

*Osceola County*

4-H Family News

September 2019

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

Summer is coming to a close. As you reflect on the past year's events, think about people who helped make your memories possible. These people could be fellow 4-H members, leaders, businesses or individuals who sponsored awards, superintendents, fair board members, or anyone who made an impact on you. Maybe you noticed a youth who worked very hard, but did not receive an award at the fair or other shows. Consider nominating one or more of these people to be recognized at the 4-H Awards Banquet. A list of available awards and a nomination form are included in this newsletter. Youth must be 9 to be eligible, and nomination forms are due to the 4-H office by October 4, so do it today! Nominations can be submitted by email, fax, drop-off, or mail. Also please email me pictures from the past year for our annual year end show.

Volunteers, please keep an eye out for emails and letters regarding background checks. More information to come.

Two major programs are taking place this month. Both on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Osceola County Fairgrounds. First from 9:00 am to noon we will be having our **Skilla-thon** program. Youth that participate in this gets an educational credit for both Small and Large animal. Lunch is being provided at this event. Then from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm is our annual **4-H Round up**. I would like to see all 4-H clubs have a representative at the event.

Sincerely,

Jacob Stieg

Osceola County 4-H Coordinator

Club Leaders!!

Year-end Financial Reports and Annual Civil Rights Form is due to the 4-H Office by September 30th. If you need copies of the forms they are available at the 4-H office, on our website and in this newsletter. Along with the forms, we need a copy of the minutes from one meeting and the club's August bank statement (if you have an account). If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office. Here is the link to forms on our website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/osceola_county_4_h/general-info

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4-H"



Georgia Boots partners to support 4-H



Georgia Boot is offering members of the 4-H community a 50% discount on any boots on their website (except clearance items) through Sept. 30.

Georgia Boot will also give part of all 4-H boot sales back to 4-H by donating 5% to the National 4-H Council. To get your discount code, go to www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/ and register.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

September 9: Youth Fun with Finances

Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

The free and fun event is open for youth, ages 13-19, to participate and learn about how to save money and earn credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-fun-with-finances>

September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings

4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Kettunen Center, Tustin

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-leadership-global-citizenship-spectacular/>

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.



Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

Michigan 4-H represented by two youth at 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Michigan 4-H was represented by two youth in the [4-H Shooting Sports National Championships](#) held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 23 through June 28.

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship is open to youth across the country to compete and present their skills in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and hunting.

“We’re really proud of our two 4-H’ers who attended this national event,” said Laura Quist, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator with MSU Extension. “Competing at the national level takes a lot of commitment, time and effort.”

Preparation for youth to attend the national championships begins months in advance of the competition. The youth selected to participate put in considerable practice time in their chosen events in order to compete at their best.

The Michigan 4-H youth that attended and competed are:

- Joe Balkema, a 15 year-old Kalamazoo County 4-H’er, who received a gold medal in 3-D archery and third place overall in compound archery.
- Jackson Sokel, a 16 year-old Monroe County 4-H’er, who competed in shotgun.

“Congratulations again to these two youth on a great contest,” continued Quist. “We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents of these 4-H’ers who helped to make their success possible.”

Applications for youth wishing to attend the event in 2020 are due to Quist by September 22. For information about the competition or [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) in general, contact Quist at quistl1@msu.edu.

Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H’er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.

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Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibits offers a scholarship opportunity for youth. The criteria for youth eligibility are: 1. Each year six scholarships of \$1000 may be awarded, one being the Neil Kentner Memorial Scholarship. 2. Scholarship is open to applicants that are **high school seniors or currently enrolled** in an institution of advance learning such as a college, university or trade school. (If applicant is a high school senior they must have submitted an application to an advanced learning institution.) 3. Application must be RECEIVED by October 1st, 2019. 4. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Annual MAFE Convention. 5. Recipients may apply each year he or she is enrolled in the institution, but shall not be eligible to receive a scholarship more than 6 years. Preference for awarding of scholarship each year will be to first-time applicants. 6. The scholarship can be used for any and all expenses related to the applicants' continued education.

