

*Osceola County*

4-H Family News

November 2019

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

I would like to start off by congratulating all the award winners who were recognized at the 71st 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.

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 on page 7.

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 November 23rd, Beef Weigh-in, December 2nd, 2019, which is the mandatory goat meeting at 6:00 pm at the Evart Middle School Auditorium, and December 20, 2019, Life Skills Turkey application deadline.

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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is open. Please remember if you had an account in the past, please DO NOT make a new account; please call the 4-H Office if you forgot your Username and Password. If you need help, please let us know, we are here to help! To register, go to this website: <https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4057396649715A4238754E6B3D>

4-H Enrollment fee is the same as last year: \$20 per member, \$60 for a family of three or more. Check, cash, debit/credit card are accepted.

REMEMBER...4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1ST!!!

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**Register now
for the 2020
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

4-H Events and Workshops

November 8: Gladwin County 4-H Fish Fry Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus, Gladwin

Gladwin County 4-H in partnership with the Gladwin Knights Of Columbus will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Come enjoy fish and support 4-H!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/gladwin-county-4-h-fish-fry-fundraiser>

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 5: Family Holiday Open house

Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing

This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-openhouse>

Save the Date!

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15: 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

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

Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's Leadership Institute to energize women leaders

Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute](#) (WLI). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.



A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14–19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (CANR) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

After the keynote presentations, the youth interacted with the speakers, CANR and MSU Extension staff and each other to share their leadership stories. Following the reception, youth attended a WLI panel discussion at the Wharton Center, which featured world leaders Carolyn Woo, Tiffany L. Jones and Anne Whelan. Youth also participated in a pre-session in advance of the reception that discussed the themes of the evening and how to share their own leadership stories.

"The WLI was an awesome opportunity that challenged everyone, regardless of their stage in life, to be a better leader and develop their leadership skills," said Grace Schmidt, a 4-H'er from Livingston County. "I left the WLI feeling inspired to embrace authenticity in my own leadership," said another 4-H'er, Addy Battel of Huron County. "That experience is having lasting effects on my personal life."

Plans are already underway for another youth-focused event to be held in collaboration with the 2020 WLI.

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GiveGreenDay on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.

Local News & Events

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all that helped with the 4-H Skill-a-Thon
and to those that participated.

Here are a list of the winners:

Beginners: 1st Place - Cameron Winters

Intermediate : 1st Place - Ashley Pollaski; 2nd Place - Malley Terryn; 3rd Place - Andrew Kiaunis

Senior: 1st Place - Brett White; 2nd Place - Ryleigh Adams; 3rd Place - Abigail Kiaunis

Winners per species:

Swine - Grand: Brett White

Reserve: Ryleigh Adams

Goats - Grand: Brett White

Reserve: Ryleigh Adams

Poultry - Grand: Abigail Kiaunis

Reserve: Andrew Kiaunis

Rabbit - Grand: Brett White

Reserve: Malley Terryn

Sheep - Grand: Brett White

Reserve: Ryleigh Adams

Beef - Grand: Brett White

Reserve: Malley Terryn

Horse - Grand: Ryleigh Adams

Reserve: Ashley Pollaski

Dairy - Grand: Brett White

Reserve: Ashley Pollaski

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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 - Ewart, RC - Reed City)

October 14, 2019 - Ewart; November 11, 2019 - Reed City C; December 9, 2019 - Ewart Fairgrounds; January 13, 2020 - Reed City; February 10, 2020 - Ewart ; March 9, 2020 - Reed City; April 13, 2020 - Ewart; May 11, 2020 - Posse Grounds (RC); June 8, 2020 - Ewart Fairgrounds

- July through September there are NO Meetings

SMALL ANIMAL

The Osceola County **4-H Small Animal Association** plans and carries out the small animal events in the county, as well as helps establish rules and policy for the fairs. Come and be a part of the process and find out that is available for your members or clubs. Meeting time is 6:00pm and dates are: (E - Ewart and RC - Reed City)

October 14, 2019 - Ewart ; **November 12, 2019 - Business only (RC)** ; **December 9, 2019 - Ewart Fairgrounds Starts at 7:00 p.m.**; January 13, 2020 - Reed City ; February 10, 2020 - Ewart; March 9, 2020 - Reed City; April 13, 2020 - Ewart; May 11, 2020 - Posse Grounds (RC); June 8, 2020 - Ewart Fairgrounds.

Please note that the **December** 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** at 7pm: October 14, 2019 - Ewart ; **December 9, 2019 - Ewart Fairgrounds Starts at 7:00 p.m.**; January 13, 2020 - Reed City ; February 10, 2020 - Ewart; March 9, 2020 - Reed City; April 13, 2020 - Ewart; May 11, 2020 - Posse Grounds (RC); June 8, 2020 - Ewart Fairgrounds.

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We had a very generous donation of some horse tack, blankets, and an English saddle to be given to Osceola County 4-H families. If you would like to see what was donated, please contact the 4-H Office.

