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4-H UPDATE

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. 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,

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Special Points of Interest

- 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
- 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
- Michigan Livestock Expo
- Small Animal Association Showmanship Clinic

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GENERAL 4-H NEWS

The orientation meeting for members attending **Exploration Days** will be held on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 pm at the 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, August 5-11, 2018- 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>

Michigan Adventure 4-H Day! Saturday, June 9, 2018. Admission \$25.00 per person, includes UNLIMITED use of the amusement park and water park (with the exception of RipCord and Bumper Boats) 4-H Day Meal Tickets will be available for only \$7.00 each. Reservations are required for admission and meal tickets by June 4, 2018: Contact the Group Sales Office directly at 231-766-9959, youth-sales@miadventure.com or visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents.

DAIRY NEWS

The **MI Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Day** will be held July 16-20, 2018 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 13, June 10, and July 22, 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 12, June 9, and July 21, 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 15-17, 2018. 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 www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-trail-ride

GOAT NEWS

The annual **Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic and Fun Show** will be held on Friday, June 1, 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.

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 11, 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 25 at 7:00 pm. All livestock exhibitors are also expected to help with this work-bee.

There will be a **Michigan Livestock Expo** taking place from July 12th-15th. 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: www.milivestock.com/schedule.html

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

The **mandatory tattoo meeting** for all Market Rabbits for the Marion Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 30, at 6:00 pm at the Marion Fairgrounds. May 30th 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 25th, at 5:30 pm, at the Evert Fairgrounds.



The annual **Small Animal Association Showmanship Clinic** will be held on Monday, June 4th, at 6:00 pm 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 Thursdays. Thank you for your cooperation as some of our previous pick up dates were re-arranged.

May 17th	Marion Cornish
June 7th	Evert Broilers
June 28th	Evert Cornish



MARION FAIR (June 17-23)

All entries must be pre-registered. No phone entries will be accepted. Pre-entry deadline for Marion is May 19. Mailed entries must be postmarked by May 19.

The Marion Fair Set-up Wednesday June 13, 2018 starting at 6 p.m.

Entry day for animal exhibits and still exhibits will be on **Sunday June 17** 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 begin-

ning 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 29-August 4)

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 6. 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, 2018) when you register. Camping reservations can be made beginning July 23.

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 25 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 239	Lambs 85
Goats 85	

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

Final weigh-in (goat, sheep, swine) is on July 29, 2018 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, 2018.

CADILLAC FAIR (August 12-18)

Pre-registration deadline is July 29, 2018. 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, 2018). Fair books should be out mid June 2018.

If you would like to volunteer and help at the fair-grounds doing upgrades at the barns please contact Lee and MaryLee Hebner.



Horse Shows

Congratulations to the group that went to the **MSU 2018 4-H Hippology Skills & Communications Contest**.

Here are the winners:

Juniors:

- Andrew Kiaunis got 6th place in written test and skills.

Senior Novice:

- Ryleigh Adams got 5th in slides; 7th in written test, 10th in stations, 3rd in skills, 1st in judging and 2nd Overall.

- Abby Helsel got 4th in written test, 6th in stations.

- Abigail Kiaunis got 2nd in stations and 7th in horse judging.

All three placed 3rd in teams.

Senior:

- Emma Shank got 9th in slides, 1st in horse judging, 2nd in stations, 8th in skills and 1ST OVERALL!!

At the MSU State Horse Judging -

Junior: Andrew Kiaunis got 4th in reasons and 5th in overall

Senior: Emma Shank got 7th in reasons and 9th overall out of 45 contestants.

Senior Teams placed 5th Overall out of 9 teams.

Congratulations to you all!!!



2018 Fair Dates

June 17-23 Marion Fair

July 29-Aug 4 Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair

August 12-18 Northern District Fair



MAY 2018

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

JUNE 2018

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