For more information contact the 4-H Office or their website <https://mifairs.com/mafe-scholarship-2/>

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4-H Enrollment: 4-H Online is the 4-H enrollment data management system for MSU Extension. The online system allows families and youth to enroll themselves and keep their information up to date throughout the year by managing their enrollment profiles online. This system also allows 4-H Volunteers and Club Leaders to enroll online and manage their club members' information. 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. **Enrollment deadline is December 1, 2019!** Current 4-H Families already have an account set-up in 4-H Online. If you forgot your sign-in information, please call the 4-H Office for assistance...PLEASE DO NOT CREATE ANOTHER ENROLLMENT. New families will need to create an account. User guides can be found at the following website: <https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4057396649715A4238754E6B3D>

4-H Participation Fee for the upcoming year is the same as last year, \$20 per member, or \$60 per family if there are more than 3 siblings. Several Osceola 4-H Clubs raise this fee through fund raisers, which is certainly encouraged. There are also a limited number of scholarships available as well. I would like to remind each of you to keep in mind that no youth should miss out on 4-H because of the enrollment fee! Please contact Jake with questions or to find out about possible options.

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BEEF

If you plan to purchase a steer this fall, be sure to ask the seller to put in the electronic ear tag before you bring it home. These tags are required by law for any movement of cattle and should originate from the original herd. The beginning **weigh-in** for beef will be **December 7, 2019**, at the Marion Stockyards from 9am to noon. All beef will be weighed and tagged. Again this year, steers for Cadillac will also have to be weighed and tagged at this weigh-in. **Steers must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in.**

DAIRY

A huge thank you to all dairy youth and families. With the number of animals the barn, milk parlor, and booth stayed clean and well maintained. Clean up day the barns were done early. Thank you from Dave & Kathy Elder—Dairy Barn Superintendents!!

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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HORSE

The **Osceola County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee** meets the third Thursday of each month, beginning September 19th at the Osceola County Fairgrounds at 7:30pm. All horse leaders, members and parents are invited and encouraged to attend. This group plans horse events and set guidelines for the horse program. We need you!!!

The **Horse Developmental Committee** also sponsors participation awards in 3 age groups: 6-9, 10-14, 15-19. Application forms must be completed by the individual applying for the award and are available from the 4-H Office.

The **Proud Equestrian Program (PEP)** for handicapped riders will begin in September. This is a six week program that we do jointly with Mecosta County 4-H. Volunteers are needed to serve as side walkers or to lead the horses. Anyone who has helped in the past knows that this is a very rewarding experience. The riders and their parents are a pleasure to work with and appreciate the chance to actually ride a horse, something we may often take for granted. Consider becoming a volunteer this year - it's only one night a week for six weeks, and I guarantee you'll get more from the experience than you put into it!

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 7, 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 what 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 4, 2019 - Business (RC) ; **December 7, 2019 - Ewart Fairgrounds Starts at 7:00 p.m.**; January 13, 2020 - Reed City ; February 10, 2020 - Ewart; March 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 7, 2019 - Ewart Fairgrounds Starts at 7:00 p.m.**; January 13, 2020 - Reed City ; February 10, 2020 - Ewart; March 11, 2020 - Reed City; April 13, 2020 - Ewart; May 11, 2020 - Posse Grounds (RC); June 8, 2020 - Ewart Fairgrounds

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KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS

4-H Winterfest, February 1-2, 2019. 4-H Winterfest is a hands-on educational program that is open to youth ages 8 to 12 years old as of January 1, 2020. Youth spend two days learning about many different project areas while meeting youth from around the state. Winterfest offers participants an opportunity to experience the Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting, hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports, and 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 they learn from experts from around the state about many different topics.



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DID YOU KNOW....

- Did you know that the monthly newsletters can also be found on MSU Extension Osceola County's website? <https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/> then under Osceola County 4-H, General Info. It can also be found on the main page of 4-H Online.
- Did you know that you can find all of the Records Books and forms including the Club Fund Raiser Forms, Club Financial Forms, Scholarship Forms and more...on our website?
- Did you know that Osceola 4-H has a Facebook page? "Osceola County Michigan 4-H"
- Did you know that we have a lending library that contains books about many topics and subjects? And we have learning lab kits that you can use at your 4-H Club Meetings?

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4-H Fall Round-up
Are you interested in 4-H?
Come and see what it's all about

Where: Evert Fairgrounds
When: September 29, 2019
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
FREE FOOD & PRIZES!



