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4-H UPDATE

January/February 2017

Happy New Year and best wishes to you and your family as you begin the start of a New Year!

A new year brings new opportunities. Are you looking to try something new and exciting this year? How about getting involved in a committee or attending an event here or outside the county. The Kettunen Center hosts many great events and is located right here in Osceola County. Every new experience opens opportunities for making new friends, learning more about your project areas or a new project area, spending time with your family and other 4-H families, and having fun every step of the way. Challenge yourself to and try something you have never done before.

Keep your calendar handy in order to make sure you do not miss any of the events or meetings you have planned. A few events in January that you may want to attend are: the mandatory turkey order meeting, the 4-H Shooting Sports “Bad Toads” program, the PQA meeting, the FREE women’s basketball game at the Breslin Center, plus Kettunen Center workshops. February continues the 4-H Shooting Sports “Bad Toads” program and holds more Kettunen Center workshops. Both months contain small animal meetings, OLC meetings, horse developmental meetings, 4-H council meetings, and fair-board meetings. Make sure you do not miss out. Business meetings are a great resource that teach our youth how to properly conduct meetings.

The 4-H office will keep you inform on all updates including any cancellations due to weather by email. Updates are posted online as well on the Osceola County Michigan 4-H Facebook page.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year, I hope you are too!

Happy Holidays!

Jacob Stieg
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2017 FAIR DATES

Marion	June 18-24
Osceola County	July 23-29
Northern District	August 13-19



GENERAL 4-H NEWS

Club Leaders: You should be able to access your club rosters online through the 4honline.com website. If you need help with your club passwords please call the 4-H office.

The **Bad Toads 4-H Shooting Sports Club** will begin the winter league on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria beginning at 6:00 P.M. Youth ages 8-19 as of January 1, 2017, are welcome to join. The league will run for 12 weeks, and the cost is \$10 for the whole 12 weeks, plus the \$10 4-H participation fee if you have not already paid in another 4-H club. You will need to enroll online at mi.4honline.com before the first meeting in January. In you have any questions regarding enrollment contact the 4-H office.

SAVE THE DATE!!! 4-H Day at Breslin – Women’s Basketball event will be January 22, 2017! **MSU Lady Spartans** will take on Purdue Boilmakers at 5:00 P.M. FREE for MSUE 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families! Tickets are now available; call the MSU Extension office to reserve yours. Any tickets ordered after Thursday, December 30, 2016, will need to be picked up at the 4-H Registration table inside Gate D at the Breslin Center on game day.

4-H Capitol Experience, March 19-22, 2017—An annual 4-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Attendees will:

- Understand the responsibilities of a citizen
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities
- Explore various careers in public policy
- Attend bill writing session
- Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government.

If you turn 14 by January, and you are interested in impacting public policy and seeing how government works, you’ll want to go to 4-H Capitol Experience. The deadline for registration is February 15, 2016. Cost is \$350; possible scholarship opportunities. To learn more about the 2017 4-H Capitol Experience, visit 4-H on the Web at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience

4-H Exploration Days will be held June 21-23, 2017 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. This program is for youth ages 11 & up as of January 1, 2017 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 open mid-March and are due by the end of April, 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

State 4-H Awards Program: This is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth. This program is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up with at least three years of 4-H experience. All youth who meet these requirements are encouraged to apply. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences. To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu by February 1. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees and delegates are announced by March 15. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors), competitive interviews (seniors) or presentations (groups) during 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. State 4-H Award winners will be announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, held at the prestigious Huntington Club in Spartan Stadium, June 23 during 4-H Exploration Days. State 4-H Award winners become a part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence. While all State 4-H Award winners receive a plaque, seniors receive a \$200 cash award, while juniors receive a \$50 cash award. To learn more go to

4-H Mark of Excellence Award—If you are 11 or 12 years old, you could be the recipient of the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To enter, you write an essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can ...” Essays should be submitted to your county office by February 1. Counties then select their representatives and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information on **Awards** go to the Web at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/74548/Overview_and_Instructions_State_Awards_2017.pdf

High School Seniors!!! The Osceola County Community Foundation webpage has more scholarship opportunities; you can access the webpage at www.occf.info and click on scholarships.

2017 KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS& CAMPS

Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

January 28-29, 2017. The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! In the spirit of “thinking globally and acting locally” participants in this exciting, energetic, hands-on workshop will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, and international cultures. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 to 112 (by Jan. 1, 2017), who seek to develop skills to serve (or assist youth serving) in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state and the world.

4-H Winterfest, February 4-5, 2017. 4-H Winterfest is a hands-on educational program that is open to youth ages 8 to 12 years old as of Jan. 1, 2017. Youth spend two days learning about many different project areas while meeting youth from around the state. Winterfest offers participants an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports. Winterfest is also an opportunity to spend time outdoors enjoying all that Michigan winters have to offer! Participants enjoy outdoor time sledding/tubing, snow shoeing, and cross-country skiing and also learn from experts from around the state about many different topics.

4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop, February 17-18, 2017. Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach attendees how to help members recognize healthy, sick, and/or injured animals. Meet other youth and leaders who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. New resources will be provided to all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2017) and older.

4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

February 18-19, 2017. This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, breakout sessions will include livestock and meat evaluation, animal management and more. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged for exchanging of ideas and programs and connecting with other volunteers in the same project areas. The workshop will also

offer ways to enhance communication and teaching skills as well as learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Resources will be available for all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2017) and older.

Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference

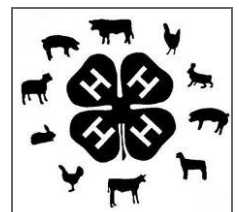
February 25, 2017. MSU's campus, East Lansing, MI
Registration for this event is limited!

4-H members age 12-19 AND adult volunteers are welcomed. Topics include horse judging, equine first aid, dissection, veterinary care, equine nutrition, and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, and much more. Interactive classroom sessions in Anthony Hall will be followed by hands-on activities at the MSU Horse Teaching & Research Center.

Full event details & registration forms: http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor's Certification Workshop

April 28-30, 2017. This 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, 2017. Disciplines offered will include shotgun, rifle (BB, .22, air/pellet), archery, muzzle loading, and hunting and wildlife. Participants will learn about the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports mission, policies, risk management, safety, discipline specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more. Participants will also develop and improve skills in teaching shooting sports activities to youth; learn how to develop, expand, and maintain local 4-H Shooting Sports clubs/programs; have the opportunity to exchange ideas for local and State 4-H Shooting Sports programs with volunteers from many counties; and develop renewed respect and concern for safety in the 4-H Shooting Sports program. Adults who successfully complete the workshop and all other requirements will receive certification as a Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor for the discipline in which they participated. Only 4-H certified instructors can lead live-fire, on-range shooting and archery experiences for youth and/or in 4-H Shooting Sports programs.



SMALL ANIMAL

The mandatory order meeting for market turkeys for the Marion and Evert Fairs, and Small Animal Association meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, at the Evert Middle School cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Last year's prices for chicks was \$6.75 for bronze and \$5.75 for white. Please plan ahead and bring extra money, prices have been going up every year. This meeting will count as one of your educational meetings for fair which you need 3 to sell at the Osceola County Fair.

Important Small Animal Dates for 2017

Educational Small Animal Meetings Dates for 2017

- Turkey Order—January 9, 6pm, Evert MS Café
- Goat—February 13, Evert MS Café
- Poultry Order—March 6, RCMS Café
- Topic not set—April 10, Evert MS Café
- Rabbit—May 1, Evert Fairgrounds
- Showmanship Clinic—June 5, Evert Fairgrounds

Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2017

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

Evert Fair Small Animal Dates for 2017

- Breeding Date—April 14
- Doe Due Date—May 15
- Tattoo Clinic—June ?

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 28, 2017 at the MSU Pavilion. This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and must own the rabbits or cavies (guinea pigs) they enter. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish; however, if breed show times conflict, another 4-H member must help show the entries. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting their rabbits and cavies to and from the judging tables. Spectators are welcome! For a catalog of the show, go to the web link: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/219/38706/2017_Show_Catalog.pdf

Available again this year: the Osceola County Market Goat Contest. This is open to any market goat youth that is interested. Youth will fill out an application then submit it to the 4-H office by February 2nd. The selection committee will go through the application and pick individuals that will go to the next step by participating in a non-formal interview in March. After the interview one recipient will be awarded a market goat that must be shown and sold at any of the three fairs. If you are interested please contact the 4-H office to get the application.

Osceola County Market Broiler Contest & the Osceola County Market Rabbit Contest. These contests are open to any market broiler or rabbit youth that is interested. Youth will fill out an application then submit it to the 4-H office by February 2nd. The selection committee will go through the applications and pick individuals that will go to the next step by participating in a non-formal interview in March. After the interview one recipient will be awarded market chicks and/or rabbits that must be shown and sold at any of the three fairs. If you are interested please contact the 4-H office to get the application.

LIVESTOCK

A PQA (Pork Quality Assurance) class will be held on January 9 at the Evert Middle School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All 4-H members who wish to sell market swine at the Evert Fair are required to be certified in PQA. Members 8 to 11 will just attend the class; members 12-14 will attend the class, and may take a written test - if they pass the test, they are certified until the next age division; members 15-19 will attend the class, and may also take a written test that if they pass, they will be certified until they are 18. If your member is ages 6 & 7 please contact the 4-H office for information. If you cannot attend this class, in future newsletters there will be other opportunities to take a PQA class outside of the county.

The monthly OLC meetings will resume on February 13, at the Evert Middle School Auditorium, and continues on the 2nd Monday of each month.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 4-H Office closed for New Year's Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 6pm Turkey Order Meeting 7pm PQA Evert Middle School	10 6pm Shooting Sports	11 7 pm 4-H Council Evert Depot	12	13	14
15	16 7pm Marion Fairboard Marion Fairgrounds	17 6pm Shooting Sports	18	19 7:30 pm Horse Developmental Committee Mtg Evert Depot	20	21
22	23 7:30 Evert Fairboard Osceola Fairgrounds	24 6:30 pm Shooting Sports	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 6:30 pm Shooting Sports				

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 4-H Winter Fest At Kettunen Center
5 4-H Winter Fest At Kettunen	6	7 6:30 pm Shooting Sports	8	9	10	11
12	13 6pm Small Animal Education, EMS 7pm OLC, EMS	14 6:30 pm Shooting Sports	15	16 7:30 pm Horse Developmental Committee Mtg RCHS Library	17	18
19	20 7pm Marion Fairboard Marion Fairgrounds	21 6:30 pm Shooting Sports	22	23	24	25
26	27 7:30 Evert Fairboard Osceola Fairgrounds	28 6:30 pm Shooting Sports				