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4-H Family & Friends,

March/April 2016

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 March and 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. Yes, fair weigh-in is close at hand as well. 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 in April; it is sponsored by the Dairy Boosters. Make sure to put this “utter”ly great event on your calendar!

The Bad Toads Shooting Sports Club has been shooting since January and is about to come to an end for another year, but let’s not forget about the award night to showcase what was learned and celebrate together! For those who were not involved in the shooting sports program, sign-up is in January each year. This program is a short-term program lasting 12 weeks.

Horse lovers get ready! The 11th 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.

“Moo”ve over, I hear cattle coming. The 13th Annual Crossroad Classic Beef Show will be held the last weekend in April at the Osceola County Sheriff’s Posse Grounds. And as in the past, there will also be a pancake supper in the clubhouse from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the show and make plans for dinner as well!

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

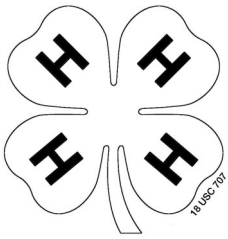
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## GENERAL 4-H NEWS

**4-H Exploration Days** will be held June 22-24, 2016, 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, 2016 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](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days)

The Marion Fair and Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair sponsor the **Outstanding Fair Exhibitor** Award each year. This award goes to the member with the most points earned from exhibits at both fairs. Members ages 14 & up (Fair age) are eligible. You must sign up at the 4-H office by June 1, 2016.

The **Ag and Natural Resources Week at MSU is March 5-12, 2016**. 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, July 31 - August 6, 2016- 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; \$385 for those not in 4-H. Applications due by May 1. Find out more at: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glncr>

Seniors...**The US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF)** has a scholarship available to high school students who are graduating this year. This is a good opportunity for any of our 4-H'ers who have been working with GIS & GPS to apply. The scholarships are due April 22nd. More information can be found at: <http://usgif.org/education/scholarships>.

### **The Highland Ag and Natural Resources Conference**

Michigan State University Extension, in partnership with the Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford County Conservation Districts, is pleased to announce the first annual Highland Ag and Natural Resources Conference on March 19, 2016, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center in Cadillac, Michigan. This is a valuable opportunity for current and next generation farmers or landowners to learn about what's next for Michigan agriculture and land management. Registration info and agenda can be found at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/registration\\_now\\_open\\_for\\_highland\\_ag\\_and\\_natural\\_resources\\_conference](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/registration_now_open_for_highland_ag_and_natural_resources_conference)

**SAVE THE DATE!** MI 4-H Night at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Sat., March 19, 2016 The Detroit Pistons vs. Brooklyn Nets at 7:30 PM. Please call the 4-H Office for more information.

**Attention 4-H Members, Volunteers, & Families: Come celebrate 4-H at Michigan's Adventure!** MI Adventure is celebrating its 60th Anniversary and offering admission for \$24.00 per person. Children 2 years of age and younger are free. 4-H Day Meal Tickets will be available for \$6.00. The Date is Sat., June 4, 2016. Please contact the 4-H Office for more information.

## KETTUNEN CENTER

**MI 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop**—April 22-24, 2016. 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, 2016. 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 10, 2016.

**4-H Mentoring Weekend**—July 22-24, 2016. 4-H Mentoring Weekend is a 3-day workshop for adults and youth who are in a mentoring program through 4-H and other youth mentoring organizations. Mentoring program staff are also welcome to attend. The weekend offers activities to mentoring matches with a focus on science, outdoor education, healthy living, and meaningful service in order to strengthen the mentoring relationship. Mentors are also provided with structured training that aims to build

## LIVESTOCK

If you plan to show and sell a pig this year, you must be certified in the **Pork Quality Assurance** program. Many of you already took the PQA training in Evert. If you missed it, there are other opportunities to become certified. Contact the 4-H office for more information. If you passed the test last year, and are still in the same age division, you may not have to re-certify! Remember, the PQA age is as of January 1, 2016. If you take the class in another county, be sure to get a copy of your certificate to the Osceola 4-H office.

