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4-H Family & Friends,

**March/April 2017**

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

Turkeys have been ordered and will be arriving in April. Start preparing your poultry pens for the arrival of new chicks. If you were planning on showing broilers or cornish at the fair, chick orders will be taken at the beginning of the small animal meeting in March. When we think of chicks in 4-H, we think of fair. Check out the information in the newsletter regarding fair weigh-in and registration this year.

A Gym Night & Pizza Party for the dairy families will take place in April; it is sponsored by the Dairy Boosters. Make sure to put this "utter"ly great event on your calendar!

The Bad Toads Shooting Sports Club has been shooting since January and is about to come to an end for another year, but let's not forget about the award night to showcase what was learned and celebrate together! For those who were not involved in the shooting sports program, sign-up is in January each year. This program is a short-term program lasting 12 weeks.

Horse lovers get ready! The 12th Annual Equine Extravaganza is galloping this way. This event will involve a tack sale and educational opportunities for the horse enthusiast. The coggins clinic will be on a separate day this year. Read inside this newsletter for more details.

The 14th Annual Crossroad Classic Beef Show will be held the last weekend in April at the Osceola County Sheriff's Posse Grounds.

There are plenty of other events and meetings happening these next two months. Make sure you add them to your calendar.

Jacob Stieg,

Osceola County 4-H Coordinator

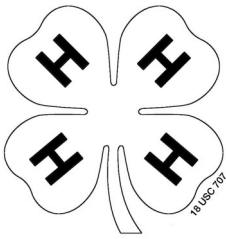
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## GENERAL 4-H NEWS

**4-H Exploration Days** will be held June 21-23, 2017, 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. Anyone who has attended Exploration Days will tell you that it is an exciting experience they will never forget! This program is for youth ages 11 & up as of January 1, 2017 and their chaperones. The Osceola 4-H Council generally funds ½ of the cost of \$165 (which includes meals, lodging, and a t-shirt). Registrations are due by May 1, 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:

[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h\\_exploration\\_days](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days)

The Marion Fair and Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair sponsor the **Outstanding Fair Exhibitor** Award each year. This award goes to the member with the most points earned from exhibits at both fairs. Members ages 14 & up (Fair age) are eligible. You must sign up at the 4-H office by June 1, 2017.

The **Ag and Natural Resources Week at MSU is March 4-11, 2017**. 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 can be found online at:

<http://anrweek.canr.msu.edu/sessions>.

### **4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, July 30– August 5, 2017- 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 \$375 for current 4-H members; \$385 for those not in 4-H. Applications due by May 1. Find out more at: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc>

### **The Highland Ag and Natural Resources Conference**

Michigan State University Extension, in partnership with the Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford County Conservation Districts, is pleased to announce the first annual Highland Ag and Natural Resources Conference on March 11, 2017, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Baker College in Cadillac, Michigan. This is a valuable opportunity for current and next generation farmers or landowners to learn about what's next for Michigan agriculture and land management.

Registration info and agenda can be found at:

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/registration>

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**SAVE THE DATE!** MI 4-H Family Night with the Whitecaps is Friday April 21, 2017. Tickets cost only \$11.50. Wear your 4-H apparel! Those that do will be invited to participate in a celebratory lap on the field during the pre-game festivities! Details will be provided following your order. The first 100 seats filled at the game by 4-H members and their families will be given a 4-H hand fan to wave to show our 4-H Pride. Also, one talented 4-Her will be chosen to recite our 4-H Pledge ON THE FIELD following our celebratory lap. Auditions for this once in a lifetime opportunity will be held at the Kent County Extension 4-H office prior to the day of the game. Please contact the 4-H Office for more information.

**Attention 4-H Members, Volunteers, & Families: Come celebrate 4-H at Michigan's Adventure!** Again this year MI Adventure is celebrating a 4-H Day. The Date is Sat., June 3, 2017. More information to come. Please contact the 4-H Office for more information.

## **KETTUNEN CENTER**

**MI 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop**—April 28-30, 2017. This Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification 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 Jan. 1, 2017. Participants must be approved by their county MSU Extension 4-H Staff person to work with 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and have at least a basic working knowledge of, and experience in the discipline in which they wish to participate. Registration deadline is April 16, 2017.

## **LIVESTOCK**

If you plan to show and sell a pig this year, you must be certified in the **Pork Quality Assurance** program. Many of you already took the PQA training in Evert. If you missed it, there are other opportunities to become certified. Contact the 4-H office for more information. If you passed the test last year, and are still in the same age division, you may not have to re-certify! Remember, the PQA age is as of January 1, 2017. If you take the class in another county, be sure to get a copy of your certificate to the Osceola 4-H office.

### **PQA Age groups**

Ages 6-7: Parents (Adult PQA) or older sibling can cover the youth

Ages 8-11: Must attend yearly to be certified

Ages 12-14: Have the option to test out by taking a test or attend yearly

Ages 15-18: Have the option to test out by taking a test or attend yearly

Age 19: Must attend yearly or could have tested out at age 18.

