

# Osceola County MSU Extension 4-H Newsletter

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cooperating.*

## 4-H UPDATE

May/June 2016

Let the summer begin. It's time to put away the winter gear and pull out the summer gear or rain gear. Michigan seasons tend to blend, but we hope warmer weather is here to stay for a little while.

School projects will soon be coming to a close as 4-H projects have started to begin for many. Some have been working on their 4-H projects since last year.

There are many opportunities to attend events here in the county as well as outside the county. Two of the biggest events for the summer are the Marion Fair and the Osceola County Fair. Many of you will be attending the fairs so please read the newsletter and fair books carefully to know when your deadlines are. Those who will be participating with small animal and livestock projects make sure you are reaching the educational requirements for each of the fairs.

Along with the upcoming fairs there are camps and other events that are available to the youth. Take a look inside to see some of the upcoming events around and outside the county. Some of the events include: the PEP Benefit & Pleasure Point Shows at the Posse grounds, the Goat Clinic at the Evart Fair Grounds, the Small Animal Showmanship Clinic at the Fairgrounds, and at MSU there will be Dairy Days, the Michigan Livestock Expo, the 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo, the State Goat Show, Exploration Days and more.

I hope you are as excited as me to be able to get outside and enjoy the weather while being active in 4-H. I hope to see you at some of these events.

I look forward to working with all of you this summer!

Sincerely,

Jacob Stieg  
Osceola County 4-H Coordinator

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- Exploration Day Meeting
- MI Dairy Expo & 4-H Dairy Day
- 4-H Pleasure Point Horse Show
- MI State 4-H Horse Trail Ride & 4-H Horse Family Weekend
- Osceola Count Goat Clinic
- State 4-H Goat Show
- Michigan Livestock Expo
- Small Animal Association Showmanship Clinic
- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo



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## GENERAL 4-H NEWS

The orientation meeting for members attending **Exploration Days** will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Osceola County MSU Extension office. All members and at least one parent are required to attend this meeting.

**4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, July 31-August 6, 2016- Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County.** This MSU pre-college program teaches young people about Michigan's diverse natural resources and the Great Lakes ecosystems. Camp is for teens aged 13 to 15, or going into 8th-10th grades in the fall. Find out more at: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc>

### DAIRY NEWS

The **MI Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Day** will be held July 18-22 at MSU. This is great opportunity for youth and adults with an interest in the dairy industry to showcase their skills. 4-H Dairy Days offers youth an opportunity to compete in Dairy Management, Dairy Judging and Dairy Quiz Bowl contests as well as the 4-H Youth Show.

### HORSE NEWS

If you plan to exhibit at any 4-H event this summer, your horse must have a negative **Coggins test**, and a copy of the test filed with the 4-H office. Be sure to bring a copy before your first event! If you bring your horse to the Evert Fair, you will need a copy of the test at the time of unloading. Also, check with your veterinarian to see which vaccinations you should give your horse.



The **4-H Pleasure Point Shows** will be held on May 15, June 12, July 10, and July 17 all at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds north of Reed City. Each show begins at 9:00 a.m. If your club hasn't signed up to help with a show, contact Jacob asap. The funds raised from holding these shows are used to benefit all horse members throughout the year, and all clubs are required to help with one show. Even if you or your horse is not ready to show, come and watch the show. It is a great learning experience!

The **4-H PEP Benefit shows** will be held on May 14, June 11, July 9, and July 16 all at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds north of Reed City. Each show begins at 9:00 a.m. The funds raised from holding these shows are used to benefit all horse members throughout the year, and all clubs are required to help with one show. Even if you or your horse is not ready to show, come and watch the show. It is a great learning experience!

The Michigan State 4-H Horse Trail Ride and 4-H Horse Family Weekend will be held at Whiskey Creek Campground in Custer on June 17-19, 2016. This family event is very enjoyable and offers much more than just a trail ride! Pre-registration is required by June 1. Contact the 4-H office for a registration form or go to [http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/Package\\_of\\_Info\\_2016.pdf](http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/Package_of_Info_2016.pdf)

### GOAT NEWS

The annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic and Fun Show** will be held on Friday, June 10, at the Evert Fairgrounds. The clinic will begin at 7:00 pm. Bring your goats, kids, clippers, hoof trimmers, and grooming equipment. If you have questions, contact Angie Reagan or 4-H office.

The **State 4-H Goat Show** will be held June 25, at the MSU Pavilion. Youth ages 9-19 may enter classes in Showmanship, Dairy Breeds, Angora & Fiber Goats, Pygmy, Market Wether, County Herd, Obstacle & Pack, Driving, and Boer. Cost is \$6 per participant, \$10 per goat, and free stalling. Pre-register by June 10. Even if you do not wish to show, you may attend this show to watch! For more information go to: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state\\_4\\_h\\_goat\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_goat_show)

### LIVESTOCK NEWS

There are only 2 **OLC meetings** left for those of you who still need to complete your 3 meetings for the Evert Fair. The next meeting is May 9, 2016 at the Reed City Posse Grounds at 7:00 p.m. The last meeting will be June 13, at the Osceola County Fair grounds. Be sure to get your 3 meetings in! If you do not get your 3 meetings in, than you cannot sell at the fair.

