

Osceola County MSU Extension 4-H Newsletter

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

November/December 2017

I would like to start off by congratulating all the award winners who were recognized at the 69th 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, 2017**. 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. Participants must pay workshop fee prior to attending. More information on this under the Kettunen Center section.

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 8, 2018, which is the turkey order at the Evert Middle School Cafeteria at 6 pm, January 9, 2018 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!

Jacob Stieg

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GENERAL 4-H NEWS

The \$20 per member, \$60 for a family of 3 or more, **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.

Osceola County 4-H Council met on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Osceola County Fair Grounds at 7:00 p.m. We welcome our new and/or re-elected members: Carolin Ruppert, Brittany Goodall, Tricia Connell, Emily Ruppert, Troy Todd, Tyler White, Chris Garrett, Stacy Reed, Doug Bontekoe, Amy Bontekoe, John Johnson, Isabell Bontekoe, Mack Bontekoe, Alex Johnson, Jeff Reagan, Katey Lattimore, Cindy Eastman, Ken Eastman

36th Annual Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, 2. 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 9, 2018, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria. Youth ages 8-19 as of January 1, 2018 are welcome to join. The league will run for 12 weeks, and the cost is \$10 for the whole 12 weeks, plus the \$20 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.



2018 KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS

New this year: Any youth or volunteer wanting to attend a Kettunen Center Workshop, must cover the cost of the workshop prior to attending. If individuals fill out scholarship request form, the participant will get a refund for the workshop they attended. Remember youth and volunteers may attend up to two workshop with reimbursement through the council.

4-H Winterfest, February 3-4, 2018. 4-H Winterfest is a hands-on educational program that is open to youth ages 8 to 12 years old as of Jan. 1, 2018. 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 16-17, 2018. 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, 2018) and older.



2018 KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS (continued)



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

February 17-18, 2018. 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, 2018) and older.

HORSE

The next 4-H Horse Developmental Committee meeting will be November 16, 2017 at the Reed City Middle School Cafe 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.

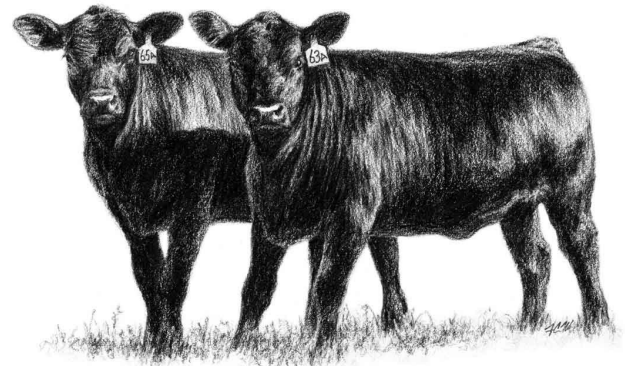


LIVESTOCK

The next OLC meeting will be held November 13, 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 2, 2017, 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 Beef Weigh-In for market beef projects for the Marion, Osceola County, & Northern District Fairs will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017, 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 8, 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 2017-18

- Turkey Order—January 8, 6pm, Evert MS Café
- Goat—February 12, Evert MS Café
- Poultry Order—March 5, RCMS Café
- Topic not set—April 9, Evert MS Café
- Rabbit—May 7, Evert Fairgrounds
- Showmanship Clinic—June 4, Evert Fairgrounds

Available again this year: the **Osceola County Life 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 1, 2017: Turkey

February 1, 2018: Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep, Swine

FAIR NEWS

All **fair ages** are determined by January 1, 2018, 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 17-23, 2018—The **Marion Fair Board** meets every 3rd Monday of each month at the Marion Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. Officers for the 2018 year are: President: Daryl Bode, Vice President: Carl, Secretary: Leighann Sikkema, Treasurer: Coral Johnson.