**Adult Pork Quality Assurance** We are currently trying to have a meeting here locally. Once confirmed emails will be sent out as well as posted on Facebook.

The **14th Annual Osceola County 4-H Crossroads Classic Beef Show** will be held on April 29 2017, 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. Contact the 4-H office for a flyer. Start making plans to bring your animals today! In conjunction with the show, a Pancake Supper will be held Saturday night, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Posse Grounds.

**Marion Fair will NOT have a Weigh-In.**— 5 photos of each livestock project must be mailed or dropped off at the 4-H office along with pre-registration form by April 10 2017, emailed pictures will NOT be accepted. Remember, all lambs and goats must have a scrapies tag in their ear and RFID tags in for Jr. Dairy Beef to meet MDA movement requirements. Be sure yours do! Remember: members may register only 2 pigs per member!

**Evert Fair lambs & goats** will be weighed in at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 6th, from 8:00 a.m. until 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 Laumen Road (blinker light) to enter the fair grounds. We will be using the North gate off from 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 the 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 at the 4-H office along with pre-registration form, emailed pictures **will not** be accepted. Registration form is due by May 8, 2017.
- 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 am to noon on July 23, 2017.

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.

**Northern District Fair Weigh-In** goats, lambs & swine will be weighed in on Saturday May 6th from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. 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 3, 2017. Contact the 4-H office if you need a registration form. All registrations forms must be mailed to: Lee & Mary Lee Hebner, 19043 160th Ave, Tustin, MI 49688.

**All under and overweight market animals** at fair time will not be allowed to stay on the fair grounds and will need to be removed.

### **Osceola Livestock Club (OLC)**

- Monday, March 13th at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Evert Middle School Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.

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!

**Osceola Livestock Club (OLC) (Continue)**

The MSU Extension office is compiling a **list of local fair pigs, lambs and goats** producers. If you or your family has pigs, lambs, and goats for sale please contact the 4-H office. 4-Her's please be sure to be in contact with your previous suppliers.

The **Boyd Show Pig Sale** will be held on Saturday April 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Boyd Farm, 1916 100th Ave Ewart, MI 49631. Contact Nikki at (231) 734-6135 or [boydshowpigs@gmail.com](mailto:boydshowpigs@gmail.com) for more information.

**HORSE**

The **Giddy Up Get Ready Clinic**. The Giddy Up Get Ready Clinic is right around the corner. Topics this year will be Showmanship, transitions, circles and simple changes, horse judging, spotlight on speed, unconventional trail, and versatility. This is a great opportunity to spend one on one time with clinicians while hanging out with fellow Osceola youth. Sign up will begin April 7th and will close at April 21st or as soon as clinic fills. Only 20 spots available to the first twenty who turn in completed application and make payment. Applications as well as the schedule of clinic will be available at the extension office starting in April. The dates for this event is May 12 & 13th. Cost of clinic will be \$50 per horse show. The fees cover the clinic, food, t-shirts, and pay for the entry fee. If you have any questions please contact Chelsea Erler at 860-882-4655.

A **Coggins Clinic** will be sponsored by the Tales and Trails 4-H Club on April 8, at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Roxie Erler at (231) 832-9946.

**Fun Fuzzy Horse Show** - on May 14th there will be a Fun Fuzzy Horse Show held at the Osceola County Sheriff 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 extension office as well as on 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 Sunday, April 8 at the MSU Pavilion. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the show begins at 8:30 a.m. 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<sup>st</sup>, 2017) and up are eligible. Negative Coggins test within the last 12 months is required. The dates are set for the **2017 PEP Benefit Shows and the Pleasure Point Shows**. All shows will be held at the Posse grounds and start at 9:00 a.m. The shows schedule is:

<b><u>PEP Benefit Show</u></b>	<b><u>Pleasure Point Show</u></b>
May 20, 2017	May 21, 2017
June 3, 2017	June 4, 2017
July 15, 2017	July 16, 2017

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 1st of the current calendar year. 5-6 year olds must be on a line lead line. 7-8 year olds must have 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** August 11-13, 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, 2017. 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 area and must submit academic transcripts along with the application. It is due back to 4-H office by May 1, 2017. Please contact the 4-H office if interested in applying for this scholarship.

The Osceola County 4-H Horse Committee will sponsor the **12th Annual Equine Extravaganza** on Sunday April 23, at the Sheriff Posse Grounds. The day will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a tack sale and silent auction. A sundae bar will be available around 2:30 p.m. for \$4.00 per person and will end at 5:00 p.m. There will also be information tables, silent auction, educational activities, cake walk, and equine bingo, and door prizes. Each horse club is asked to provide an item or basket for the silent auction, and cakes for the cake walk. Also, participants for the day! This is really a fun day, and you will also learn something while having fun. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The public is also welcome.

