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little; together we can
do so much."

Helen Keller

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

I would like to start off by congratulating all the award winners who were recognized at the 67th annual 4-H Awards Banquet! The quality of our members, volunteers and supporters is awesome; and I am thankful to be a part of the Osceola County program! I appreciate all that you do to keep the 4-H program strong.

As a reminder all 4-H members must enroll or re-enroll online by **December 1, 2015**. Some clubs still have not turned in their financial paper work for last year; if this is you please get it turned in as soon as possible.

4-H Enrollment is done online this year using 4-H Online, the new 4-H enrollment data management system for MSU Extension. **If a family was in 4-H last year accounts have already been established in the 4-H Online System; please do not create a duplicate account.** Duplicate accounts will be deleted and the enrollment process will have to be restarted. Login using your email that was provided last year to the 4-H office and request a new password be sent to you by clicking the button "I forgot my password". Once into your family account click on the edit button to update all information and re-enroll. If you do not know what your email is or do not have an email please call the 4-H office for help. New families will need to create a family account and add members. 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. The 4-H Online website is: <https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4057396649715A4238754E6B3D>

Club meetings have begun along with other organizations planning meeting dates and topics for workshops that are offered to leaders and members. Make plans to be a part of planning these meetings or taking in a workshop. The Kettunen Center workshops are right here in Osceola County, and the 4-H Council will fund two workshops per year for each member or leader. When attending these workshops every participant must fill out a scholarship request form.

During this time of year many of the associations will be holding their annual meetings. These annual meetings include the Small Animal Association, 4-H Council, Osceola Livestock Committee (OLC), and the Horse Developmental Committee.

A couple important dates to add to your calendar are January 4, 2016, which is the turkey order at the Evart Middle School Cafeteria at 6 pm, and January 5, 2016 the shooting sports program starts back up at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria. Remember if the school district where a 4-H meeting is scheduled is **closed** than the meeting will be **cancelled**.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday experience with one another. Happy Holidays!

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GENERAL 4-H NEWS

The \$10 **4-H Participation Fee** should be collected at your club meetings and turned into the 4-H Office at one time by your club leader. If unable to pay your participation fee at your club meeting the 4-H office will accept individual payments.

The next **Osceola County 4-H Council** meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Reed City High School Library at 7:00 p.m. We welcome our new and/or re-elected members: Tricia Connell, Amber Eastman, Cindy Eastman, Ken Eastman, Heidi Ebels, Jade Ebels, Theresa Ensing, Alexis Fehrenbach, Alana Garrett, Sherry Garrett, Coral Johnson, Susie Miller, Angie Moore, Angie Reagan, Emily Ruppert and Troy Todd.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 5. This is Kettunen Center's largest community event; it is our opportunity to give back to the community. Families are welcome to come enjoy breakfast, visit with Santa, try a craft, and enjoy face painting, entertainment, games, and a photo booth (bring your own camera). This event is volunteer run and promotes family togetherness and literacy. Breakfast with Santa is just \$1 per child and \$3 per adult. Please call 231-829-3421 to register beginning November 30 and ends December 4. If you would like to donate to Breakfast with Santa please also contact Kettunen Center.



The **Bad Toads 4-H Shooting Sports Club** will begin the winter league on Tuesday, January 5, 2015, at the Reed City Middle School Cafeteria. Youth ages 8-19 as of January 1, 2016 are welcome to join. The league will run for 12 weeks, and the cost is \$10 for the whole 12 weeks, plus the \$10 4-H participation fee if you have not already paid in another 4-H club. You will need to enroll online before the first meeting in January. If you have questions on enrollment contact the 4-H office.

High School Seniors!!! The Osceola County Community Foundation webpage has scholarship opportunities; you can access the webpage at:

<http://facommunityfoundation.org/about-us/geographic-affiliates/osceola-county-community-foundation/> and click on scholarships.



2016 KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS

Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular, January 30—31, 2016. The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! In the spirit of "thinking globally and acting locally" participants in

this exciting, energetic, hands-on workshop will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, and international cultures. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 to 112 (by Jan. 1, 2016), who seek to develop skills to serve (or assist youth serving) in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state and the world. Attending the 2016 Michigan 4-H

4-H Winterfest, February 6 –7, 2016. 4-H Winterfest is a hands-on educational program that is open to youth ages 8 to 12 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016. Youth spend two days learning about many different project areas while meeting youth from around the state. Winterfest offers participants an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports. Winterfest is also 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 also learn from experts from around the state about many different topics.

4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop, February 19—20, 2016. Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach attendees how to help members recognize healthy, sick, and/or injured animals. Meet other youth and leaders who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. New resources will be provided to all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2016) and older.

