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4-H Family & Friends,

Winter is coming to a close and spring is on the way. It is time to make room for some upcoming spring events.

Turkeys have been ordered and will be arriving in April. Start preparing your poultry pens for the arrival of new chicks. If you were planning on showing broilers or cornish at the fair, chick orders will be taken at the beginning of the small animal meeting in March. When we think of chicks in 4-H, we think of fair. Check out the information in the newsletter regarding fair weigh-in and registration this year.

A Gym Night & Pizza Party for the dairy families will take place on March 10, 2018; it is sponsored by the Dairy Boosters. Make sure to put this "utter"ly great event on your calendar!

Horse lovers get ready! The 13th Annual Equine Extravaganza is galloping this way. This event will involve a tack sale and educational opportunities for the horse enthusiast. The coggins clinic will be on a separate day this year. Read inside this newsletter for more details.

The 14th Annual Crossroad Classic Beef Show will be held the last weekend in April at the Osceola County Sheriff's Posse Grounds.

There are plenty of other events and meetings happening these next two months. Make sure you add them to your calendar.

Jacob Stieg

Osceola County 4-H Coordinator

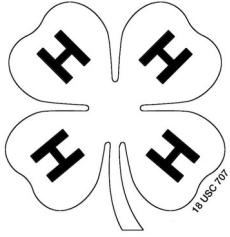
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GENERAL 4-H NEWS

4-H Exploration Days will be held June 20-22, 2018, on the campus of MSU. This is a wonderful way to learn more about MSU and to meet youth from across the state. You may choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions from sports to crafts to animal sessions. Anyone who has attended Exploration Days will tell you that it is an exciting experience they will never forget! This program is for youth ages 11 & up as of January 1, 2018 and their chaperones. The Osceola 4-H Council generally funds ½ of the cost of \$165 (which includes meals, lodging, and a t-shirt). Registrations are due by May 1, but some sessions fill up fast, so register early. The books will be out in early March. Contact the 4-H office for a book or go to:

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days

The **Ag and Natural Resources Week at MSU is March 2-10, 2018**. ANR Week provides a wide-variety of topics in areas such as agriculture, horticulture, and natural resources, i.e. Quiet Water Symposium, Michigan Wildflower Conference, food and nutrition conference. A complete schedule can be found online at:
<http://anrweek.canr.msu.edu/sessions>.

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, August 5-11, 2018- Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County. Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Open to teens who are aged 13 to 15. Cost is \$375 for current 4-H members; \$395 for those not in 4-H. Applications due by May 1. Find out more at: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc>

KETTUNEN CENTER

MI 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop—April 27-29, 2018. This Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification workshop is for 4-H staff, adult 4-H volunteers who have completed the 4-H Volunteer Selection Process with their county, and teens enrolled in a 4-H shooting sports club who are at least 16 years old as of Jan. 1, 2018. Participants must be approved by their county MSU Extension 4-H Staff person to work with 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and have at least a basic working knowledge of, and experience in the discipline in which they wish to participate. Registration deadline is April 15, 2018.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

New this year...Osceola County will be starting a **Technology Club**. Dates and times are pending, we will keep you posted.



LIVESTOCK

The **14th Annual Osceola County 4-H Crossroads Classic Beef Show** will be held on April 28 2018, at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds near Reed City. This is a great chance to get your steers and heifers out for a show close to home. There is also a class for dairy steers. Contact the 4-H office for a flyer. Start making plans to bring your animals today!

Marion Fair will NOT have a Weigh-In.— 5 photos of each livestock project must be mailed or dropped off at the 4-H office along with pre-registration form by April 16 2018, emailed pictures will NOT be accepted. Remember, all lambs and goats must have a scrapies tag in their ear and RFID tags in for Jr. Dairy Beef to meet MDA movement requirements. Be sure yours do! Remember: members may register only 2 pigs per member!

Marion Swine

Roaster Weights: 180-219 lbs. (not eligible for champion class)

Market Class: 220-290

Heavy: 291 and up (not eligible for champion class)

Market Rabbit Roaster class: All rabbits entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight is over 5 pounds. Maximum weight is 8 pounds. Rabbits must be of one of the following recognized commercial meat type breeds or a crossbred roaster from two of the following breeds: **Florida White, American Chinchilla, Havana, Crème d' Argent, Champagne d' Argent, Argent Brun, Californian, New Zealand, Cinnamon, Palomino, Rex, American Sable, Satin, Silver Marten.**

All roaster rabbits will be tattooed at the designated tattoo clinic for market roasters for the fair. They may be purchased from a breeder or self-raised and finished on the youth's premises prior to the designated tattoo clinic date for the current fair year.

Youth may choose to sell: a market pen of 3 rabbits (**under 70 days of age**), a single fryer rabbit (**under 70 days of age**), or a single market roaster rabbit (**under 6 months of age**).

Evart Fair lambs & goats will be weighed in at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 5th, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

- Be sure to bring help to unload and reload your livestock if you are unable to do it yourself.
- Older youth volunteers would be appreciated to help with tagging, etc.
- Lambs and goats must have scrapie tags! Market goats must be dehorned and castrated at spring weigh-in.

