

OCTOBER 2020



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

## RETURNING LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS—It's time to re-enroll in 4-H!

Leaders, we need you to be enrolled BEFORE we can accept enrollments to your club. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll, if you have not already done so.



This year, due to Covid 19, the 4-H enrollment fees are being waived. Your 4-H enrollment makes you eligible for 2020/2021 Local, State and National 4-H opportunities such as workshops, Exploration Days, resources, etc. It will also keep you on the mailing list for this newsletter and e-mails with program updates.

Your **PROJECT** application (for market animals or horses) is a separate Oceana County form. These applications get you signed up for a specific project within 4-H. There is **NO** guarantee that by signing up to participate in 4-H that you will get a market spot. There is limited space at the County Fair and we can only take the number allotted. You can be in 4-H without attending the Fair. **4-H is making your 6 meetings and learning about a certain project area.**

You **WILL NOT** be eligible for market project sign-ups until you have completed the online re-enrollment.

There is a link for help on how to enroll: <https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/4hOnline/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf>

We can also email you a copy. **DO NOT set up a new family account.** You have to re-enroll under the account you already have as a family. If you make a new account it will be deleted and you will have to redo your re-enrollment.

If you are a 4-H volunteer/leader you must have went through the volunteer background check. You can contact Sarah if you have questions on this. If there are more than 1 volunteer in the household they each will need their own email account. You can create one under Gmail, Hotmail, etc. if needed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either Sarah, or Toni, and we can walk you through it.



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## **AUCTION CHECKS, MARKET PROJECT CHANGES, ELECTIONS**

Due to the restrictions from Covid 19 there will be no annual meeting this year. Elections will be done by an online voting platform. We will notify you when your auction checks are ready to be picked up. If you would like someone else to pick your check up you **MUST** email, or call, so we know you have approved it. ***You should have thanked your buyers by now as it has been a month since the online auction.***

**HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.** If you have ideas for the program, have had issues that you would like to see addressed, then do something about it, be part of the solution and run for a committee! Right now all meetings are being held via Zoom.

The committees are looking for youth to run for the **Market Livestock Committee**. We are taking nominations for **YOUTH** reps for beef, swine and sheep. Anyone that is interested from any of these project areas needs to let us know so we can add you to the ballot. Market Livestock usually has 6 meetings a year. We are also in need of **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** (parents, leaders or business reps). The adults are either North or South reps (Baseline road is the dividing road). ***If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@msu.edu. We need all nominations in by Wednesday, October 14th.***



The **Small Market Animal Committee** is seeking **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** (parents or leaders) interested in running for the committee. We also need **YOUTH NOMINEES** from beef, poultry and rabbits /or goats to run for committee spots. There are approximately 4 meetings a year.

Serving on the committees allows you to have your voice heard regarding decisions impacting your animal project and also the market livestock programs as a whole. This year the committees were extremely involved in helping figure out the best way to run the Virtual shows & auctions. Without their flexibility and creativeness we could not have pulled off the virtual show/auction as well as we did. They also participated in many more meetings, via Zoom, than they were expecting. We greatly appreciate all of our committee members and their input.

***If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email vanberg2@anr.msu.edu.***

***Once we have all of the nominations in, Wednesday, October 14th, we will be sending out a voting link.*** Those in the family who are eligible to vote on the committees will receive a link where they will need to sign in, put their name and vote. They will do this for each individual eligible to vote. We, at the office, will be the only ones to see the names so it will remain anonymous as to who voted for who.

Important Notice

### **MARKET PROJECT SIGNUPS FOR 2021 (SENIORS from class of 2020)**

***Seniors that graduated in 2020, are not over 19 years of age (4-H age),*** and qualify for Tier 1 or Tier 2 (see following page), will be eligible to return for 1 more year to the market projects. This is an exception for this year only. Due to Covid and circumstances beyond anyone's control, they missed out on attending their final Fair and in person auction. We are hoping that will be different this year but as of right now there are no guarantees as it is a long way off. Seniors will register with their appropriate tier's date.

## PROJECT APPLICATION SIGNUP PROCESS!

### Requirements for the automatic re-enrollment program:

**Tier One (completed their 6 meetings, turned in their notebook, and received a passing grade, and participated in the virtual auction)**– their sign up dates will be: **October 5– November 1st by 3:00 p.m.** Once ready we will email out the applications and also post them on our portal page and Facebook page.

**\*\*Applications will be turned in to the Extension Office this year through mail, email, fax (873-3710) or in person. Your leader will not sign off on them, we will get their approval when you turn them in\*\***

**Tier Two (completed their 6 meetings, turned in their notebook and got a passing grade).** They may have shown at the virtual show but it was not required– their sign up dates will be: **November 2– December 1st by 3:00 p.m.**

**FEEDERS: THIS YEAR ONLY, feeders** who completed their project as Tier 1 or Tier 2 last year, and are moving up to the steer project, may turn in their project applications during the Tier 2 time frame.

