

# Osceola County MSU Extension 4-H Newsletter

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

**November/December 2018**

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, 2018**. 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 December 3rd, 2018, which is the mandatory goat meeting at 6:00pm at the Evart Middle School Auditorium, January 14, 2019, which is the turkey order at the Reed City High School Cafeteria at 6:00pm, January 8, 2019, the shooting sports program starts back up at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00pm. 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!

Jacob Stieg, Osceola County 4-H Coordinator

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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 Thursday, November 1st at the Evert High School Café at 7:00 p.m. We welcome our new and/or re-elected members: Theresa Sims, Sharon Todd, Tricia Connell, Abigail Kiaunis, Troy Todd, Alana Garrett, Sherry Garrett, Melanie Kailing, Tyler White, Isabell Bontekoe, Mack Bontekoe, Angie Reagan, Angie Moore, Ken Eastman.

**37th Annual Breakfast with Santa** is Saturday, December 1, 2018. 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 26 and ends November 30. 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 8, 2019, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria. Youth ages 8-19 as of January 1, 2019 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.

## 1st Annual Show Gear Buy, Sell, & Trade Night

We all have tons 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. Any show person or parent with show related items to sell (no toys, books, etc.) A chance to sell clothes, boots, and other show related items to other 4-H families

Monday, December 10, 2018 at the Evert Community Building Evert Fairgrounds. Held during the OLC/ Small Animal meeting/Holiday Party. Any questions contact the 4-H office.

\*\*8 foot tables 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 the MSU Extension.



## 2019 KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS

**New this year:** Any youth or volunteer wanting to attend a Kettunen Center workshop or other workshop, must complete the Workshop prepay form and scholarship request form prior to registering. If you pay online please submit the scholarship request form for a refund for the cost of your initial registration cost. the cost of the workshop prior to attending. Remember youth and volunteers may attend up to two workshop with reimbursement through the council.

**4-H Winterfest**, February 2-3, 2019. 4-H Winterfest is a hands-on educational program that is open to youth ages 8 to 12 years old as of Jan. 1, 2019. 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.



## HORSE

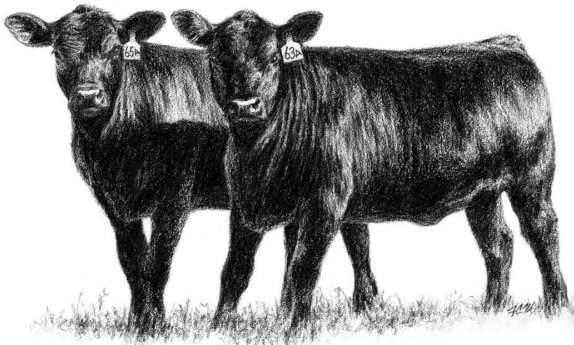


The next **4-H Horse Developmental Committee** meeting will be November 15, 2018 at the Reed City Middle School Library at 7:30pm. All 4-H leaders, members, and parents are welcome to attend. This group plans horse events for the upcoming year, and sets policy for horse members.

## LIVESTOCK

The next **OLC meeting** will be held November 12, at the Reed City High School Cafe, at 7:00pm. 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.

The **Beef Weigh-In** for market beef projects for the Marion, Osceola County, & Northern District Fairs will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the Marion Stockyards from 9:00am 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 14, at the Reed City High School café at 6:00pm. 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 2018-19

- Mandatory Goat Meeting for Osceola County Fair — December 3., 6pm, Evert MS Auditorium
- Turkey Order—January 14, 6pm, Reed City High School Café
- Goat—February 11, Evert MS Café
- Poultry Order—March 11, RCMS Café
- TBD—April 8, Evert MS Café
- Tour—May 6, B&V Processing\* Tentative
- Showmanship Clinic—June 3, Evert Fairgrounds

Available again this year: the **Judy Mohr 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.

**January 14, 2019:** Turkey

**February 1, 2019:** Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep, Swine

## FAIR NEWS

All **fair ages** are determined by January 1, 2019, 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 16-22, 2019—The **Marion Fair Board** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Marion Village Hall at 7:00pm. Officers for the 2018 year are: President: Daryl Bode, Vice President: Carl Bailey, Secretary: Leighann Sikkema, Treasurer: Coral Johnson.

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Evert) July 28– August 3, 2019—The **Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair Board** officers for the 2018 year are: President: Rick Sherman, Vice President: Dave Elder, Secretary: Sandy Holder, Treasurer: Sally Eaton.