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Evert) July 29– August 4, 2018—The **Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair Board** officers for the 2018 year are: President: Rick Sherman, Vice President: Ed Marsh, Secretary: Sandy Holder, Treasurer: Sally Eaton.

Many meeting changes, cancellations and other important information are posted on our Facebook page! Please like us on Facebook and keep up to date!



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The **69th Annual Osceola County 4-H Award Banquet** was held on October 22, at the Reed City Middle School Cafe. 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 - Alex Johnson & Desiree Reed

Alumni - Jen Taylor & Becky Smith

Citizenship - Ken Eastman, Kathryn Keller, & Kooper Workman

Community Service - Desiree Reed

Nelly Straathof Memorial Award - Megan Jones

Food and Nutrition - Jade Ebels

Gardening & Horticulture - Austin & Katie Rueffer

Goats - Gabe Mosher

Leadership - Emily Ruppert & Troy Todd

Llama - Braden & Megan Ebels

Poultry - Drew & Kalina Spicer

Rabbits - Drew & Kalina Spicer

Sheep - Troy Todd

Shooting Sports - Braden & Megan Ebels

I Dare You Award - Emily Ruppert

Leader of the Year - Doug & Dawn Rueffer & Amanda Johnston

Sleeping Bag - Lisa Weber

Friend of 4-H - Chemical Bank & Taylor Insurance

Meritorious Service Award - Carla Crawford & Marion Fair Board

Helping Hands - Ken Eastman

Family Partnership Award - Austin, Katie, & Autumn Rueffer

4-H LEADER RECOGNITION

1st Year Leaders: Brittany Goodall, Lindsey Stack

5 Year Leaders: Katrina Bontekoe, Susie Toogood

10 Year Leaders: Scot & Nicole Boyd, Danielle Nelson, Rebekah Reagan, Dawn Webster, Tracey Wirth

20 Year Leader: Katey Lattimore

25 Year Leader: Cheryl Nellis, Gerald Patterson, Melinda Meese

2017 State 4-H Horse Show held at the MSU Pavilion. Results are as followed.

Ryleigh Adams

- ◆ 2nd Split Western Horsemanship 7th Place
- ◆ Hunter Hack 1st Place
- ◆ Championship Hunter Hack 3rd Place

Rebekah Battle

- ◆ 2nd Split Pole Bending Race 4th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Keyhole Race 6th Place

Emma Borntreger

- ◆ 2nd Split Western Horsemanship 3rd Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Showmanship 7th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Western Pleasure 2nd Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Pleasure 8th Place

Millie Borntreger

- ◆ 3rd Split Western Pleasure 3rd Place

Hanna Brock

- ◆ Western Horsemanship 5th Place

Abbigail Kiaunis

- ◆ Hunter Hack 5th Place

Mariah McNeilly

- ◆ Trail 7th Place
- ◆ Showmanship 3rd Place
- ◆ Hunt Seat Pleasure 4th Place

Mackenzie Miller

- ◆ 2nd Split Pole Bending Race 5th Place
- ◆ Speed and Action Race Championship 4th Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race Championship 2nd Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Cloverleaf Barrel Race 2nd Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Speed & Action Race 2nd Place
- ◆ Indiana Flag Race 6th Place

Rachel Miller

- ◆ Western Horsemanship 4th Place
- ◆ Hunter Hack 3rd Place
- ◆ Western Pleasure 5th Place

Jacklynn Powell

- ◆ Trail 5th Place
- ◆ Western Horsemanship 8th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Western Pleasure 8th Place



November 2017

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

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4-H Enrollment Deadline	2 Beef Weigh-in 9am to Noon Marion Stock- yards
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Small Animal & OLC RCMS 7pm	12	13	14 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg. Evert Depot 7:30pm	15	16
17	18 Marion Fair Board Marion Fairgrounds 7pm	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 	26	27	28	29	30 4H Office closed till January 3rd— New Year's Eve & Day

4-H Office Closed December 23-26
Merry Christmas!