

*Osceola County*

4-H Family News

March 2020

4-H Family & Friends

Winter is coming to a close and spring is on the way. It is time to make room for some upcoming spring events.

Turkeys and chickens have been ordered. Start preparing your poultry pens for the arrival of new chicks.

The 16th Annual Crossroads Classic Beef Show will be held the last Saturday of April at the Osceola County Posse Grounds. There will be a Heart of Michigan Junior Beef Show on the following Sunday at the Osceola County Posse Grounds. Registrations and more information is available at the 4-H Office.

There are plenty of other events and meetings happening the next couple months. Please make sure you add them to your calendar. If you are selling market animals at the Osceola County Fair make sure you have your Small Animal and/or OLC Education Meetings in, you MUST have 3 to sell your animals. If you have any questions or want to know how many you have attended, please call the 4-H Office.

Sincerely,

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Fair Dates:

Marion Fair - June 14 - June 20th

Osceola County Fair - July 26th - August 1st

Northern District Fair - August 16th - August 22nd

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From March 1—April 30, you can support 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store and adding a donation to 4-H at the register.

The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 20% supporting Michigan 4-H.

To find out more information about this donation visit <https://bit.ly/38U22Kw>.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 7: 2020 Michigan 4-H Dog Project Leader and Youth Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This event is for youth, ages 8 to 19, and 4-H dog project leaders to build their knowledge and skill in understanding dog care, management and training topics.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dog-project-leader-and-youth-workshop>

March 14: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Alcona EMS Station, Harrisville

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-alcona-county>

March 21: Montcalm County Fun Goat Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville

This is a fun and educational goat show for ages five to adult. Also included is a market and fiber hands-on educational class and a goat cart demonstration.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-fun-goat-show>

March 26: Credit Craze - Basics of Credit for Youth

Online webinar

This short one hour interactive webinar will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit-craze-basics-of-credit-for-youth-march-26>

March 28: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

This interactive horse show will have judges using microphones and giving on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors. This event is free for all spectators.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/norma-agnew-memorial-4-h-hairy-horse-show>

April 4: 4-H Day at the Red Wings

Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Michigan 4-H youth, families and friends are invited to cheer on the Red Wings. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

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

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

4-H Exploration Days registration opening March 10



4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! Registration for this popular event will open March 10 and is open to any Michigan 4-H'er above the age of 11 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the

opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 200 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. During the 2019 4-H Exploration Days, nearly 2,000 youth attended and they gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication.

Registration will be available beginning March 10 at 9 a.m. All registration information should be turned in to your county's Extension office, typically by the end of April. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for your specific county date or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days for more information.

Celebrate Money Smart Week with 4-H Money Smarts contests

Money Smart Week is April 4-11 and to celebrate, you can win cash for you and your county 4-H program! Youth ages 13-19 have the opportunity to participate in the second annual **Show Your Money Smarts Contest**. During this contest, youth will learn how to use credit wisely through an online challenge. High-scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing for themselves and counties with 10 or more youth participants will be eligible to receive \$50 for their county 4-H program. Make sure to register by April 16!

Students in fifth through eighth grade also have the opportunity to participate in the **Money Smart Kids Essay Contest**. In partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking youth to answer this year's Money Smart question for a chance to win a \$1,000 prize. To participate, youth will share what they know about predatory lenders, why people use them, what the negative consequences are, and how to avoid these types of financial risks. Essays should be 300 words or less and be submitted by March 29.

To learn more about both contests, including official rules, registration links and resources for completing the contests, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.



Share your photo and support 4-H with Manna Pro!

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From February 1 – April 30, Manna Pro is hosting a contest to build a 4-H picture mosaic online. Those pictures are integrated into tiny pieces to make a larger photo.

At the conclusion of the contest, Manna Pro will be providing the top three state 4-H programs with prizes of \$6,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000. Winners will be determined based on the number of photos uploaded in relation to the state's total population.

4-H members, supporters, and friends can upload pictures of their pet or animal to Manna Pro's contest site. In return, they will receive \$50 in coupons and help increase their state's chances at taking home a cash prize!

To learn more or participate, visit www.mannapro.com/4h.