**Horseless Horse 4-H Club** (Riding Lessons) A six week program for kids ages 8 to 18. Sessions will be held at SpringHill Camps in Ewart. Program dates are April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, and 24. Starting at 5:00 pm (possibly 6:30 if enough interest). Cost is \$65 (plus \$10 4-H Enrollment fee if not already enrolled for 2017). (ask about scholarships if needed) Contact Katrina at [ranch@springhillcamps.com](mailto:ranch@springhillcamps.com) or at 616-826-2904

### **GOATS**

The **State 4-H Goat Expo** will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, 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, 2017. 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! Find out more at: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state\\_4\\_h\\_goat\\_expo1](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_expo1)

The annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic** will be held on June 2, 2017, at the Osceola County Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. Topics will include clipping, fitting, showing, etc. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.

### **DAIRY**

The annual **Gym Night and Pizza Party** for Osceola County 4-H Dairy families will be held Saturday, April 15, at the Evert Middle School gym at 7:30 p.m. Again this year, we are inviting all Osceola County 4-H Dairy alumni (and future 4-H members) to join us! Please pass the word. Take a minute to dig up some old pictures if you can. Come out and play basketball and volleyball or just socialize with fellow 4-H dairy members. There is no charge for this event.

### **SMALL ANIMAL**

The Osceola County 4-H Small Animal Association will hold the **chick order** meeting on Monday, March 6th, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. The order meeting is mandatory for youth planning to exhibit and sell market broilers or cornish at the Marion or Osceola County Fairs. Cost of the chicks is \$1.75 each. Chick delivery dates are:

#### **Turkeys**

- Marion Turkeys—February 28
- Evert Turkeys—April 4

#### **Broilers**

- Marion Broilers—April 25
- Evert Broilers—May 30

#### **Cornish**

- Marion Cornish—May 16
- Evert Cornish—June 27

On May 20, 2017 the **Poultry Palooza** is being held at the Eaton County Fair Grounds. The State 4-H Poultry Palooza is designed for young people aged 9 to 19 who are interested in exhibiting poultry and testing their knowledge of the poultry industry in a fun and educational way. Spectators are welcome! Find out more at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017\\_michigan\\_state\\_4\\_h\\_poultry\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_michigan_state_4_h_poultry_show)

There will not be an ARBA rabbit show at the Evert Fairgrounds this year.

New this year at the Osceola County Fair: **Market Rabbit Roaster class**: All rabbits 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 cross-bred 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 below: The market rabbits may not be over 70 days old at fair check in.

**2017 Educational Meetings**—To sell at the Evert Fair participants must attend 3 small animal educational meetings.

- Poultry Order—March 6 at RCMS Café @ 6pm
- Topic TBD—April 10, at Evert MS Café @ 6pm
- Rabbit—May 1 at Evert Fairground @ 6pm
- Showmanship Clinic—June 5 at Evert Fairgrounds @ 6pm

#### **Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2017**

- Breeding Date—March 10, 2017
- Doe Due Date—April 10, 2017
- Tattoo Clinic— May 30, 2017

#### **Osceola County Fair Small Animal Dates**

- Breeding Date—April 14, 2017
- Doe Due Date—May 15, 2017
- Tattoo Clinic— June 26, 2017

## Marion Fair Livestock Registration Form 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Marion Fair (Registration Form Due Date April 10, 2017)

Circle which species you will be showing at fair.

Jr. Dairy Beef	Breed: _____
Goat	Sex: _____
Sheep	USDA Tag _____ (Scrapias: Sheep & Goat)
Swine	(RFID: Jr. Beef)

**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 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Registration Form Due Date **May 8, 2017**)

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 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7pm 4-H Council Reed City	2	3	4
5	6 Poultry Order 6pm Small Animal Reed City School	7 6:30 Shooting Sports	8	9	10	11
12	13 7pm OLC Reed City School	14 6:30 Shooting Sports	15	16 7:30 pm Horse Developmental Committee Mtg Evert Depot	17	18
19	20 7pm Marion Fairboard Marion Fairgrounds	21 6:30 Shooting Sports	22	23	24	25
26	27 7:30 Evert Fairboard Osceola Fairgrounds	28 No Shooting Sports	29	30	31	

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Horse Coggins Clinic—Osceola Posse Grounds— 11am to 1pm
9	10 6pm Small Animal 7pm OLC EMS Cafe	11 6:00 Shooting Sports Awards Night	12	13	14	15 Dairy Family Fun Night 7pm EMS
16	17 7pm Marion Fairboard Marion Fairgrounds	18	19 5pm Horseless Horse at Springhill Camps	20 7:30pm Horse Developmental Committee Mtg RCHS Library	21	22
23  30	24 7:30 Evert Fairboard Osceola Fairgrounds	25	19 5pm Horseless Horse at Springhill Camps	27	28	29