**\*NEW FOR 2019\*** For the 2019 Osceola County Fair market goats maybe born after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There will be no rate of gain. Goats must weigh minimum 50 lbs with a maximum of 110 lbs at final weigh in. There will also be a **mandatory** goat meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Evert Middle School for any youth planning on showing a market goat at the 2019 fair.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The **70th Annual Osceola County 4-H Award Banquet** was held on October 21, at the Osceola County 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** - Tiffany Todd & Mariah McNeilly

**Alumni** - Theresa Sims

**Beef** - Tyler White & Kaylee Ladd

**Cavy** - Desiree Reed

**Citizenship** - Emily Ruppert, Kalina Spicer & Tyler White

**Community Service** - Austin Rueffer

**Demonstration** - Troy Todd

**Gardening & Horticulture** - Riley Reister & Autumn Rueffer

**Goats** - Ciara Laramore & Troy Todd

**Horse** - Tracy Clementshaw

**Judging** - Ryleigh Adams, Emma Shank, Abigail Kiaunis, Andrew Kiaunis, Abby Helsel

**Leadership** - Riley Drilling & Drew Spicer

**Judy Mohr Leadership**— Kenny Eastman & Jade Ebels

**Personal Development**— Desiree Reed & Drew Spicer

**Poultry** - Tanner Ryan

**Public Speaking**— Gabe Mosher & Mariah McNeilly

**Rabbits** – Dylan Maddern & Amelia Ward

**Swine** - Brett White & Cy Eichenberg

**Garry Stieg Memorial Award**— Donavin Reagan

**Visual Art & Crafts**— Hailey Evans & Tanner Ryan

**I Dare You Award** - Austin & Katie Rueffer

**Inspiration Award** - Abigail Kiaunis, Jade Ebels, Emily Ruppert

**Leader of the Year** - Carri Morlock-Kearns, Bruce & Stacey Reed

**Sleeping Bag**— Melanie Kailing

**Friend of 4-H** - Reed City Feed, Scott Sykora, John McConnell, Andy Lattimore

**Meritorious Service Award** - Josh Salisbury & Wayne Eversole

**Helping Hands** - Lars Fredin

**Family Partnership Award** - Gabe Mosher, Sam Bailey, Joseph & Alex Mosher—Kunin

## Awards Banquet Continued

### 4-H LEADER RECOGNITION

**1st Year Leaders:** Melanie Fauble

**5 Year Leaders:** Katrina Lechlitner

**10 Year Leaders:** Heidi Ebels

**15 Year Leader:** Mary Harrington & George Millen

**20 Year Leader:** Amanda Brown, Chris Garrett,  
Yvonne Meyer, Patricia Patterson

**25 Year Leader:** Laurie Smith & Sherry Wood-  
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**2018 State 4-H Horse Show** held at the MSU Pavilion. Results are as followed.

### Ryleigh Adams

- ◆ 3rd Split Western Horsemanship — 6th Place
- ◆ Hunter Seat Pleasure — 9th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Western Pleasure — 3rd Place

### Nora Burnosky

- ◆ 2nd Hunt Seat Equitation — 10th Place
- ◆ Hunter Hack — 1st Place
- ◆ Champion Hunter Hack — 3rd Place
- ◆ Saddle Seat Equitation — 3rd Place
- ◆ Hunt Seat Pleasure — 10th Place
- ◆ Photography — 10th Place

### Emma Shank

- ◆ Western Horsemanship — 4th Place
- ◆ Western Pleasure — 9th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Pleasure 7th Place

### Abbigail Kiaunis

- ◆ Speed and Action Race — 9th Place
- ◆ Pole Bending Race — 5th Place
- ◆ Indiana Flag Race — 1st Place
- ◆ Champion Indiana Flag Race — 5th Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race — 5th Place

### Mariah McNeilly

- ◆ Trail — 1st Place
- ◆ Hunt Seat Equitation — 2nd Place
- ◆ Hunt Seat Pleasure — 3rd Place
- ◆ Showmanship — 3rd Place

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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# November 2018

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

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>4-H Enrollment Deadline- December 1st</b>	1 Beef Weigh-in 9am to Noon Marion Stock- yards
2	3 <i>Goat Education Meeting—6 pm Evert MS Aud.</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Small Animal & OLC Fair Grounds 7pm	11	12	13 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg. Evert HS Cafe 7:30pm	14	15
16	17 Marion Fair Board Marion Fairgrounds 7pm	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 4-H Office Closed December 22- 25 & 29- Jan. 3 Merry Christmas!	24/31	25	26	27	28	29 <i>4H Office closed till January 3rd— New Year's Eve &amp; Day</i>