Join a 4-H club or learn how to start your own 4-H Club
For more info contact the 4-H office at 832-6139

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4-H Skillathon

**Sunday,
September
29th, 2019**

**9:00am till
Noon**

**Held at the
Evert
Fairgrounds**

**(lunch will be
provided)**

**Attendees will
receive credit
for a Small and
OLC Education
Meeting...so
come out and
test your
knowledge on
ALL species.**

4-H AWARD FORMS

As we bring this 4-H year to a close, we have the opportunity to show our appreciation to the many, many volunteers who have given of their time and talents to make the 4-H program in Osceola County one of the best. Most of you have participated in at least one 4-H event in this past year. Think of someone who has supported you. It may be a 4-H leader, another 4-H member, a business owner, or a parent. You can show your appreciation by sending a thank you note, gift, or offering your time to do something for them. You may also nominate them for a 4-H award, either individually, or as a whole club. These awards will be presented at the Awards banquet in October.

The Friend of 4-H Award is given to an individual, group or business who has given our 4-H program a boost. This award is reserved for non-4-H people or businesses. Any 4-H member or leader can nominate by October 4.

The Meritorious Service Award is given to individuals or businesses that have outstandingly supported the 4-H program. This is one of our most coveted awards. 4-H leaders, members or parents can nominate by: October 4.

The 4-H Leader of the Year Award is selected from nominations from members, parents, or fellow leaders. All of our leaders deserve this award, so no repeats have been given to date. Nomination deadline is deadline is October 4.

The Sleeping Bag Award is given by the 4-H office to an individual adult who is very helpful behind the scenes. We will take suggestions for this award until deadline is October 4.

For our 4-H youth, leaders can nominate their members 9 and over for a Project Award. Members may not win the same award in 2 consecutive years. Project awards are available in:

- Achievement
- Agriculture
- Alumni
- Beef
- Cats
- Cavy
- Child Care/Development
- Citizenship
- Clothing/Textiles
- Communication Arts
- Community Service
- Computer Technology
- Conservation
- Consumer/Family Science
- Consumer Education
- Cooking
- Dairy
- Dairy Foods
- Demonstration
- Dog Care
- Electricity
- Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment
- Entomology
- Family Lifestyles
- Fashion Revue
- Food & Nutrition
- Forestry
- Gardening
- Goats
- Health & Safety
- Healthy Living
- Hobbies/Collections
- Home Environment
- Horse
- Industrial Arts
- Judging
- Leadership
- Llama
- Money
- Outdoor Education Recreation
- Performing Arts
- Personal Development
- Pets
- Photography/Video
- Plant Science
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- Rabbits
- Reporting Media
- Robotics
- Safety
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Swine
- Technology/Engineering
- Vet Science
- Visual Arts
- Wildlife & Fishing
- Wood Science

The I Dare You Award is given to 1 boy and 1 girl each year who demonstrates outstanding leadership ability. The award consists of a hard cover book entitled I Dare You, and a scholarship to attend the I Dare You Camp the following summer. Members must be 12 and up to be nominated for the award, but must be 16 to 18 to attend the camp. Nomination deadline is October 4.

The Horse Developmental Committee also sponsors participation awards in 3 age groups: 6-9, 10-14, and 15-19. Application forms must be completed by the individual applying for the award, and are available from the 4-H office. Deadline is October 4.

Two Garry Stieg Memorial Swine Awards will be given to outstanding swine members who have participated in the swine project in the current 4-H year. They must be nominated by a 4-H leader or barn superintendent.

Nelly Straathof Memorial Award (Dairy) will be given to outstanding male and female dairy members who have participated in the dairy project in the current 4-H year. They must be nominated by a 4-H leader or barn superintendent.

Take some time right now to nominate someone who you have appreciated this year. The award application form is in the newsletter. Call the 4-H office at 231-832-6139 with any questions.

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Upcoming October Events.....

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 4-H Council 7pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 PEP Cranhill 6pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 Marion Fair Board Mtg 7pm	17 PEP Cranhill 6pm	18	19 Horse De- velopmental Committee 7:30pm	20	21
22	23 Osceola Fair Board 7:30pm	24 PEP Cranhill 6pm	25	26	27	28
29 SKillathon 4-H Round UP	30 Club Financial Statements DUE					

October 14th - Small
Animal Meeting at
6pm; OLC Meeting at
7pm

October 17th - Horse
Developmental
Committee at 7:30pm

October 21st - Marion
Fair Board Meeting at
7pm

October 28th - Osceola
County Fair Board
Meeting at 7:30pm