

*Osceola County*

# 4-H Family News

January 2020

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. We have the Judy Mohr Life Skills Market Contest application available at the office goats, rabbits, and livestock are due February 1. 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, plus Kettunen Center workshops.

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!

Jacob Stieg, 4-H Program Coordinator

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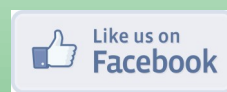
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**Judy Mohr Life Skills Market Animal Contest** - This is open to any youth that is interested. Youth will fill out an application for Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Beef, Sheep, and Swine. The applications need to be submitted to the 4-H Office by February 1, 2020. 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.

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**2019 Michigan 4-H  
Animal Science  
Sportsmanship  
winner**



Michigan 4-H congratulates Caleb Hall, of Shiawassee County, on being named the 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year!

Hall received nine nominations, and that in itself is an incredible accomplishment. Their nomination letters were accompanied by an enthusiastic letter of support from Nikki Hersch, Shiawassee County 4-H program coordinator.

The nominators shared stories of leadership, mentorship to other 4-H youth, determination and passion for his animal projects, and his bright personality. Additionally, Hall was awarded Shiawassee County's John & Joan Spindler Sportsmanship Award in 2019. Congratulations Caleb!

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**January 6: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy**

*Online webinar*

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/ResumeCover/>

**January 7: 4-H State Award Program Overview Teen/Parent Training**

*Online webinar*

This training will provide 4-H members/teens with an overview of the 4-H State Awards Program, as well as review the application and deadlines.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-award-program-overview-teen-parent-training-january>

**January 8: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy**

*Online webinar*

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/ResumeCover/>

**January 15: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

*St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, Centreville*

YQCA is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 18.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals-yqca-st-joseph-county-01-15-20>

**January 31: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop**

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join this Friday evening judging workshop followed by a practice contest on Saturday morning! The workshop will feature three classes and an opportunity to give oral reasons. This is an approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-horse-judging-workshop>

**February 1: 4-H Benefit Clinic**

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join us for an annual clinic, with a day full of clinics in the classroom and arena.

Topics will include showmanship, trail, and barrel racing.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic-1>

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

### MSU Extension to launch new portal for volunteers in 2020

In early 2020, MSU Extension will launch Volunteer Central, a statewide volunteer management database and screening system. Volunteers are the core of many MSU Extension programs and the most essential partners MSU Extension has. As such, the organization has made a major investment into Volunteer Central in an effort to improve processes for both staff and volunteers. In the new system, volunteers will enjoy improved features including easy-to-read dashboards and a one-stop application process, among other advantages.

A unique feature of Volunteer Central is that each volunteer will have their own unique online account and profile. Unlike 4-H Online, family profiles will not be permitted. This is necessary to protect the confidentiality of each volunteer and the integrity of data in the system. In preparation for the launch of Volunteer Central, those who currently share an email address with another 4-H volunteer should make plans to create a separate email address for each shared user. For those who may need help with this task, holiday time with family, friends and neighbors is a great opportunity to ask for assistance in this area.

Once you have created a new email address, please either:

1. Log in to 4-H Online and add the newly created email address to the volunteer with whom it should be associated; or
2. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator and share the newly created email address and the volunteer with whom the account should be associated.

The email addresses in 4-H Online and shared with 4-H program coordinators will be used to create access accounts for current volunteers in Volunteer Central. In the coming weeks, look for additional information about Volunteer Central and when current volunteers will have access to the system. In the meantime, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

### 4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, March 1, at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.). Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.



NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Use the [ticket link \(https://fevo.me/34iKcIrl\)](https://fevo.me/34iKcIrl) to claim as many free tickets as desired. Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. After filling out all the information on the screen, click "CONFIRM." You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan tickets off your phone at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.

### 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you making plans to apply for a 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award? Take note of the exciting changes to this year's program!

- The awards program will be held on Wednesday evening of 4-H Exploration Days.

- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9.

- This will open up the opportunity for all State Award delegates to attend both first and second half sessions at 4-H Exploration Days.

- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Learn more and apply at: [extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards](https://extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards).



## General 4-H News

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**4-H Capital Experience, March 15-18, 2020.** An annual 4-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 130 teens from around the state converge in 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 the 4-H Capitol Experience. The deadline for registration is February 9, 2020. Cost is \$360; possible scholarship opportunities. To learn more about the 2020 4-H Capitol Experience, visit 4-H on the web at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)

**4-H Exploration Days** will be held June 24-26, 2020, 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, 2020. The Osceola 4-H Council generally funds 1/2 of the cost of \$220 (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: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/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 ages 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. Applications are carefully reviewed by a 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. State 4-H Award winners will be announce at the 4-H Recognition Program, held at the prestigious Huntington Club in Spartan Stadium during 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. To learn more go to: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition)

**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 1st. Counties then select their representatives and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information on awards go to: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/uploads/files/Overview%20and%20Instructions%20State%20Awards%202020.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/uploads/files/Overview%20and%20Instructions%20State%20Awards%202020.pdf)

ATTENTION!