- **Do not** use Recreational Ave to enter the fairgrounds. We will be using Laumen Road (blinker light) to enter the fair grounds. We will be using the North gate off from Laumen Road and lining up out by the horse arena. There will be signs posted for everyone to follow this year. Contact Jacob if you are interested in helping with the weigh in.
- Swine **will not** weigh in this year; however, 2 side photos and 1 behind the head photo of each pig must be mailed or dropped off at the 4-H office along with pre-registration form, emailed pictures **will not** be accepted. Registration form is due by May 7, 2018.
- Final swine weigh-in is between **230-300 lbs.** All under and overweight swine at fair time will not be allowed to stay on the fair grounds and will be sent home. Weigh-in at fair time is from 9 am to noon on July 29, 2018.

From the MDA, any out-of-state livestock for exhibit shall meet the requirement prescribed for importation of animals of that species and shall be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

Northern District Fair Weigh-In goats, lambs & swine will be weighed in on Saturday May 6th from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the Northern District fair grounds. Lambs and goats must have scrapie tags!

Market swine, sheep, goats & rabbits are required to be pre-registered with the Northern District Fair by April 2, 2018. Contact the 4-H office if you need a registration form. All registrations forms must be mailed to: Lee & Mary Lee Hebner, 19043 160th Ave, Tustin, MI 49688.

All under and overweight market animals at fair time will not be allowed to stay on the fair grounds and will need to be removed.

Osceola Livestock Club (OLC)

- Tuesday, March 6th at the Evart Middle School Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m. (February make-up date)
- Monday, March 12th at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 9th at the Evart Middle School Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 30th Reed City Middle School Cafeteria @ 7:00 p.m. (December make-up date)

Remember, members must attend **three** of these meetings in order to show and sell at the Evart Fair. Don't wait until the last three to do this!

Osceola Livestock Club (OLC) (Continue)

The MSU Extension office is compiling a **list of local fair pigs, lambs and goats** producers. If you or your family has pigs, lambs, and goats for sale please contact the 4-H office. 4-Her's please be sure to be in contact with your previous suppliers.

The **Boyd Show Pig Sale** will be held on Saturday April 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Boyd Farm, 1916 100th Ave Evart, MI 49631. Contact Nikki at (231) 734-6135 or boydshowpigs@gmail.com for more information.

HORSE

A **Coggins Clinic** will be on April 14, at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Roxie Erler at (231) 832-9946. Other dates would be March 17 at Kathy Morren's house starting at 2 p.m. Mecosta County Coggins is April 8 from 1-2 p.m. at the Mecosta County Fairgrounds.

Fun Fuzzy Horse Show - on Sunday, May 6th there will be a Fun Fuzzy Horse Show held at the Osceola County Sheriff Posse Grounds. This will be a haul in only, rain or shine. The show will begin at 9am. Show bills will be available to view at the extension office as well as on Facebook. NO SHOW CLOTHES OR SHOW TACK REQUIRED. If you have any questions contact Chelsea Erler at 860-882-4655.

4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the MSU Pavilion. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the show begins at 8:30 a.m. No ribbons or points will be awarded, just feedback to help you be a more successful show person! Cost is \$40 for a stall and \$8 per class entered. Ages 9 (as of January 1st, 2018) and up are eligible. Negative Coggins test within the last 12 months is required.

The dates are set for the **2018 PEP Benefit Shows and the Pleasure Point Shows**. All shows will be held at the Posse grounds and start at 9:00 a.m. The shows schedule is:

<u>PEP Benefit Show</u>	<u>Pleasure Point Show</u>
May 12, 2018	May 13, 2018
June 9, 2018	June 10, 2018
July 21, 2018	July 22, 2018

Clover Kid classes will be held for members 5-8 years old during the Pleasure Point Shows. These classes are open to all youth who are 5-8 years old as of January 1st of the current calendar year. 5-6 year olds must be on a line lead line. 7-8 year olds must have a designated adult in the ring. Clover Kids are required to wear an approved and properly fitting riding helmet at all times. As in past years,

each horse club will be required to help with one of the shows. Contact the 4-H office for show bills. Horse clubs remember that your club needs to help at one Pleasure Point Show.

If you are interested in participating in the **State 4-H Horse Show** August 17-19, you must pick up and submit a Delegate Declaration of Intent to the 4-H office by May 1st. Depending on how many spots Osceola County will be allotted depends on how many volunteers we will need. Once this information is obtained I will let you know. Members must be 13 or older as of January 1, 2018. Contact the 4-H office for a form.

The **Barbara Vanburgel Memorial Scholarship** is available for graduating seniors and graduated youth that are attending a post-secondary institution. The requirements for this scholarship are the youth must be active in the horse project area and must submit academic transcripts along with the application. It is due back to 4-H office by May 1, 2018. Please contact the 4-H office if interested in applying for this scholarship.

