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 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
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 Evart 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 County 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

GOAT NEWS

The annual Osceola County 4-H Goat Clinic and Fun Show will be held on Friday, June 2, at the Evart 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 Evart 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 Evart 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 Evart 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 Evart 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 Evart market rabbits will be Monday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the Evart Fairgrounds.

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

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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 Evart 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

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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.
CADDILLAC 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” Results
(65 Members)

Best Record Book 7-8 Years:
1st place-Konner Workman
2nd place-Garrin Schneeg
3rd place-Karsen Rehkofp

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

Bronze 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
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1st place-Brett White
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June 18th—24th MARION FAIR
2017 Fair Dates

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