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*Helen Keller*

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Dear 4-H members, leaders, parents and supporters,

I would like to start off by congratulating all the award winners who were recognized at the 68th annual 4-H Awards Banquet! The quality of our members, volunteers and supporters is awesome; and I am thankful to be a part of the Osceola County program! I appreciate all that you do to keep the 4-H program strong.

As a reminder all 4-H members must enroll or re-enroll online by **December 1, 2016**. Some clubs still have not turned in their financial paper work for last year; if this is you please get it turned in as soon as possible.

**4-H Enrollment** is done online this year using 4-H Online, the new 4-H enrollment data management system for MSU Extension. **If a family was in 4-H last year accounts have already been established in the 4-H Online System; please do not create a duplicate account.** Duplicate accounts will be deleted and the enrollment process will have to be restarted. Login using your email that was provided last year to the 4-H office and request a new password be sent to you by clicking the button "I forgot my password". Once into your family account click on the edit button to update all information and re-enroll. If you do not know what your email is or do not have an email please call the 4-H office for help. New families will need to create a family account and add members. In the event that a family can not enroll online at home, the 4-H Office will have computers available and will assist families with enrollment. The 4-H Online website is: <https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4057396649715A4238754E6B3D>

Club meetings have begun along with other organizations planning meeting dates and topics for workshops that are offered to leaders and members. Make plans to be a part of planning these meetings or taking in a workshop. The Kettunen Center workshops are right here in Osceola County, and the 4-H Council will fund two workshops per year for each member or leader. When attending these workshops every participant must fill out a scholarship request form.

During this time of year many of the associations will be holding their annual meetings. These annual meetings include the Small Animal Association, 4-H Council, Osceola Livestock Committee (OLC), and the Horse Developmental Committee.

A couple important dates to add to your calendar are January 9, 2017, which is the turkey order at the Evert Middle School Cafeteria at 6 pm, and on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. is the annual PQA class which is at the Evert Middle School Auditorium. January 10, 2017 the shooting sports program starts back up at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Remember if the school district where a 4-H meeting is scheduled is **closed** than the meeting will be **cancelled**.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday experience with one another. Happy Holidays!

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## GENERAL 4-H NEWS

The \$10 **4-H Participation Fee** should be collected at your club meetings and turned into the 4-H Office at one time by your club leader. If unable to pay your participation fee at your club meeting the 4-H office will accept individual payments.

The next **Osceola County 4-H Council** meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2016 at the Reed City High School Library at 7:00 p.m. We welcome our new and/or re-elected members: Jesse Erler, Danielle Hubbard, Tricia Connell, Emily Ruppert, Troy Todd, Tyler White, Ronda Hemenway, Amber Eastman, Cindy Eastman, Ken Eastman, Alexis Fehrenbach, Allyssa Johnson Alex Johnson, Jade Ebels, and Austin Cilwa.

**35th Annual Breakfast with Santa** is Saturday, December 3. This is Kettunen Center's largest community event; it is our opportunity to give back to the community. Families are welcome to come enjoy breakfast, visit with Santa, try a craft, and enjoy face painting, entertainment, games, and a photo booth (bring your own camera). This event is volunteer run and promotes family togetherness and literacy. Breakfast with Santa is just \$1 per child and \$3 per adult. Please call 231-829-3421 to register beginning November 30 and ends December 4. If you would like to donate to Breakfast with Santa please also contact Kettunen Center.

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. 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 before the first meeting in January. If you have questions on enrollment contact the 4-H office.

**High School Seniors!!!** The Osceola County Community Foundation webpage has scholarship opportunities; you can access the webpage at: <http://facommunityfoundation.org/about-us/geographic-affiliates/osceola-county-community-foundation/>. and click on scholarships.



### 2017 KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS

**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.



**Save the Date for 4-H Winterfest February 4-5, 2017**

**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.





## HORSE

The next **4-H Horse Developmental Committee** meeting will be November 17, at the Evert Depot at 7:30 p.m. All 4-H leaders, members and parents are welcome to attend. This group plans horse events for the upcoming year, and sets policy for horse members.

## LIVESTOCK

The next **OLC meeting** will be held November 14, at the Evert Middle School Auditorium, at 7:00 p.m. One order of business at this meeting will be to elect officers. Remember, you must attend at least 3 meetings to show & sell at the Evert Fair. These meetings count as educational meetings for the Marion Fair.