4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop, February 20—21, 2016. This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, breakout sessions will include livestock and meat evaluation, animal management and more. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged for exchanging of ideas and programs and connecting with other volunteers in the same project areas. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance communication and teaching skills as well as learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Resources will be available for all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2016) and older.



HORSE

The next **4-H Horse Developmental Committee** meeting will be November 19, at the Evert Depot at 7:30 p.m. All 4-H leaders, members and parents are welcome to attend. This group plans horse events for the upcoming year, and sets policy for horse members.

LIVESTOCK

The next **OLC meeting** will be held November 9, at the Evert Middle School Auditorium, at 7:00 p.m. One order of business at this meeting will be to elect officers. Remember, you must attend at least 3 meetings to show & sell at the Evert Fair. These meetings count as educational meetings for the Marion Fair.

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 5, 2015**, at the Marion Stockyards from 9:00 a.m. until 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.**

The **Winter Beef Classic** will be held at MSU December 11-13. If you participated last year, forms will be sent directly to you. Entries must be postmarked by November 17. Forms are also available at the 4-H office or at: [http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/WinterClassic/2015/2015%20Winter%20Classic%20Entry%20Packet%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/WinterClassic/2015/2015%20Winter%20Classic%20Entry%20Packet%20(1).pdf)



PQA (Pork Quality Assurance) class will be held on January 11 at the Evert Middle School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All 4-H members who wish to sell market swine are required to be certified in PQA.

The **Beef Weigh-In** for market beef projects for the Marion, Osceola County, & Northern District Fairs will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at the Marion Stockyards from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All beef must be weighed in on this day to be eligible for the market sales at Marion, Evert, or Cadillac Fairs. If you are purchasing your calf, be sure to ask that the seller tag your calf with the RFID ear tag, so that you won't have to order tags from MDA yourself. If your calf is homegrown, state law requires that you have the RFID tag in place as well. All calves will be tagged with the 4-H tag. **All calves must be dehorned with no horns present at the time of beginning weigh-in & castrated.**

SMALL ANIMAL

The mandatory **order meeting for market turkeys** for the Marion and Evert fairs, and Small Animal Association meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, at the Evert Middle School café at 6:00 p.m. Prices for chicks will be available after Dec. 1. (Last year's prices were \$6.75 for bronze and \$5.75 for white.) This meeting will count as one of your educational meetings for fair which you need 3 to sell at the Osceola County Fair.



The Annual **4-H Small Animal Association Cook-Off** will now be held March 19 at the Reed City Middle School. Watch for details in the upcoming newsletter.

Educational Small Animal Meetings Dates for 2016

- Turkey Order—January 11, 6pm, Evert MS Café
- Goat—February 8, Evert MS Café
- Poultry Order—March 7, RCMS Café
- Topic not set—April 11, Evert MS Café
- Rabbit—May 2, Evert MS Café
- Showmanship Clinic—June 6, Evert Fairgrounds

Marion Fair Small Animal Dates for 2016

- Breeding Date—March 11
- Doe Due Date—April 11
- Tattoo Clinic—May ?

Evert Fair Small Animal Dates for 2016

- Breeding Date—April 15
- Doe Due Date—May 16
- Tattoo Clinic—June ?

The Osceola 4-H Rabbit Quiz Bowl Teams will be holding meetings to practice for the upcoming State 4-H Rabbit Expo events held in June 2016. The teams meet at the Reed City Middle School, Room 130, on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Any registered 4-H youth in Osceola County may participate on these teams. Events include: Quiz Bowl, Rabbit Judging, Cavy Judging, Rabbit & Cavy Skill-a-thon, Written Quiz, Rabbit Showmanship, Cavy Showmanship, Breed Identification, Posters, and Crafts. There are team and individual events for members to participate in. New members are welcome. For further information contact Chris at (231) 912-1306 or Sherry at (231) 468-1233 or Ronda (231) 468-1863.



FAIR NEWS

All **fair ages** are determined by January 1, 2016, the same as 4-H age! Cadillac will be for members ages 6-18; Evart will be ages 6-19; and Marion will be ages 6-19. This could mean that a 5 year old eligible to join 4-H would not be able to show and sell an animal at the fair until the next year when he/she would be 6, both 4-H and Fair age.

Marion Fair June 19-25, 2016—The **Marion Fair Board** meets every 3rd Monday of each month at the Marion Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. Officers for the 2016 year are: President: Daryl Bode, Vice President: Angie Moore, Secretary: Marv Heuker, Treasurer: Coral Johnson.

Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair (Evart) July 24-30, 2016—The **Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fair Board** officers for the 2016 year are: President: Rick Sherman, Vice President: Ed Marsh, Secretary: Sandy Holder, Treasurer: Sally Eaton.

