

*Osceola County*

4-H Family News

December 2019

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

As we prepare to start a new year, there are some important dates to add to your calendar beginning in the new year. January 7, 2020, the shooting sports program starts back up at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. January 13, 2020, which is the turkey order at the Reed City High School Cafeteria at 6 pm.

Remember if the school district where a 4-H meeting is scheduled is closed then 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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4-H"



Remember...If the school district where a 4-H meeting is scheduled is **closed** due to bad weather then the meeting will be **cancelled**. Also, check "Osceola County Michigan 4-H" on Facebook for updates and cancellations.

4-H Dog Patch Program



The Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H dog project area.

The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area. There are numerous patches available to reflect the varying disciplines in which youth can participate. In 2019, three new patches have been added; the Rally Intermediate, Rally Master and Beginning Novice.

For more information about the Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program or to order patches, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_dog_patch_program.

4-H Events and Workshops

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 12: Start Your Own Insect Collection

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

This class will introduce collecting and preserving insects. All participants receive an insect collection box, set of pins, and leave the class with 10-20 pinned insects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/starting-your-own-insect-collection>

December 14: Treat Yourself Workshop

Berrien County MSU Extension Office, Benton Harbor

A countywide project where youth will learn about chocolate and spa projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/berrien-county-4-h-treat-yourself-workshop>

December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Dec. 15 Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-19>

December 30: 4-H Spa-Delicious Countywide Project

Van Buren County MSU Extension Office, Paw Paw

Learn how to make homemade body products in this fun and educational class. Each participant takes home their own bath fizzies, sugar scrub, lip balm and air freshener!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spa-delicious-countywide-project>

Save the Date

February 1: Michigan 4-H Winterfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

A crowd favorite every year, this statewide event is for youth ages 8-12. A special emphasis is placed on providing sessions that offer hands-on learning.

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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2019 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich

learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition>. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu.

What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition> or contact Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu.

**Support
Michigan 4-H
with holiday
shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays by supporting 4-H while making your purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

Local 4-H News and Events

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SMALL ANIMAL

The mandatory **order meeting for Market Turkey** for the Marion and Evert Fairs, and Small Animal Association Meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th at 6pm at the Reed City High School Café. This meeting will count as one of the educational meetings for the fair which you need 3 to sell at the Osceola County Fair.

Please note that the **December 10th meeting** is a MANDATORY meeting for youth showing market goats at the Osceola County Fair, **January** is a turkey order meeting for ALL fairs, **March** is a chicken order meeting for ALL fairs.

Please note that the following dates **Small Animal** meets at 6pm followed by OLC **December 9, 2019 - Evert Fairgrounds Starts at 7:00 p.m.**; January 13, 2020 - Reed City ; February 10, 2020 - Evert; March 9, 2020 - Reed City; April 13, 2020 - Evert; May 11, 2020 - Posse Grounds (RC); June 8, 2020 - Evert Fairgrounds.

LIVESTOCK

The **Osceola Livestock Committee (OLC)** meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. 4-H members must attend 3 OLC meetings per year in order to show and sell a market beef, sheep, or swine at the Osceola County Fair. Meeting dates are: (E - Evert, RC - Reed City)

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- July through September there are NO Meetings

GENERAL INFORMATION

2nd Annual Show Gear Buy, Sell & Trade Night - We all have a ton of show clothes and show items that our children have outgrown. Now is the time to sell it, trade it or just buy something for the next season. These items should be clothes, boots, and other show related items (no books, toys, etc.) Monday, December 9, 2019, at the Evert Community Building at the Evert Fairgrounds. Held during the OLC/Small Animal Meeting - Holiday Party at 7pm. Any questions please contact the 4-H Office.

****8 foot table will be available. Bring your own change and price your own goods. ALL SALES are considered final, buyers and sellers assume all risk. NOT sponsored or affiliated with 4-H or MSU Extension.**

High School Seniors!! The Osceola County Community Foundation webpage has scholarship opportunities. You can access the webpage at: <https://facommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/geographic-affiliate-scholarships/>.

The **Bad Toads 4-H Shooting Sports Club** will begin January 7, 2020, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria. Youth ages 8 - 19 as of January 1, 2020 are welcome to join. The league will run for 12 weeks, and the cost is \$10 for the whole 12 weeks and \$20 for the 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.

Judy Mohr Life Skills

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 applications 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 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.

Deadlines for application are:

Turkey - December 20, 2019; Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine - February 1, 2020.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4-H Registration Deadline	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Small Animal & Large Meeting at 7pm at the Fair Grounds	10 Goat Education Meeting at 6pm at Fair Grounds	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Life Skills—Turkey Application Deadline	21
22	23	24 4-H Office closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 4-H Office closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day				

Upcoming January Events...

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- Shooting Sports;
Reed City Middle School Cafe at 6pm

8th - 4-H Council;
MSU Extension at 7pm

13th - Small Animal Turkey Order at 6pm
Large Animal at 7pm
Reed City High School Cafe

16th - Horse Developmental Committee Meeting at 7pm at MSU Extension

20th - Marion Fair Board Meeting at 7pm

February 1st thru February 2nd - Winterfest at Kettunen Center