### **PQA Age groups**

Ages 6-7: Parents (Adult PQA) or older sibling can cover the youth

Ages 8-11: Must attend yearly to be certified

Ages 12-14: Have the option to test out by taking a test or attend yearly

Ages 15-18: Have the option to test out by taking a test or attend yearly

Age 19: Must attend yearly or could have tested out at age 18.

**Adult Pork Quality Assurance** We are currently trying to have a meeting here locally. Once confirmed emails will be sent out as well as posted on Facebook.

The **13th Annual Osceola County 4-H Crossroads Classic Beef Show** will be held on April 30 2016, 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! In conjunction with the show, a Pancake Supper will be held Saturday night, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Posse Grounds.

**Marion Fair Weigh-In** – The beginning weigh-in for pigs, market goats, lambs, and junior beef for Marion will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Marion Fairgrounds, from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Remember, all lambs and goats must have a scrapies tag in their ear to meet MDA movement requirements. Be sure yours do! **Remember: members may weigh in only 2 pigs per member!**

**Evert Fair lambs & goats** will be weighed in at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 7th, 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 9, 2016.
- 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 24, 2016

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 7th 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 4, 2016. 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)**

- Monday, March 14th at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Evert Middle School Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Boyd Farm, 1916 100th Ave Evert, MI 49631. Contact Nikki at (231) 734-6135 or [boydshowpigs@gmail.com](mailto:boydshowpigs@gmail.com) for more information.

**New this year:** Osceola County Life Skills Market Animal Contest Applications available at the 4-H office and are due by April 1, 2016. A scholarship will be awarded in each dept. (lamb, swine, beef, and dairy beef). Stop in the Extension office for an application or to answer any questions.

## HORSE

The **Giddy Up Get Ready Clinic**. The Giddy Up Get Ready Clinic is right around the corner. Topics this year will be Showmanship, transitions, circles and simple changes, horse judging, spotlight on speed, unconventional trail, and versatility. This is a great opportunity to spend one on one time with clinicians while hanging out with fellow Osceola youth. Sign up will begin March 28th and will close at April 11th or as soon as clinic fills. Only 20 spots available to the first twenty who turn in completed application and make payment. Applications as well as the schedule of clinic will be available at the extension office. The dates for this event is May 6-8.

A **Coggins Clinic** will be sponsored by the Tales and Trails 4-H Club on April 2, at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Roxie Erler at (231) 832-9946.

**4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show** will be held Sunday, April 10 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016) and up are eligible. Negative Coggins test with in the last 12 months is required.

The dates are set for the **2016 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:

<b><u>PEP Benefit Show</u></b>	<b><u>Pleasure Point Show</u></b>
May 14, 2016	May 15, 2016
June 11, 2016	June 12, 2016
July 9, 2016	July 10, 2016
July 16, 2016	July 17, 2016

Clover Kid classes will be held for members 5-8 years old during the Pleasure Point Shows. These classes will be non-competitive, but will resemble the same classes that older youth participate in with a twist! 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 19-21, 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, 2016. 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, 2016. Please contact the 4-H office if interested in applying for this scholarship.

The Osceola County 4-H Horse Committee will sponsor the **11th Annual Equine Extravaganza** on Saturday, April 16, at the Sheriff Posse Grounds. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a tack sale and silent auction. Lunch will be available around 11:00 a.m. for \$4.00 per person. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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, 2016. 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: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state\\_4\\_h\\_goat\\_expo1](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_expo1)

The annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic** will be held on June 4, 2016, at the Osceola County Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.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, April 9, 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 (cont'd)

The Osceola County 4-H Small Animal Association will hold the **chick order** meeting on Monday, March 7th, 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 \$1.50 each. Chick delivery dates are:

### Turkeys

- Marion Turkeys—March 1
- Evert Turkeys—April 5
- Cadillac Turkeys—April 26

### Broilers

- Marion Broilers—April 26
- Evert Broilers—May 31
- Cadillac Broilers— June 21

### Cornish

- Marion Cornish—May 17
- Evert Cornish—June 28
- Cadillac Cornish— July 12

## SMALL ANIMAL (cont'd)

On May 21, 2016 the **Poultry Palooza** is being held at the Eaton County Fair Grounds. The State 4-H Poultry Palooza is designed for young people aged 9 to 19 who are interested in exhibiting poultry and testing their knowledge of the poultry industry in a fun and educational way. Spectators are welcome! Find out more at: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4\\_h\\_poultry\\_palooza1](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza1)

March 5, 2016—MI State Rabbit Breeders Show at MSU

March 26, 2016—MI ARBA Show in Lapeer, MI

There will not be a rabbit show at the Evert Fairgrounds this year.

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.

On Saturday, March 19, at 11:30 A.M. the 23 Annual 4-H Small Animal Association Cook-Off will take place at Reed City Middle school. Here you will have to prepare your dish and present it to a panel of judges.

**2016 Educational Meetings**—To sell at the Evert Fair participants must attend 3 small animal educational meetings.

- Poultry Order—March 7 at RCMS Café @ 6pm
- Topic TBD—April 11, at Evert MS Café @ 6pm
- Rabbit—May 4 at Marion Fairground @ 6pm
- Showmanship Clinic—June 8 at Evert Fairgrounds @ 6pm

### Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2016

- Breeding Date—March 11, 2016
- Doe Due Date—April 11, 2016
- Tattoo Clinic— May 23, 2016

### Osceola County Fair Small Animal Dates

- Breeding Date—April 15, 2016
- Doe Due Date—May 16, 2016
- Tattoo Clinic— June 27, 2016

### Northern District Fair Small Animal Dates

- Breeding Date—May 6, 2016
- Doe Due Date—June 6, 2016

## March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Marion Turkeys Arrive <hr/> Shooting Sports 6:30 pm Cafe	2 4-H Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Reed City	3	4	5
6	7 Chick Order Mtg 6:00 pm RCMS Cafe	8 Shooting Sports 6:30 pm RCMS Cafe	9 Cadillac Area Livestock Mtg. 7:00 pm Fairgrounds	10	11 Breed Rabbit Marion Fair	12
13	14 OLC Mtg. 7:00pm RCMS Cafe	15 Shooting Sports 6:30 pm RCMS Cafe	16	17 Horse Develop- mental Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Reed City	18	19 <i>Small Animal Cook-Off Reed City</i>
20	21 <i>Marion Faiboard 7:00 PM</i>  <i>Evert Faiboard 7:30 PM</i>	22 Shooting Sports 6:30 pm RCMS Cafe	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Shooting Sports 6:30 pm RCMS Cafe	30	31		

## Osceola County Fair Livestock Registration Form 2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Registration Form Due Date May 9, 2016)

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**

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## April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Coggins Clinic 10:00 am
3	4	5 Evert Turkeys Arrive	6 Cadillac Area Livestock Mtg. 7:00 pm Fairgrounds	7	8	9 Marion Fair Weigh-in 9am-noon <hr/> Dairy Family Fun Night 7:30 pm
10 4-H Hairy Horse Show at MSU	11 Small Animal Mtg. 6pm Evert MS Caf�e <hr/> OLC Mtg. 7:00 pm Evert MS Caf�e <hr/> Doe Due Date	12 Shooting Sports Award Night 6:00 pm RCMS Caf�e	13	14	15 Breed Rabbit Evert Fair	16 Equine Extrava- ganza 9 am Posse Grounds <hr/> State 4-H Goat Expo at MSU
17	18 <i>Marion Fairboard 7:30 pm in Marion</i>	19	20	21 Horse Develop- mental Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm	22	23
24	25 Doe Due Date Marion Fair  Evert Fairboard 7:30 pm at Evert	26 Cadillac Turkeys Arrive  Marion Broilers Arrive	27	28	29	30 Crossroads Classic Beef Show & Pancake Supper Posse Grounds