAINER TOM CHOWN
(by Sarah Huls)

Showmanship is like a dance between horse and the showman.
All movements should be fluid and done as a team. On July 15, Tom
Chown, a professional showmanship trainer gave a clinic for the White
Lake Riders 4-H club. A majority of 4Hers brought their horses to the
meeting and worked with Tom on showmanship.

Tom stressed the fact that the horse should be like the showman’s
shadow. Whenever the showman moves the horse should move as well.
He also stated that all movements should be fluid and straight. He
compared the show ring to a piece of graph paper. When performing
your pattern you should pretend you are walking on the lines and make
every turn and line straight and precise.

Tom spent most of his presentation on backing. Tom stated that
one of the biggest point deductions in showmanship patterns is a result of
backing. To aid with backing in straight lines, you have to be standing in
the correct position. You should be far enough away from your horses
head so they don’t feel like you are too far in their space. When you
move back your horse should automatically move away from you. Tom
told the 4-Hers that you should never back a horse when standing straight
in front of them. Be at their eye and be able to look down their body to a
fixed point on the rail. When backing, focus on the fixed point and walk
straight back. According to Tom, this will help make the straight and
precise lines that the judge is looking for.

Having quiet hands in showmanship is also very important. When
Tom’s daughter was showing in world class shows, he taught her a simple
trick for quiet hands. Tom said to imagine that your thumb nail is fenced
in and there is a little BB inside of the fence. Throughout your pattern,
your thumb nails should be straight up and be quiet enough that the BB
doesn’t fall out. At the end of your pattern, Tom stated that you should
be able to dump the BBs back into his hand.

Throughout the clinic, the 4-Hers and parents learned a great
deal about the art of showmanship. Personally, I benefited greatly from
the BB analogy and the backing part of Tom’s lesson. I appreciated that
Tom took the time and effort to work with each 4Her on their individual
needs. As an effect of Tom’s lesson, I have a greater understanding and
appreciation for showmanship. I am excited to apply the principals and
tips he shared with us on my own horse and in the show ring.
**HORSE REVISIONS** - There have been a few revisions to the horse section since the Fair book was printed.

**ADDED CLASSES:**

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**EDITED SECTIONS:**

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SECTION N—WESTERN CLASSES W/T/C (classes needed to be renumbered)

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Class 199– Costume Class 14 & over
Class 200– Costume Class 13 & under

The Tab sheets & Dressage patterns are available in the office. You may also request an emailed copy of either by emailing Toni at vanberg2@anr.msu.edu
This past year, the Oceana County Youth Council sponsored youth and volunteer attendance at many Kettunen Center 4-H Workshops. These workshops are an opportunity to enhance skills in a current 4-H project area and to explore new avenues of learning in 4-H. They are taught by MSU Faculty, 4-H staff from around the state, and 4-H volunteers like you!

Volunteer and chaperone expenses are covered by the Youth Council (registration fees and mileage) and youth registration fees are reimbursed following attendance at the workshop and demonstration that they have shared what they learned with a larger group (usually done in club meetings.)

Housing is dorm style with bunk beds and meals are served cafeteria style with a variety of delicious options at all meals. The Kettunen Center is located just off US 131 south of Cadillac in Tustin, MI and takes roughly an hour and a half to drive to from Oceana County. This wonderful opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about their project area and network with 4-Hers from around Michigan is supported by annual Participation Fees. You are encouraged to speak with other 4-H teens and volunteers who have attended a workshop in the past to learn more. See Lori Cargill (Program Coordinator), Kayla Dean (4-H Ambassador), or Katelynn Herrygers (4-H Ambassador).

LAST YEAR’S WORKSHOP SCHEDULE WAS:

### 2013
- **October**: 4-H Clothing & Textiles Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop
- **November**: 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update
- **November**: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen and Adult Volunteer Training Workshop
- **November**: 4-H Teen & Adult 2013 Horse Leaders Conference
- **November**: 4-H Officer Roles and Parliamentary Procedure

### 2014
- **January**: 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference
- **February**: 4-H Winterfest
- **February**: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
- **February**: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
- **March**: 4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference
- **April**: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
- **April**: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification
- **May**: 4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Training Workshop

Stay tuned for this year's schedule!