Awards Banquet

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Achievement - Staci Case & Ryleigh Adams
Alumni - Tyler White & Mike Deline
Beef - Kendra Ray, Abby Apsey & Katlin Booms
Citizenship - Alex Retlewski
Communication Arts - Kenny Eastman
Dairy - Mariah McNeilly & Caleb Jones
Nelly Straathof Memorial Award, Dairy - Eric Todd & Isabell Bontekoe
Demonstration - Abbigail Kiaunis & Andrew Kiaunis
Environmental Stewardship - Jade Ebels & Emily Ruppert
Gardening & Horticulture - Kylie Dorn
Goats - KC Burke & Tyler Lindquist
Horse - Megan Gawne & Tiffany Todd
Leadership - Parker Henry & Tiffany Todd
Judy Mohr Leadership - Abbigail Kiaunis & Kooper Workman
Performing Arts - Austin Rueffer
Personal Development - Tanner Ryan
Poultry - Anthony Kiaunis & Emily Ruppert
Public Speaking - Tyler Lindquist & Emily Ruppert
Rabbits - Hailey Evans & Alex Mosher-Kunin
Sheep - Troy Todd & Kiera Elder
Shooting Sports - Kaitlin Woods & Nathan VanAntwerp
Swine - Megan Paine & Jacob Ladd
Garry Stieg Memorial Award, Swine - Daryin Reagan & Jacob Booher
I Dare You Award - Abbigail Kiaunis & Tyler Lindquist
Inspiration Award - Kaitlin Woods, Hannah Foster, Samantha Foster & Jessica Foster
Family Partnership Award - Abbigail, Anthony, Andrew, Abraham Kiaunis
Friend of 4-H - Amanda Case, Michelle Nicklas, Lake Osceola State Bank & Falmouth Co-op
Meritorious Service - Jen Taylor, Becky Smith, Ted Hoffman, Morgan Composting & Rich Fitch
Helping Hands (Small Animal Association) - Theresa Sims
Special Awards/Volunteers - Stephanie Adams, James Kimball, Sharon Todd, Jeff Reagan,
Josh Eichenberg, Brandon Wyman, Scott Henry, Faith Storey, Joel VanAntwerp
All Market/All Species - Troy Todd
Leader of the Year - Theresa Sims
Sleeping Bag Award - Joe Sims
PEP Pleasure -
Ages 16-19
Grand - Ryleigh Adams
Reserve - Mariah McNeilly
Ages 13-15
Grand - Ashley Pollaski
Reserve - Tracy Clementshaw

*A Special Thank You
to all the leaders,
helpers, Fair Board
Members, Barn
Superintendents,
Parents and
families, 4-H
Council Members,
those who helped
with Market Sales,
those who work
behind the scenes,
and to those who
helped another suc-
cessful year of 4-H
and fair seasons go
to great and
smoothly!! You are
ALL greatly
appreciated!!*

Awards Banquet

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Ages Novice 6-19

Grand - Raeleigh Mills

Reserve - Celia Lechlitner

20 and Over

Grand - Kathy Morren

PEP Speed -

Ages 16-19

Grand - Ryleigh Adams

Ages 13-15

Grand - Abbigail Kiaunis

Reserve - Madison Pollaski

Ages 9-12

Grand - Ashley Pollaski

Reserve - Andrew Kiaunis

20 and Over

Grand - Kathy Morren

Pleasure Point, Pleasure -

Ages 16-19

Grand - Mariah McNeilly

Reserve - Megan Gawne

Ages 13-15

Grand - Aliyah Fitch

Reserve - Abbigail Kiaunis

Ages 8-12

Grand - Tracy Clementshaw

Reserve - Staci Case

Pleasure Point, Speed -

Ages 16-19

Grand - Megan Gawne

Reserve - Ryleigh Adams

Ages 13-15

Grand - Aliyah Fitch

Reserve - Abbigail Kiaunis

Cindy Fitch Memorial Award - Aliyah Fitch

Barbara VanBurgel Memorial Award - Mariah McNeilly

Congratulations to All!!

If you were unable to attend the Awards Banquet, your award is at the 4-H Office to pick-up.

Beef Weigh-in for market beef projects for the Marion, Osceola County & Northern District Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at the Marion Stockyard from 9am to noon. All beef must be weighed-in on this day to be eligible for the market sales at the Marion, Evert and 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 and castrated.**

Fair News

All **fair ages** are determined by January 1, 2020, 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.

General News

The \$20 per member, \$60 for a family of 3 or more, 4-H Participation Fee should be collected at your club meeting 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.

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.

38th Annual Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 7th, 2019. This is a 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, 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 ?? And ends November ???. If you would like to donate to Breakfast with Santa please also contact the Kettunen Center.

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 scholarships 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 workshops with reimbursement through the 4-H Council.

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.

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.**

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/>.

November 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 OLC - Reed City at 7pm	12 Small Animal Business Meeting at MSU Extension at 6pm	13 4-H Council at EHS Café at 7pm	14	15	16
17	18 Marion Fairboard Meeting at 7pm	19	20	21 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting at EHS Café at 7:30pm	22	23 Beef Weigh-in at Marion Livestock from 9am to noon
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming December Events...

1st - 4-H Online Registration Deadline

2nd - Goat Education Meeting in Ewart at 6pm

9th - Small Animal & OLC at 7pm at the Osceola County Fairgrounds

16th - Marion Fairboard at 7pm

19th - Horse Developmental Committee Meeting in RC at 7:30pm

24th & 25th - Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

31st & January 1st - Closed for New Years Eve and New Years Day