1. 4-Her must enroll in the same project species as the previous year.
2. 4-Her must have turned in your notebook and gotten a grade of Pass.
3. 4-H must have completed their 4-H enrollment form through 4-H online 2.0
4. 4-Her must be within the Oceana County Fair resident guidelines to be eligible for automatic enrollment.

### **Additional Guidelines:**

- Automatic enrollment option is available if there is no gap in participation year (i.e. must participate in the same animal species project for back-to-back year).
- Automatic enrollment option is not available if changing project areas (i.e. swine to beef, lamb to swine, small market to large market). It can only be used if the 4-Her is staying in the same species area and same markets such as small/Jr or large market.
- 4-Her's already in the program (old enough to sell) will be given automatic enrollment priority over Little Buddy members and those who may receive an exception due to not making weight, etc.

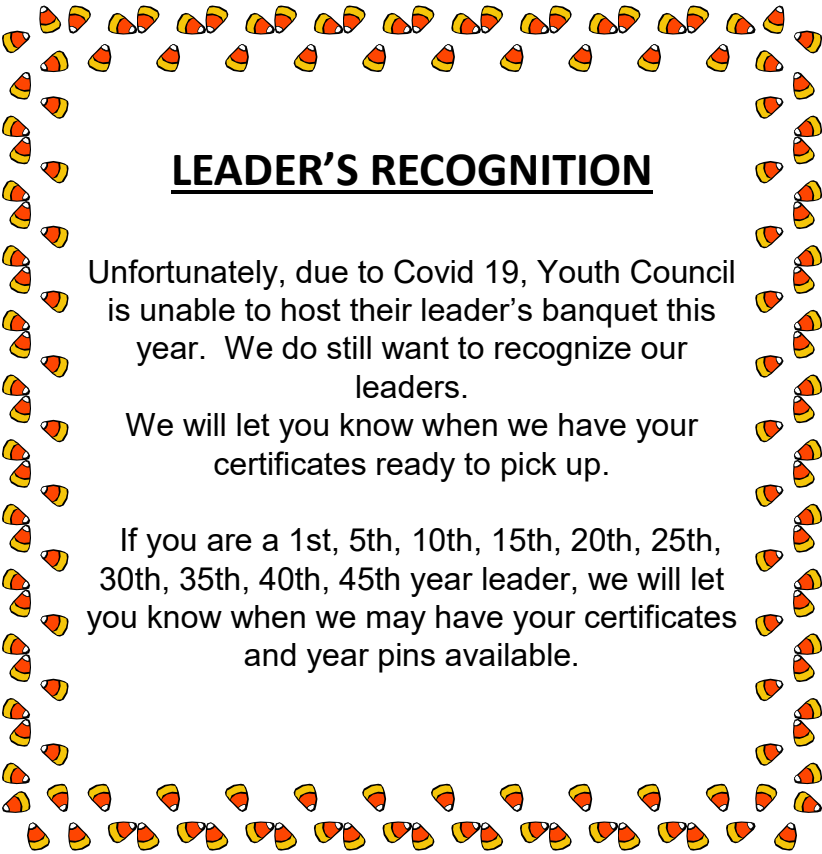
### **LITTLE BUDDY GUIDELINES:**

If there is space in the large market program and the little buddy has met the above conditions of Tier 2, they may be automatically enrolled in that large market project. In the event of limited openings, eligible little buddy's may be selected by age (oldest would be allowed in the program first). You need your applications to participate between **November 2nd and December 1st at 3:00 p.m. to avoid signing up in Tier 3.**

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**TIER 3**– NEW TO THE PROJECT OR DID NOT let THE OFFICE KNOW THEY WERE DROPPING THIS PAST YEAR (date to be determined after Tier 1 & 2 sign ups are complete).