The Evert fair work-bee will be held on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. All livestock exhibitors are also expected to help with this work-bee.

All 4-H members who wish to show pigs at the Evert Fair must be certified or re-certified in the **PQA program**. If you missed the local classes, contact the 4-H office a.s.a.p. for any classes in our area.

**Adult PQA** class will be offer on May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Evert Middle School. This class is only for adults. To take the class it cost \$20.00. Please RSVP with the 4-H Office prior to this event.

There will be a **Michigan Livestock Expo** taking place from July 13-17. The Michigan Livestock Expo is a multi-species livestock event including beef, sheep, swine, and goats, designed to enhance the livestock industry, educate youth and showcase Michigan's agriculture industry. Champions in each species will be sold at a special evening industry celebration for complete details check go to: <http://www.milivestock.com/schedule.html>

## SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

The **mandatory tattoo meeting** for all Market Rabbits for the Marion Fair will be held on Monday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marion Fairgrounds. The tattoo meeting for Evert market rabbits will be Monday, June 27, at 5:30 p.m., at the Evert Fairgrounds.



The annual **Small Animal Association Showmanship Clinic** will be held on Monday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Evert Fairgrounds. Showmanship for poultry, rabbits, cavies and goats will be featured as well as instruction on completing record books. This is a very informative meeting, and will also count as an educational meeting for both fairs.

There are still **pick-up dates** for market chicks!! They are on Tuesdays (except for one). Thank you for your cooperation as some of our previous pick up dates were re-arranged.

May 17	Marion Cornish
June 1	Evert Broilers ( <b>Wednesday</b> )
June 21	Cadillac Broilers
June 28	Evert Cornish
July 12	Cadillac Cornish

The **State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo** will be held on Saturday, June 11, at Anthony Hall at MSU. Many events will be held, including contests in judging, quiz bowl, breed ID, crafts, and more. Registrations are due by June 3 online. For more information go to: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_expo](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo)

## MARION FAIR (June 19-25)

**All entries must be pre-registered.** No phone entries will be accepted. Pre-entry deadline for Marion is May 31. Mailed entries must be postmarked by May 31.

**The Marion Fair Set-up** will be held on June 8, 2016 starting at 6:00 9.m. to 8:00 p.m. Remember, you and your family have a responsibility to help with set up and clean up. Contact a fair board member to see what else needs to be done!

**Entry day** for animal exhibits and still exhibits will be on **Sunday** this year (except dairy cattle.) Check the fair book for exact times for your species.

**Camping** – Fair Superintendents and Board members must have their campers in by Saturday before fair. Any exhibitor who wishes to camp on the fair side of the river (under the trees by the track wall) may then put their camper in any open spot beginning Sunday morning. The fee remains \$40 for the week.

## Days on Feed for Marion Fair Beef—197 days

Market prices will be posted on the first day of Fair.

## EVART FAIR (July 24 –July 30)

**Small and Large Animal Sale:** Looking for youth volunteers to help serve and work during the animal sales. We are in need of large animal OLC youth to help during the small animal sale and small animal youth to help during the large animal sale. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Remember, fair is a fun filled week were we all come together to help each other out.

The **Pre-registration deadline** for Evert is July 1. You may mail your registrations by that day, or bring them to the Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 1. (Not the 4-H office!) Remember to use your Fair age (as of Jan 1, 2016) when you register. Camping reservations can be made beginning July 19.

**Exhibitor Tags** – Remember the exhibitor tags are electronic so once you entered your pre-registration, you must go to the fair office to pick up you tags. The fair office will not be mailing the tags to you.

A Fair Work-bee will be held for all 4-H members on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to exhibit at the fair, plan to be at this work-bee! You have a responsibility to help with both set up and clean up. Your club or your family may also volunteer to help at the fairgrounds at any time this summer. Just contact the Fair Office at 734-5481 to see what needs to be done.

If you are doing a poster for an animal project for the fair, the size must be 28 x 22

Days on feed for Evert are:

Beef	232	Lambs	78
Goats	78		

Market Prices will be posted the first day of fair at weigh-in.

**Final weigh-in** (goat, sheep, swine) is on July 24, 2016 from 9am – 1pm and any swine not weighing 230-300 pounds will be sent home. Beef weigh-in is at 6 pm .

Rabbits and poultry will weigh in from 4 – 7 pm on Saturday July 23, 2016.

**CADILLAC FAIR (August 16-22)**

**Pre-registration deadline** is July 29, 2016. Mail entries by that date, or bring them to the Fair Office on the 30th. Remember to use your Fair Age (As of January 1, 2016). Fair books should be out Mid-June 2016.