Local News & Events

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The **Ag and Natural Resources Week at MSU is February 29 - March 7th**. ANR Week provides a wide-variety of topics in areas such as agriculture, horticulture, and natural resources, i.e. Quiet Water Symposium, Michigan Wildflower Conference, food and nutrition conference. A complete schedule of events and programs can be found online at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/sessions/>

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resource Camp will be held August 2-8, 2020 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County. Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU – pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Open to teens who are aged 13 to 15. Cost is \$410 for current 4-H Members and \$430 for non members. For more information go to: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/

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.

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Seelye Club Lamb Sale - Saturday, April 11th, 2020, beginning at 10:00am. Lambs are pre-priced from \$250 to \$350. Vaccinated and dewormed. Big muscled, long loined and well balanced. Call to schedule your appointment with Betty or Dick Seelye at 231.250.0333, 15627 Hersey Rd, Hersey.



Boyd's Pigs - contact Scot and/or Nikki Boyd at Boydshowpigs@gmail.com or their Facebook page, Boyd Show Pigs.

Pigs for sale - Born December 16, 2019, seven available (as of January 2020) Call 231.342.8232 and ask for Dan



Are you looking for animals for the fair? Do you have animals to sell to 4-H Members for the fair? Let our office know.

LIVESTOCK

The **16th Annual Osceola County 4-H Crossroads Classic Beef Show** will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds near Reed City. This is a great chance to get your steers and heifers out for a show close to home. There is also a class for dairy steers. Show flyers are available at the 4-H Office or can be emailed to you. Start making plans to bring your animals today!

Heart of Michigan Junior Beef Show will be held Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds near Reed City. This show is open to all Michigan residents that have reached their 8th birthday and are not yet 22 by January 1, 2020. This show is sanctioned by MI Show Points, but all youth meeting the age requirements are welcome to enter. Flyers are available at the 4-H Office or can be emailed to you. Two shows in one weekend!

Marion Fair

Marion Fair Goat, Sheep, Junior Beef Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10am to noon at the Marion Fair Grounds. This weigh in is for goats, sheep and junior beef. Swine must submit pictures to the MSU Extension/4-H Office by April 17, 2020.

Marion Fair Swine will NOT have a Weigh-in again this year! 5 photos of each livestock project must be mailed or dropped off to the 4-H Office along with the pre-registration form by April 17th, emailed pictures will NOT be accepted. Remember: members may register only 2 pigs per member!

Marion Swine: Roaster Weights: 180-219 lbs. (not eligible for champion class), Market Class: 220-290 lbs., Heavy: 291 and up (not eligible for champion class)

Osceola County Fair

Osceola County lambs & goats will be weighed in at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 2, from 8:00 am till 10:00 a.m.

- * Be sure to bring help to unload and reload your livestock if you are unable to do it yourself.
- * Older youth volunteers would be appreciated to help with tagging, etc.
- * Lambs and goats must have scrapie tags! Market goats must be dehorned and castrated at spring weigh-in.
- * **Do not** use Recreational Ave to enter the fairgrounds. We will be using the Laumen Road (blinker light) to enter the fair grounds. We will be using the North gate off Laumen Road and lining up out by the horse arena. There will be signs posted for everyone to follow this year. Contact Jacob if you are interested in helping with weigh in.
- * Swine **will not** weigh in this year; however, 2 side photos and 1 behind the head photo of each pig must be mailed or dropped off to the 4-H Office along with the pre-registration form, email pictures **will not** be accepted. Registration forms are due by May 4, 2020.
- * Final swine weigh-in is between **230-300 lbs.** All under and overweight swine at fair time will not be allowed to stay on the fair grounds and will be sent home. Weigh-in at fair time is from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. on July 26, 2020.

From the MDA, any out-of-state livestock for exhibit shall meet the requirement prescribed for importation of animals of that species and shall be accompanied by a copy of an official interstate health certificate or an official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

Attention Marion
Fair Attendees....

There is an
interest in
decorating the
barns with a
theme (example:
Red, White, and
Blue)

What creative
ideas do you
have?

If you have ideas,
please let the 4-H
Office know and
we can pass the
information along.

Northern District Fair

Northern District Fair Weigh-in goats, lambs and swine will be weighed in on Saturday, May 2nd from 1 to 3pm at the Northern District Fair Grounds. Lambs and goats must have scrapie tags!