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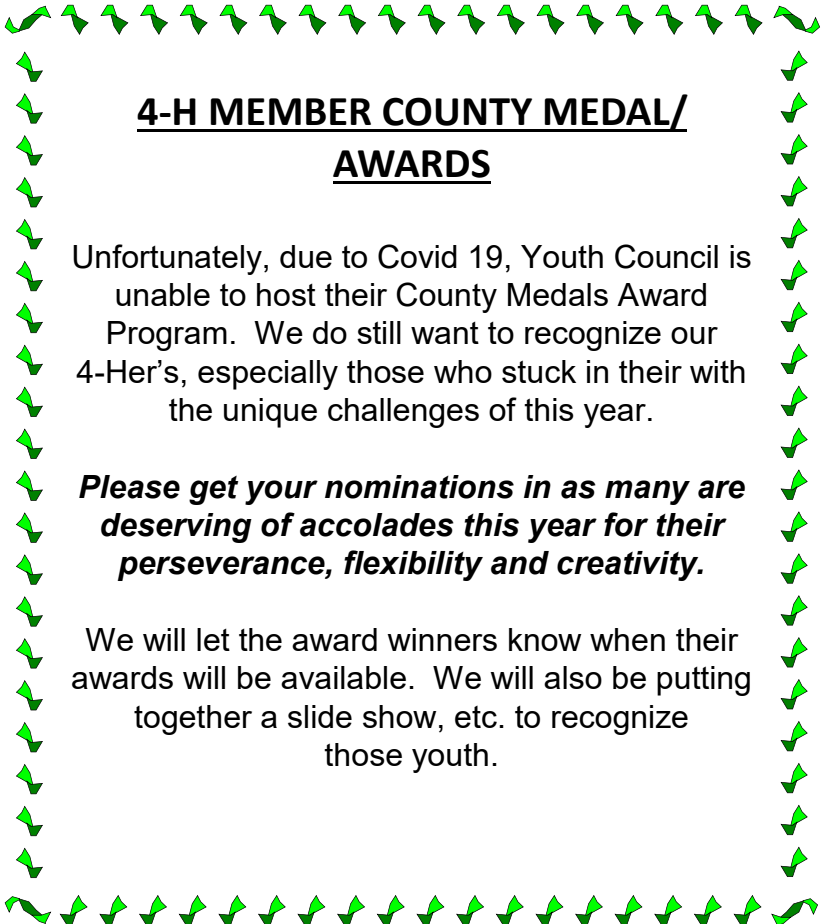


## LEADER'S RECOGNITION

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, Youth Council is unable to host their leader's banquet this year. We do still want to recognize our leaders.

We will let you know when we have your certificates ready to pick up.

If you are a 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th year leader, we will let you know when we may have your certificates and year pins available.



## 4-H MEMBER COUNTY MEDAL/ AWARDS

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, Youth Council is unable to host their County Medals Award Program. We do still want to recognize our 4-Her's, especially those who stuck in their with the unique challenges of this year.

***Please get your nominations in as many are deserving of accolades this year for their perseverance, flexibility and creativity.***

We will let the award winners know when their awards will be available. We will also be putting together a slide show, etc. to recognize those youth.



**NOMINATIONS  
FOR AWARDS  
ARE DUE BY  
OCTOBER 12th.**

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR 4-H PROGRAM

The Youth Council is the governing body of your 4-H program. If you would like to be involved in how, when, and why things are done come to the next meeting. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month (no meetings in December & August). They begin at 7:00 p.m. at the MSUE Office in Hart, when in person. At this time, and until further notice, all meetings are being done via Zoom.

Under the direction of the Youth Council are the Horse Developmental Committee, the Large Market Committee and Small Market Committee.

If interested in participating in any of these committee's, please call the office at 873-2129 and speak with Sarah Schaner, 4-H Program Coordinator or email: [schaner4@msu.edu](mailto:schaner4@msu.edu) or [vanberg2@msu.edu](mailto:vanberg2@msu.edu).

## Recognize an important 4-H Volunteer in your life

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council is pleased to continue recognizing the service of our volunteers and parents. Nominate the people who make 4-H so great by **October 12th** Award Recipients will be announced at upon review of all nominations. Nomination paperwork is available at the MSUE office. Contact Sarah or Toni for details.

- ♦ **LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD** Recognition for dedication to the 4-H Program through active service.
- ♦ **SERVICE AWARD** Recognition for service to the Oceana County 4-H Programs in 2019-2020
- ♦ **MENTOR AWARD** Recognition for impact in a 4-H member's life above and beyond volunteer expectations. Must be nominated by a 4-H Youth Member.
- ♦ **HORIZON AWARD** Recognition for demonstrating successful participation in a new program area or event.
- ♦ **SPORTSMANSHIP** Recognition for exemplifying the MI 4-H definition of a good sport by demonstrating respect for animals (if applicable), respect for opponents, respect for the traditions of the sport, and respect for others.



### **4-H SENIORS!** Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship



*Award amount:* Varies, two to four given annually

*Who can apply:* Those who will be college freshmen in Fall 2020. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need.

### **Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships**

*Award amount:* **\$2,500 annually for four consecutive years** of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given.

*Who can apply:* 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_scholarships](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships)

If you would like assistance writing about your 4-H experience in a narrative form or need information regarding your participation in Oceana County 4-H programs, contact the MSU Extension office at 231-873-2129 or email [schaner4@msu.edu](mailto:schaner4@msu.edu)

# OFFICE HOURS

**JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.– Noon  
& 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.**

**Please call ahead and we can meet you outside, or you can do the health screening and come inside, and wear a mask appropriately, if you need to.  
Appointments are available with Sarah or Kathy by calling 873-2129.**

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