If you would like to volunteer and help at the fairgrounds doing upgrades at the barns please contact Lee and Mary Lee Hebner.



**4-H Shooting Sports Club the  
"Bad Toads" Results (61 Members)**

**Best Record Book 7-8 Years:**

1st place—Aubrey Vandawater  
2nd place—Ethan Nicklas  
3rd place—Konner Workman

**Best Record Book 9-11 Years:**

1st place—Madison Stellini  
2nd place—Devan Nicklas  
3rd place—Lilly Seid

**Best Record Book 12 Years and up:**

1st place—Tyler White  
2nd place—Brett White  
3rd place—Jessica Satterlee

**BB Guns—9,10, & 11 year olds****Gold Division:**

1st place—Devon Nicklas  
2nd place—Madison Stellini  
3rd place—Lilly Seid

**Silver Division:**

1st place—Autumn Cochran  
2nd place—Gabriella Adrianse  
3rd place—Hunter White

**Bonze Division:**

1st place—Abigail Ripley  
2nd place—Bille Soper  
3rd place—Austin Woods

**BB Guns—12 & Up****Gold Division:**

1st place—Rachael Miller  
2nd place—Mackenzie Miller

**Pellet Guns—12, 13, & 14 year olds****Gold Division:**

1st place—Kaylee Smith  
2nd place—Scott Case  
3rd place—Zachary Ripley

**Silver Division:**

1st place—Andrea Satterlee  
2nd place—Jacob Trowbridge  
3rd place—Brett White

**Bronze Division:**

1st place—David Todd  
2nd place—Johnathan Calabrese  
3rd place—Ellen DePew

**Pellet Guns—15 & Up****Gold Division:**

1st place—Tanner Ryan  
2nd place—Jade Ebels  
3rd place—Tyler White

**Leader Tip of the Month –****Creating Successful Youth -  
Adult Partnerships**

- Actively seek youth input, and be sure to listen to their ideas and ask questions.
- Ensure that each adult and young person enters a partnership with a clear understanding of everyone's roles and responsibilities.
- Value youth participation and what they bring to the program.
- Schedule meetings when and where young people can attend, and keep to the scheduled time.
- Prepare both youth and adults for involvement by sharing information prior to meetings/activities.
- Set realistic expectations. Effective partnerships don't set young people up for failure by throwing them into situations for which they are not prepared.
- Offer youth and adult training so they can work together and be accepting of one another.
- Develop an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. If needed, create and utilize a set of ground rules for discussion to ensure equal opportunity for expression of thoughts.
- Be a good role model – set a good example through language and actions, and set the same standards for youth.
- Listen and validate the thinking of youth members, and let them know their ideas are welcome.
- Be willing to try youth members' ideas even if those particular ideas did not work in your previous experience.

## MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Small Animal Mtg. 6:00 pm EMS Cafe	3	4 4-H Council 7:00 pm Evert Middle School Cafe	5	6	7 Evert Weigh-In 8am—10am Evert Fairgrounds  Cadillac Weigh-In 1pm—3pm
8	9 OLC Mtg. 7:00 pm Posse Grounds	10	11 Cadillac Area Livestock Mtg. 7:00 pm	12	13	14 PEP Benefit Show 9 am Posse Grounds
15 Pleasure Point Show 9am Posse Grounds	16 Marion Fair Board 7:00 pm	17 Marion Cornish Arrive 4-H Office <del>Marion Tattoo Clinic 6:00 pm</del> Marion Fairgrounds	18	19 Horse Developmental Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm RCHS Library	20	21
22	23 Evert Fair Board 7:30 pm Fairgrounds	24 Adult PQA 7:00 pm Evert Middle School	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31				

## JUNE 2016

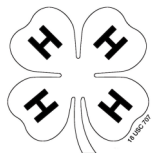
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Evert Broiler Arrive 4-H Office	2	3	4
5	6 Small Animal Showmanship Clinic 6:00 pm Evert Fairgrounds	7	8 Cadillac Area Livestock Mtg. 7:00 pm Fairgrounds	9	10 Goat Clinic 7 pm Evert Fairgrounds	11 PEP Benefit Show 9 am Posse Grounds
12 Pleasure Point Show 9am Posse Grounds	13 OLC Mtg. 7:00 pm Evert Fairgrounds	14	15	16 Horse Develop- mental Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm	17	18 Leadership Summit 9:00 am Evert Fairgrounds
19	20	21 Cadillac Broilers Arrive 4-H Office	22	23	24	25
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June 19th—25th MARION FAIR						
26	27 Evert Tattoo Clinic 5:30 pm Evert Fairgrounds <hr/> Evert Fair Board 7:30 pm	28 Evert Cornish Arrive 4-H Office	29	30		



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# 2016 Fair Dates

June 19-25 Marion Fair

July 24-30 Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair

August 14-20 Northern District Fair