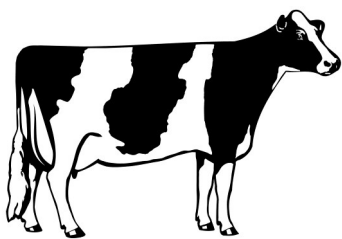
The Osceola County 4-H Horse Committee will sponsor the **13th Annual Equine Extravaganza** on Sunday April 22, at the Sheriff Posse Grounds. The day will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a tack sale and silent auction. A sundae bar will be available around 2:30 p.m. for \$4.00 per person and will end at 5:00 p.m. There will also be information tables, silent auction, educational activities, cake walk, and equine bingo, and door prizes. Each horse club is asked to provide an item or basket for the silent auction, and cakes for the cake walk. Also, participants for the day! This is really a fun day, and you will also learn something while having fun. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The public is also welcome.

GOATS

The **State 4-H Goat Expo** will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at MSU. The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for young people who are interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun and educational manner. This event includes contests in judging, quiz bowl, skillathon, creative writing and problem-solving. State 4-H Goat Expo events are open to participants aged 9 to 19 by January 1, 2018. You must be a 4-H member but you don't have to be enrolled in a 4-H goat project to compete. Some contests are designed for both team and individual competition. Spectators are welcome! Find out more at: msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_expo1

The annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic** will be held on June 1, 2018, at the Osceola County Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. Topics will include clipping, fitting, showing, etc. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.

DAIRY



The annual **Gym Night and Pizza Party** for Osceola County 4-H Dairy families will be held Saturday, March 10 at the Evert Middle School gym at 7:30

p.m. Again this year, we are inviting all Osceola County 4-H Dairy alumni (and future 4-H members) to join us! Please pass the word. Take a minute to dig up some old pictures if you can. Come out and play basketball and volleyball or just socialize with fellow 4-H dairy members. There is no charge for this event.

SMALL ANIMAL

The Osceola County 4-H Small Animal Association will hold the **chick order** meeting on Monday, March 5th, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. The order meeting is mandatory for youth planning to exhibit and sell market broilers or cornish at the Marion or Osceola County Fairs. Cost of the chicks is \$1.85 each. Chick delivery dates are:

Turkeys

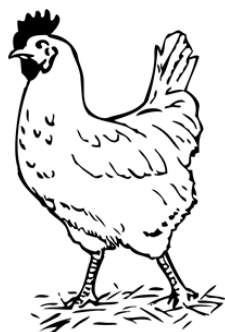
- Marion Turkeys—March 8th
- Evert Turkeys—April 5th

Broilers

- Marion Broilers—April 26th
- Evert Broilers— June 7th

Cornish

- Marion Cornish— May 17th
- Evert Cornish— June 28th



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If you plan to exhibit a pen of **market rabbits** this year, the breeding dates for your doe are below: The market rabbits may not be over 70 days old at fair check in.

2018 Educational Meetings—To sell at the Evert Fair participants must attend 3 small animal educational meetings.

- Poultry Order—March 5 at RCMS Café @ 6pm
- Topic TBD—April 9, at Evert MS Café @ 6pm
- Rabbit—May 7 at Evert Fairground @ 6pm
- Showmanship Clinic—June 4 at Evert Fairgrounds @ 6pm

Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2018

- Breeding Date—March 10, 2018
- Doe Due Date—April 10, 2018
- Tattoo Clinic— May 30, 2018

Osceola County Fair Small Animal Dates

- Breeding Date—April 20, 2018
- Doe Due Date—May 20, 2018
- Tattoo Clinic— June 25, 2018



Marion Fair Livestock Registration Form 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Marion Fair (Registration Form Due Date April 16, 2018)

Circle which species you will be showing at fair.

Jr. Dairy Beef	Breed: _____
Goat	Sex: _____
Sheep	USDA Tag _____
Swine	(Scrapiex: Sheep & Goat) (RFID: Jr. Beef)

ATTACH PHOTOS ON SEPARATE SHEET (NO EMAILED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

(5) PICTURES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH ANIMAL - FRONT, LEFT SIDE, RIGHT SIDE, BACK, EAR TAG

If this form is not complete and pictures of ID are not clear --it will not be accepted

Osceola County Fair Livestock Registration Form 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Registration Form Due Date May 7, 2018)

Circle which species you will be showing at fair.

Swine

Breed: _____

Sex: _____

USDA Tag _____
(IF APPLICABLE)

ATTACH PHOTOS ON SEPARATE SHEET (NO EMAILED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

(3) PICTURES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH ANIMAL - LEFT SIDE, RIGHT SIDE, BACK OF HEAD WITH BOTH EARS IN PICTURE

If this form is not complete and pictures of ID are not clear --it will not be accepted

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Small Animal Mtg Poultry Order 6pm—RCMS	6 Small Animal 6pm OLC 7pm	7 4-H Council 7pm—Evert	8	9	10 Dairy Family Fun Night EMS 7:30pm
11	12 OLC Mtg 7pm—RCMS	13	14	15 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg 7:30pm RCMS	16	17
18	19 Marion Fairboard 7pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Evert Fairboard 7:30pm	27	28	29	30	31

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Small Animal 6pm OLC 7pm EMS	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Marion Fair Board 7pm	17	18	19 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg 7:30pm Evert	20	21
22	23 Evert Fairboard 7:30pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Small Animal & OLC RCMS					