Northern District Fair (Cadillac) August 14-20, 2016—If you plan to exhibit a **market beef, dairy beef, turkeys, broilers, or cornish** at the **Northern District Fair** (Cadillac), you must pre-register by December 1, 2015. Forms are available at the 4-H office, and must be mailed to: Mary Lee Hebner, 19043 160th Ave., Tustin, MI 49688. Again this year, there is also a **mandatory** beef weigh-in on December 5, 2015, at the Marion Stockyards from 9am to noon.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The **67th Annual Osceola County 4-H Award Banquet** was held on October 18, at the Reed City High School Café. It included a catered meal, voting for the new Council members, door prizes, a slideshow presentation of the past 4-H year, and awards presented to members, leaders, and community supporters. Following are the award winners:

Achievement – Ciara Erbes & Alexis Fehrenbach

Alumni – Josh Eichenberg

Cavy – Jade Ebels

Citizenship – Riley Drilling

Community Service – Kenny Eastman

Goat – Mariah McNeilly & Ciara Erbes

Horse – Daryin Reagan & Aliyah Fitch

Judging – Veronica Lofquist

Leadership – Jade Ebels & Troy Todd

Llama – Amber Eastman

Poultry – Tanner Ryan

Public Speaking – Reese Drilling

Rabbits – Desiree Reed

Swine – Seth Reister & Ashly Bode

I Dare You Award – Troy Todd & Alexis Fehrenbach



Friend of 4-H – Ebel's General Store, Gondek's Body & Frame, Triple D Firewood, Joe Sims, Ron Morren, Salisbury Trucking, Valueland, Cargill & Ted Hoffman

4-H Leader of the Year – Susan Brown Dairy Lads & Lassies

Meritorious Service Award – Keith & Janice Houseman, Jim & Sally Eaton, Smith Lumber, & Ina Store

Helping Hands – Barb Todd

Family Partnership Award - Donovan & Daryin Reagan

Sleeping Bag Award – Scott Henry

Special Volunteers – Rene Stieg

Garry Stieg Memorial Award – Kenny Eastman & Daryin Reagan

Osceola County was represented by 8 horse members during the **2015 State 4-H Horse Show** held at the MSU Pavilion. Results are as followed.

Rebekah Battle (16-17 years)

- ◆ Pole Bending Race 7th Place
- ◆ Indiana Flag Race 4th Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race 4th Place

Riley Drilling (14 years)

- ◆ 2nd Split Showmanship, 8th Place

Ciara Erbes (18-19 years)

- ◆ Pole Bending Race 8th Place
- ◆ Indiana Flag Race 6th Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race 2nd Split 2nd Place

Madeline Harrington (18 years)

- ◆ Western Pleasure 4th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Western Horsemanship 7th Place
- ◆ Showmanship 3rd Place

Mariah McNeilly (15 years)

- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Equitation 5th Place
- ◆ Trail 3rd Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Showmanship 3rd Place

Brandy O'Neil (16-17 years)

- ◆ Speed & Action Race 4th Place
- ◆ Cloverleaf Barrel Race 2nd Split 5th Place
- ◆ Gymkhana Showmanship 6th Place

Kavla Pollaski (18 years)

- ◆ 2nd Split Hunt Seat Pleasure 7th Place
- ◆ Western Horsemanship 8th Place
- ◆ 2nd Split Showmanship 7th Place

Taylor Whaling (16-17 years)

- ◆ Indiana Flag Race 2nd Split 3rd Place

4-H LEADER RECOGNITION

1st Year Leaders: Sarah Borntreger, Joyce Dorn, Kelli Elder, Jess Erler, Jesse Kailing, Judy Mohr, Violet Moore & Rene Stieg

5 Year Leaders: Jodi Drilling & Brenda Henry

10 Year Leaders: Molly Harris, Susan Miller, Bruce & Stacey Reed

15 Year Leader: Thomas Patterson

25 Year Leader: Dave & Kathy Elder

30 Year Leaders: David Garrett & Sherry Garret

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Small Animal Mtg. 6:00 pm RCMS Café	3	4 4-H Council Mtg. 7:00 pm RCHS Library	5	6	7
8	9 OLC Mtg. 7:00 pm Evert MS Auditorium	10	11 4-H Office Closed Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16 Marion Fair Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Marion Village Hall	17	18	19 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Evert Depot	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  4-H Office Closed Nov 26-27 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29	30					

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Beef Weigh-in 9:00 am—noon Marion Stockyards
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Small Animal Mtg. 6:00 pm & OLC Mtg. 7:00 pm RCMS Café	15	16	17 Horse Developmental Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm RCHS Library	18	19
20	21 Marion Fair Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Marion Village Hall	22	23	24  4-H Office Closed Dec 24-25 Merry Christmas!	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 4-H Office Closed New Year's Eve & Day		