### High School Seniors

The Osceola County Community Foundation webpage has more scholarship opportunities; you can access the webpage at [www.occf.info](http://www.occf.info) and click on scholarships.

## 2020 Workshops

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### **4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshops** - February 21-23, 2020.

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 January 1, 2020) and older. Held at the Kettunen Center.

### **4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop** - February 22-23, 2020.

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 January 1, 2020) and older. Held at the Kettunen Center.

### **Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor's Certification Workshop** - April 23

-26, 2020. 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 January 1, 2020. Disciplines offered will include shotgun, rifle (BB, .22, air/pellet), archery, muzzle loading, 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 to develop, expand, and maintain locale 4-H Shooting Sports club/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.

*If you have not paid for your 4-H Enrollment Fee, please do so as soon as possible. You can do a check, cash or credit/debit card. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office at 231-832-6139.*

### 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 13th at the Reed City High School Café at 6pm. Last year's prices were \$10 for bronze and \$9 for white. Please plan ahead and bring extra money, prices have been going up every year. The more we order the better savings we will have. This meeting will count as one of your educational meetings for the fair which you need 3 to sell at the Osceola County Fair.

Check out "Osceola County Michigan 4-H" of Facebook for updates and cancellations.

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### **Important Small Animal Dates for 2020**

#### **Educational Small Animal Meetings**

- Turkey Order - January 13, 6pm at Reed City HS Café
- Goat - February 10, 6pm at Evert Middle School
- Chicken Order - March 9, 6pm at Reed City HS Café
- Entrepreneurial - April 13, 6pm at Evert Middle School
- Rabbit Selection - May 11, 6pm at Posse Grounds
- Showmanship Clinic - June 8, 6pm at Osceola County Fair Grounds

Did you know that the 4-H Office carries riding helmets? We have a new stock of Troxel Riding Helmets - sizes XS, S, M, & L; \$25 each...

#### **Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2020**

- Breeding Date - March 7, 2020
- Doe Due Date - April 7, 2020
- Tattoo Clinic - May 18, 2020

#### **Evert Fair Small Animal Dates for 2020**

- Breeding Date - April 11, 2020
- Doe Due Date - May 12, 2020
- Tattoo Clinic - June 29, 2020

### Livestock

#### **Educational OLC Meetings**

January 13 at 7pm at Reed City HS Café	April 13 at 7pm at Evert Middle School
February 10 at 7pm at Evert Middle School	May 11 at 7pm at Posse Grounds
March 9 at 7pm at Reed City HS Café	June 8 at 7pm at Osceola Fair Grounds

## **REMEMBER...**

If the school district where a 4-H meeting or event is scheduled is **closed** due to bad weather then the meeting will be **cancelled**.

## STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

### Classes:

Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

### Other events during the show:

- » Breed ID Contest
- » Educational Poster Contest
- » Supply Vendors
- » Scholarship Silent Auction

### Cost:

\$3.00 per class

### Who can participate:

Open to all Michigan 4-H members 8-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2020). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-7 years of age is also available.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

### Find out more...

For more information, event catalog, and online pre-registration, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitcavyshow2020/>



**January 25, 2020**

**MSU Pavilion,  
East Lansing, MI**

**On-site registration  
begins at 6:30 a.m.**

**Online Pre-Registration  
available at [https://  
events.anr.msu.edu/  
rabbitcavyshow2020/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitcavyshow2020/)**

**The Michigan 4-H Rabbit  
and Cavy Show is  
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## Upcoming February Events...

1st & 2nd - Winterfest at Kettunen Center

4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - Shooting Sports 6pm at Reed City Middle School Café

10th - Small Animal Meeting at 6pm  
OLC Meeting at 7pm  
At the Evart Middle School Auditorium

17th - Courthouse will be closed for President's Day

17th - Marion Fairboard Meeting at 7pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		4-H Office closed for New Years Day!				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Shooting Sports 6pm RCMS Café	4-H Council Meeting at MSU Extension 7pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Small Animal Turkey Order 6pm OLC 7pm RCHS Cafe	Shooting Sports 6pm RCMS Café		Horse Developmental Committee Meeting at MSU Extension at 7:30pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Marion Fairboard Mtg— 7pm  **Courthouse will be closed for Martin Luther King Day	Shooting Sports 6pm RCMS Café				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Shooting Sports 6pm RCMS Café				