Market swine, sheep, goats & rabbits are required to be pre-registered with the Northern District Fair by April 1, 2020. Contact the 4-H office if you need a registration form. All registration forms must be mailed to: Lee & Mary Lee Hebner, 19043 160th Ave, Tustin MI 49688.

Osceola Livestock Club (OLC)

Educational OLC Meetings

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

Remember, members must attend **THREE** of these meetings in order to show and sell at the Evert Fair. Don't wait until the last three to do this!

Small Animal

The Osceola County 4-H Small Animal Association will hold the **chick order** meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Reed City High School Café at 6pm. The order meeting is mandatory for youth planning to exhibit and sell market broilers or cornish at the Marion and/or Osceola County Fairs. Cost of the chicks is \$2.25 each. Chick delivery dates are:

Turkey: Marion Turkeys - Tuesday, March 3rd

Evert Turkeys - Tuesday, March 31st

Broilers: Marion Broilers - April 23, 2020

Evert Broilers - June 4, 2020

Cornish: Marion Cornish - May 4, 2020

Evert Cornish - June 23 or 25, 2020

Market Rabbit Roaster Class: All rabbit entered in this class must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight is over 5 pounds. Maximum weight is 8 pounds. Rabbits must be of one of the following recognized commercial meat type breeds or a crossbreed roaster from two of the following breeds: **Florida White, American Chinchilla, Havana, Crème d' Argent, Champagne d' Argent, Argent Brun, Californian, New Zealand, Cinnamon, Palomino, Rex, American Sable, Satin, Silver Marten.**

All roaster rabbits will be tattooed at the designated tattoo clinic for market roasters for the fair. They may be purchased from a breeder or self-raised and finished on the youth's premises prior to the designated tattoo clinic date for the current fair year.

Youth may choose to sell: a market pen of 3 rabbits (**under 70 days of age**), a single fryer rabbit (**under 70 days of age**), or a single market roaster rabbit (**under 6 months of age**). This will be one of the options to sell two small animal projects within the Osceola County Fair Small Animal Auction. If you plan to exhibit a pen of **market rabbits** this year, the breeding dates for your doe are listed on side of this page; the market rabbits may not be over 70 days old at fair check in.

Educational Small Animal Meetings

- 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 Evert Fair Grounds

Remember you have to attend **3 Educational Meetings** in order to sell a Small Animal Market Animal at the Osceola County Fair.

Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2020

- ◆ Breeding Date - March 7th
- ◆ Doe Due Date - April 7th
- ◆ Tattoo Clinic - May 18th

Evert Fair Small Animal Dates for 2020

- ◆ Breeding Date - April 11th
- ◆ Doe Due Date - May 12th
- ◆ Tattoo Clinic - June 29th

Goats

The **State 4-H Goat Expo** will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020, at MSU. The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for young people who are interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun and educational manner. This event includes contests in judging, quiz bowl, skillathon, creative writing and problem-solving. State 4-H Goat Expo events are open to participants aged 9 to 19 by January 1, 2020. You must be a 4-H Member but you don't have to be enrolled in a 4-H goat project to compete. Some contests are designed for both team and Individual competition. Spectators are welcome! For more information go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2020-michigan-state-4-h-goat-expo>

The Annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic** will be held on June 5 At the Osceola County Fair Grounds at 6:00 pm. Topics will include clipping, fitting, showing, etc. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.

Horse

A **Coggins Clinic** will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at the Osceola County Posse Grounds from 11am to 1pm. If you have any questions please contact Roxie Erler at 231-823-9946.

Fun Fuzzy Horse Show will be on Sunday, May 3rd at the Osceola County Posse Grounds. This will be a haul in only, rain or shine. The show will begin at 9am. Show bills will be available to view at the 4-H Office as well as Facebook. NO SHOW CLOTHES OR SHOW TACK REQUIRED. If you have any questions contact Chelsea Erler at 860-882-4655.