If you plan to purchase a steer this fall, be sure to ask the seller to put in the electronic ear tag before you bring it home. These tags are required by law for any movement of cattle, and should originate from the original herd. The beginning **weigh-in** for beef will be **December 3, 2016**, at the Marion Stockyards from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All beef will be weighed and tagged! Again this year, steers for Cadillac will also have to be weighed and tagged at this weigh-in. **Steers must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in.**

The **Winter Beef Classic** will be held at MSU December 9-11. If you participated last year, forms will be sent directly to you. Entries must be postmarked by November 16. Forms are also available at the 4-H office or at: [http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/WinterClassic/2016/entrypacketfinal\\_101316.pdf](http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/WinterClassic/2016/entrypacketfinal_101316.pdf)



**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 are required to be certified in PQA.

The **Beef Weigh-In** for market beef projects for the Marion, Osceola County, & Northern District Fairs will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Marion Stockyards from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All beef must be weighed in on this day to be eligible for the market sales at Marion, Evert, or Cadillac Fairs. If you are purchasing your calf, be sure to ask that the seller tag your calf with the RFID ear tag, so that you won't have to order tags from MDA yourself. If your calf is homegrown, state law requires that you have the RFID tag in place as well. All calves will be tagged with the 4-H tag. **All calves must be dehorned with no horns present at the time of beginning weigh-in & castrated.**

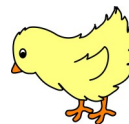
## SMALL ANIMAL

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 café at 6:00 p.m. Prices for chicks will be available after Dec. 1. (Last year's prices were \$6.75 for bronze and \$5.75 for white.) This meeting will count as one of your educational meetings for fair which you need 3

to sell at the Osceola County Fair.

## 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 2016

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

## Evert Fair Small Animal Dates for 2016

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

Available again this year: the **Osceola County Like Skill Contest**. This is open to any youth that is interested. Youth will fill out an application for Turkey, Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine then submit it to the 4-H office by the dates found below. 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. After the interview one recipient will be awarded for each species and that species 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.

**December 1st, 2016:** Turkey

**February 1, 2017:** Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep, Swine

## FAIR NEWS

All **fair ages** are determined by January 1, 2017, the same as 4-H age! Cadillac will be for members ages 6-18; Evert will be ages 6-19; and Marion will be ages 6-19. This could mean that a 5 year old eligible to join 4-H would not be able to show and sell an animal at the fair until the next year when he/she would be 6, both 4-H and Fair age.

Marion Fair June 18-24, 2017—The **Marion Fair Board** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Marion Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. Officers for the 2017 year are: President: Daryl Bode, Vice President: Carl, Secretary: Marv Heuker, Treasurer: Coral Johnson.

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Evert) July 23-30, 2017—The **Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair Board** officers for the 2017 year are: President: Rick Sherman, Vice President: Ed Marsh, Secretary: Sandy Holder, Treasurer: Sally Eaton.

Northern District Fair (Cadillac) August 13-19, 2017—If you plan to exhibit a **market beef, dairy beef, turkeys, broilers, or cornish** at the **Northern District Fair** (Cadillac), you must pre-register by December 1, 2016. Forms are available at the 4-H office. Again this year, there is also a **mandatory** beef weigh-in on December 3, 2016, at the Marion Stockyards from 9am to noon.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The **68th Annual Osceola County 4-H Award Banquet** was held on October 23, at the Evert Fair Grounds. It included a catered meal, voting for the new Council members, door prizes, a slideshow presentation of the past 4-H year, and awards presented to members, leaders, and community supporters. Following are the award winners:

**Achievement** - Riley Drilling & Madeline Harrington

**Alumni** - Jacob Stieg

**Beef** - Brooklynn Decker & Andrew Booher

**Cavy** - Troy Todd

**Citizenship** - Allyssa Johnson & Austin Rueffer

**Community Service** - Alex Johnson &  
Recycle Bull 4-H Club

**Cooking** - Tanner Ryan

**Dairy** - Jorja Ray & Lane Meese

**Engines, Tractors, & Field Equipment** - Alex Johnson

**Food and Nutrition** - Tanner Ryan

**Gardening & Horticulture** - Sydney VanBuren & Gabe Mosher

**Goats** - Bethany Maciejewski & Daryin Reagan

**Horse** - Brandy O'Neil &

Emma Borntreger

**Leadership** - Riley Drilling & Madeline Harrington

**Llama** - Jessella Lander & Jade Ebels

**Personal Development** - Corbin White & Jessica Dean

**Poultry** - Charlie Moore

**Rabbits** - Analiese Fredin

**Sheep** - Emily Ruppert & Alex Johnson

**Shooting Sports** - Tanner Ryan

**Swine** - Donavin Reagan & KC Burke

**Veterinary Science** - Austin Cilwa

**Woodworking** - Tyler White

**I Dare You Award** - Tyler White & Riley Drilling

**Inspiration Award** - Austin Nowland

**Leader of the Year**—Judy Mohr

**Sleeping Bag**—Rick Sherman

**Friend of 4-H** - Gerber Construction,

Morgan's Composting, Terry Wanstead,

Carla Crawford

**Meritorious Service Award** - Chris Harrington,

Katey Lattimore, Laurie Millen,

Scott & Brenda Henry

**Helping Hands** - Emily Ruppert, Riley Drilling,

Reese Drilling

**Family Partnership Award** - Anna & Tyler Lindquist

**Special Volunteers** - Bill Terryn, Rich Rehkoph,

Chad Nicklas

**Special Awards Youth** - Hunter Maxwell, Ashly Bode,

Gabe Mosher, Trevor Sanders, Sam Bailey, Alex

Mosher-Kunin, Joseph Kunin

**Garry Stieg Memorial Award** - Devin Nicklas &

Madeline Harrington

### 4-H LEADER RECOGNITION

**1st Year Leaders:** Scott Henry, Violet Moore, Taffie Wiggins

**5 Year Leaders:** Chelsea Erler, Dawn Rueffer, Doug

Rueffer, Tracy Storch

**10 Year Leaders:** Christina Carmichael, Jessica Caryl, Wade Caryl, Tricia Connell, Angela Moore, Carri Morlock-Kearns, Angela Reagan, Jeffrey Reagan, Bruce Reed, Stacey Reed

**15 Year Leader:** Roxi Erler, Chris Harrington, Mary Harrington, Laurie Millen

**20 Year Leader:** Carolin Ruppert, Leonard Ruppert

**25 Year Leader:** Dan Meese, Melinda Meese, Jerry Patterson,

**30 Year Leaders:** Ronda Hemenway

**2016 State 4-H Horse Show** held at the MSU Pavilion. Results are as followed.

#### Ryleigh Adams

- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Equitation 8th Place
- ◆ Western Pleasure 5th Place

#### Rebekah Battle

- ◆ 3rd split Keyhole Race 2nd Place
- ◆ 2nd split Indiana Flag Race 7th Place
- ◆ 3rd split Cloverleaf Barrel Race 4th Place
- ◆ Pole Bending Race 8th Place

#### Emma Borntreger

- ◆ 2nd Split Western Pleasure 6th Place
- ◆ Western Horsemanship 4th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Equitation 5th Place
- ◆ Showmanship 6th Place

#### Millie Borntreger

- ◆ Showmanship 8th Place

#### Madeline Harrington (18 years)

- ◆ Scrapbook 1st Place
- ◆ Western Pleasure 5th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Western Horsemanship 2nd Place
- ◆ Trail 8th Place
- ◆ Showmanship 1st Place
- ◆ Champion Western Horsemanship 4th Place

#### Mariah McNeilly

- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Pleasure 5th Place
- ◆ 3rd Split Showmanship 4th Place

#### Mackenzie Miller

- ◆ Pole Bending Race 2nd Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race 6th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Speed & Action Race 3rd Place
- ◆ 2nd split Indiana Flag Race 3rd Place

#### Brandy O'Neil

- ◆ 2nd Split Cloverleaf Barrel Race 7th Place
- ◆ Speed & Action Race 3rd Place
- ◆ Gymkhana Showmanship 5th Place

#### Jacklyne Powell

- ◆ Showmanship 8th Place
- ◆ Western Pleasure 8th Place

#### Kynnedi Williams


- ◆ 2nd Split Speed & Action Race 5th Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race 3rd Place



# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Small Animal Business Evert Middle School 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 OLC Evert Middle School 7pm	15	16 Cadillac Livestock Committee MSU Extension - Wexford 7pm	17 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg. Evert Depot 7pm	18	19
20	21 Marion Fair Board Marion Fair- grounds 7pm	22	23	24 	25 4-H Office Closed Nov 24-25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26
27	28 Evert Fair Board Osceola County Fair- grounds 7:30pm	29	30			

# December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 4-H Enrollment Deadline	2	3 Beef Weigh-in 9am to Noon Marion Stockyards	
4	5	6	7	8	10	
11	12 Small Animal Education 6pm OLC - RCMS 7pm	13	14	15 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg. RCHS Library 7:30pm	16	17
18	19 Marion Fair Board Marion Fairgrounds 7pm	20	21	22	23 	24 4-H Office Closed Dec 23-26 Merry Christmas!
25 4-H Office Closed Dec 23-26	26 Evert Fair Board Osceola County Fair- grounds 7pm	27	28	29	30 4-H Office Closed December 30 till New Year's Eve & Day	31