



# Osceola County MSU Extension 4-H Newsletter

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## 4-H UPDATE

May/June 2017

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 Evert 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 OLC is starting a Beef committee.

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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## Special Points of Interest

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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 Monday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Osceola County Fairgrounds. All members and at least one parent are required to attend this meeting.

**4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, July 30-August 5, 2017- 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 17-21, 2017 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 21 June 4, and July 16, 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 20, June 3, and July 15, 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 D Bar D Ranch in Chase

on June 23-25, 2017. 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.canr.msu.edu/ans/uploads/files/Packet\\_of\\_Info\\_2017.pdf](http://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/uploads/files/Packet_of_Info_2017.pdf)

## GOAT NEWS

The annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic and Fun Show** will be held on Friday, June 2, at the Evert Fairgrounds. The clinic will begin at 6:00 pm. Bring your goats, kids, clippers, hoof trimmers, and grooming equipment. If you have questions, contact the 4-H office.

The **State 4-H Goat Show** will be held June 24, 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 2nd. Even if you do not wish to show, you may attend this show to watch! For more information go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HGoatShow2017>

## LIVESTOCK NEWS

There are only 1 **OLC meeting** left for those of you who still need to complete your 3 meetings for the Evert Fair. The last meeting will be June 12, 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 19 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.

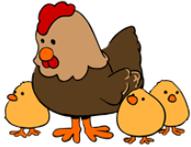
**Adult PQA** class will be offer on May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Evert Middle School. This class is only for adults. There is no cost this year. Please RSVP with the 4-H Office prior to this event.

There will be a **Michigan Livestock Expo** taking place from July 13-16. 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>

Attention all **Beef participants**, we have been working on wart issues since March. Please check your steers ears where the tattoo was placed. If warts are present please contact the 4-H office.

## LIVESTOCK NEWS CONTINUE

**Beef Committee:** At May OLC meeting there was a question in regards to the fitting of the steers. There will be no change this year for fair. But I am calling all beef youth to help look into and other beef topics to contact my office. This is a great opportunity for any youth, last time we had a committee was the picture banners so PLEASE call.



### SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

The **mandatory tattoo meeting** for all Market Rabbits for the Marion Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marion Fairgrounds.

May 30 is also the tattoo clinic for the new **Roaster Class** at the Osceola County Fair. Same time and place as the Marion Fair Tattoo Clinic.

The tattoo meeting for Evert market rabbits will be Monday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the Evert Fairgrounds.

The annual **Small Animal Association Showmanship Clinic** will be held on Monday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Evert Fairgrounds. Showmanship for poultry, rabbits, covies 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. Thank you for your cooperation as some of our previous pick up dates were re-arranged.

May 16	Marion Cornish
May 30	Evert Broilers
June 27	Evert Cornish

The **State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo** will be held on Saturday, June 10, 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 2nd online. For more information go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HRabbitCavyShow2017>

### MARION FAIR (June 19-25)

**All entries must be pre-registered.** No phone entries will be accepted. Pre-entry deadline for Marion is May 20. Mailed entries must be postmarked by May 20.

**The Marion Fair Set-up** will be determined

**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 \$50 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 23–July 29)

**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 7. You may mail your registrations by that day, or bring them to the Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 7. (Not the 4-H office!) Remember to use your Fair age (as of Jan 1, 2017) when you register. Camping reservations can be made beginning July 18.

**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 19 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 23, 2017 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 5 – 8 pm on Saturday July 22, 2017.

**CADILLAC FAIR (August 13-19)**

**Pre-registration deadline** is July 28, 2017. 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, 2017). Fair books should be out Mid-June 2017.

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" Re-  
sults  
(65 Members)**

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

1st place-Konner Workman  
2nd place-Garrin Schneeg  
3rd place-Karsen Rehkopf

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

1st place-Megan Ebels  
2nd place-Hunter White  
3rd place-Billie Soper

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

1st place-Tanner Ryan  
2nd place-Brett White  
3rd place-Madison Stellini

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

1st place-Gabriella Adrianse  
2nd place-Braden Bloom  
3rd place-Megan Ebels

**Silver Division:**

1st place-Ayden Mullen  
2nd place-Abigail Ripley  
3rd place-Cy Eichenberg

**Bonze Division:**

1st place-Corbin White  
2nd place-Nicklas Hartley  
3rd place-Gracie Ward

**BB Guns 12 & Up****Gold Division:**

1st place-Autumn Cochran

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

1st place-Zachary Ripley  
2nd place-Devon Nicklas  
3rd place-Allison Kleeves

**Silver Division:**

1st place-Abbigail Kiaunis  
2nd place-Jada Montgomery  
3rd place-David Todd

**Bronze Division:**

1st place-Samantha DePew  
2nd place-Dennis Miller  
3rd place-Alex Johnson

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

1st place-Tanner Ryan  
2nd place-Jade Ebels  
3rd place-Jessica Satterlee

**Silver Division:**

1st place-Brett White  
2nd place-Eric Todd  
3rd place-Sophie VanAntwerp



**MAY 2017**

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

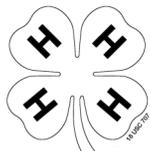
**JUNE 2017**

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

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# 2017 Fair Dates

June 18-25 Marion Fair  
July 23-29 Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair  
August 13-19 Northern District Fair