4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show will be held Saturday March 28, 2020, at the MSU Pavilion. Registration begins at 7am and the show begins at 8:30am. No ribbons or points will be awarded, just feedback to help you be a more successful show person! Cost is \$40 for a stall and \$8 per class entered. Ages 9 (as of January 1, 2020) and up are eligible. Negative Coggins test with in the last 12 months is required. https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/Hairy%20Horse%20Show%20Showbill%202020.pdf

The dates are set for the **2020 PEP Benefit Shows and the Pleasure Point Shows**. The shows will be held at the Osceola County Posse Grounds and start at 9am, rain or shine. The show schedule is:

PEP Benefit Show: May 30th and July 18th, 2020

Pleasure Point Show: May 31st and July 19th, 2020

Clover Kid classes will be held for members 5-8 years old during the Pleasure Point Shows. These classes are open to all youth who are 5-8 years old as of January 1, 2020. 5-6 year olds must be on a line lead line. 7-8 year olds must be a designated adult in the ring. Clover Kids are required to wear an approved and properly fitting riding helmet at all times. As in past years, each horse club will be required to help with one of the shows. Contact the 4-H Office for show bills. Horse clubs remember that your club needs to help at one Pleasure Point Show.

If you are interested in participating in the **State 4-H Horse Show** it is August 14-16, you must pick up and submit a Delegate Declaration of Intent to the 4-H Office by May 1st. Depending on how many spots Osceola County will be allotted depends on how many volunteers we will need. Once this information is obtained, I will let you know. Members must be 13 or older as of January 1, 2020. Contact the 4-H Office for a form.

The **Barbara Vanburgel Memorial Scholarship** is available for graduating seniors and graduated youth that are attending a post-secondary institution. The requirements for this scholarship are the youth must be active in the horse project and must submit academic transcripts along with the application. It is due back to the 4-H Office if interested by May 1, 2020. Please contact the 4-H Office if interested in applying for this scholarship.

Marion Fair Livestock Registration Form 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Marion Fair (Registration Form Due Date April 17, 2020)Circle which species you will be showing at fair.

Swine

Breed: _____

Sex: _____

USDA Tag _____

ATTACH PHOTOS ON SEPARATE SHEET (NO EMAILED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

(5) PICTURES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH ANIMAL - FRONT, LEFT SIDE, RIGHT SIDE, BACK, EAR TAG

If this form is not complete and pictures of ID are not clear --it will not be accepted

Osceola County Fair Livestock Registration Form 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Registration Form Due Date May 4, 2020)Circle which species you will be showing at fair.

Swine

Breed: _____

Sex: _____

USDA Tag _____

(IF APPLICABLE)

ATTACH PHOTOS ON SEPARATE SHEET (NO EMAILED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED)**(3) PICTURES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH ANIMAL - LEFT SIDE, RIGHT SIDE, BACK OF HEAD WITH BOTH EARS IN PICTURE****If this form is not complete and pictures of ID are not clear --it will not be accepted**

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 RESCHEDULED Small Animal 6pm/OLC 7pm/Life Skill Interviews Evert MS	3 Shooting Sports - 6:30 & 7:30-pm	4 New 4-H Family Ori- entation - 6 to 8pm at the Courthouse. Please RSVP	5	6	7 Dairy Family Fun Night - 7pm at the Evert Middle School
8	9 Small Animal - Chick Order - 6pm OLC - 7pm Reed City HS Cafe	10 Shooting Sports - 6:30 & 7:30-pm	11	12	13	14 4-H Tack Sale at Fair Grounds 10am to 2pm
15	16 Marion Fair Board Meeting 7pm	17 Shooting Sports - 6:30 & 7:30-pm	18	19 Horse Develop- mental Com- mittee Meeting 7:30 - Evert	20	21
22	23 Osceola Fair Board Meeting 7:30pm	24 Shooting Sports - 6:30 & 7:30-pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <u>Evert turkey ship date</u>				

Upcoming April Events...

2nd - Evert Turkeys
should be delivered

7th - Shooting Sports 6:30
& 7:30 pm

13th - Small Animal at
6pm; OLC at 7pm at the
Evert MS

14th - Shooting Sports
Award Night at 6pm

20th - Marion Fairboard
Meeting at 7pm

23rd - Marion Broilers
should be delivered

25th - Crossroads Classic
Beef Show

27th - Osceola Fairboard
Meeting at 7:30pm