

Giuseppe's Gazette March 2020

Greetings from Giuseppe! This is the green month! Happy St. Patrick's Day! And, that day is the birthday of our favorite staff: **Matt Fletcher**! So, bring treats for him and for us! Of course, the treats can be green: green apples, alfalfa cubes, etc. Green is a wonderful color! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

It seems that every year Daylight Savings Time comes earlier and earlier. This year it's on **March 8th**; so turn your clocks forward on Saturday night and don't be late for the barn on Sunday! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!) We also have the first day of Spring on the 19th. And, you know what **Robin Williams** says about Spring? "Let's party!" That means more treats! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We send our condolences to **Carolyn Staab**. Her friend, **Deborah Pearce** died on Saturday, February 22nd. Deborah was the owner of Lydia.

March Birthdays

Our very best wishes go out to Evie (8), Matt Fletcher (17), Kimmie Coscia (28)

March Anniversaries

Our very best wishes go out to Nancy Just (2011)

Early Spring Calendar

3/1	Dressage "Fix-A-Test"	6/21	Oxbow Show
3/8	Daylight Savings Time Begins	7/12	Oxbow Show
4/26	Oxbow Show		

Spring Cleaning

Check out the sign-up sheets for mane and tail pulling, trimming, sheath/teat cleaning and tack cleaning. All those chores you may not have time for, but should get done so we are all spiffy for Spring! (Of course, I'm always spiffy. Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Oxbow Annual Dinner

We had a wonderful time at our annual dinner on February 15th at the Franklin Fire Department Hall. We enjoyed the great company and delicious food. The 2019-20 officers were installed: President: **Megan Calkin**, Vice President: **Capri Tanis**, Secretary: **Tara McAdams**, Treasurer: **Riley Simon**, Reporter: **Kimmie Coscia**.

Our new members, **Addisyn Fazio** and **Aleksandra Greenwich** were initiated into the club.

THE OXBOW RAIDERS 4-H CLUB AWARDS

Alumna: Sheryl Wilkins

Teen Leaders: Megan Calkin, Capri Tanis

Junior Leaders: Tara McAdams, Riley Simon

Attendance: Megan Calkin

Presentations: Megan Calkin, Kimmie Coscia, Pola Gospodarzec, Tara McAdams, Riley Simon, Capri Tanis

Project Books: Megan Calkin, Kimmie Coscia, Pola Gospodarzec, Tara McAdams, Riley Simon, Capri Tanis

Year Pins: 1st Year: Pola Gospodarzec, Riley Simon
2nd Year: Kimmie Coscia, Tara McAdams, Capri Tanis
4th Year – Megan Calkin

Participation: Megan Calkin, Kimmie Coscia,
Pola Gospodarzec, Tara McAdams, Riley Simon, Capri Tanis

Fund Raising: Megan Calkin, Barbara Nabors

Citizenship: Capri Tanis

Leadership: Megan Calkin

Horsemanship Badges: Intermediate: Kimmie Coscia, Tara McAdams
Advanced: Megan Calkin, Capri Tanis

Top Ten Members in 4-H:

1 st – Megan Calkin (710)	4 th – Pola Gospodarzec (585)
2 nd – Capri Tanis (650)	5 th – Riley Simon (445)
3 rd – Kimmie Coscia (645)	6 th – Tara McAdams (430)

THE OXBOW RIDING CLUB AWARDS

Attendance: Megan Calkin

Progress in Stable Management: Megan Calkin, Kimmie Coscia, Pola Gospodarzec, Tara McAdams, Capri Tanis

Progress in Horse Care: Megan Calkin, Kimmie Coscia, Pola Gospodarzec, Tara McAdams, Riley Simon, Capri Tanis.

Progress in Horsemanship: Megan Calkin, Kimmie Coscia, Pola Gospodarzec, Tara McAdams, Capri Tanis

Top Ten in Stable Management

1 st – Capri Tanis (4.83)	5 th – Pola Gospodarzec (4.11)
2 nd – Megan Calkin (4.80)	6 th – Tara McAdams (3.95)
3 rd – Riley Simon (4.42)	7 th – Aleksandra Greenwich (3.55)
4 th – Kimmie Coscia (4.26)	

Top Ten in Horse Care:

1 st – Megan Calkin (4.63)	5 th – Tara McAdams (3.75)
2 nd – Capri Tanis (4.58)	6 th – Aleksandra Greenwich (3.55)
3 rd – Kimmie Coscia (4.47)	7 th – Pola Gospodarzec (3.45)
4 th – Riley Simon (3.90)	

Top Ten in Tack Care

1 st – Megan Calkin (4.68)	5 th – Aleksandra Greenwich (4.33)
2 nd – Capri Tanis (4.41)	6 th – Pola Gospodarzec (4.26)
3 rd – Tara McAdams (4.40)	7 th – Kimmie Coscia (4.22)
4 th – Riley Simon (4.37)	

Effort: Riley Simon, Capri Tanis

Improvement: Kimmie Coscia, Tara McAdams, Capri Tanis

Team Work: Kimmie Coscia, Pola Gospodarzec, Riley Simon

New Member: Addisyn Fazio, Aleksandra Greenwich

Stable Management: Megan Calkin

Sportsmanship: Tara McAdams, Capri Tanis

Leadership: Capri Tanis

Levels: D-1: Addisyn Fazio, Pola Gospodarzec, Riley Simon
D-2: Kimmie Coscia, Capri Tanis

Top Ten Members in the Oxbow Riding Club:

1 st – Megan Calkin (1,410)	4 th – Pola Gospodarzec (760)
2 nd – Capri Tanis (1,105)	5 th – Riley Simon (670)
3 rd – Kimmie Coscia (925)	6 th – Tara McAdams (570)

Volunteer Award: Gary Allibone, Darby Callahan, Apollo Entice, Charmaine Fazio, Matt Fletcher, Jo Iacono Zimmerman, Nancy Just, Lisa Merrill, Tim Merrill, Barbara Nabors, Nancy Nelson, Erin Rizzi, Heather Simon, Jim Simon, Melissa Sinopoli, Marilia Tanis, Ty Tanis, Rachel Zenhausern

Eventing Dressage - 35% Score: Rachana Bhattacharya & Macaroni (Intro B, 32.20), Megan Calkin & Annie (Intro A, 34.70), Megan Calkin & Sugar (Intro C, 28.80), Nancy Just & Kye (BN-A, 33.10), Barbara Nabors & Loki (N-A, 30.8)

Eventing Dressage - 30% Score: Kimmie Coscia & Princess (Intro A, 29.70), Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey (Intro C, 28.30), Capri Tanis & Luke (Intro A, 28.20)

Dressage High Score:

Champion – Kimmie Coscia & Princess (31.26)	4 th – Megan Calkin & Sugar (34.82)
Reserve – Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey (33.42)	5 th – Nancy Just & Kye (35.62)
3 rd – Capri Tanis & Luke (34.81)	6 th – Barbara Nabors & Loki (35.85)

Intro & Elementary Combined Tests High Score:

Champion : Capri Tanis & Luke (34.82)	Reserve: Kimmie Coscia & Princess (39.70)
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Combined Tests High Score:

Champion : Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey (35.75)	Reserve: Barbara Nabors & Loki (43.67)
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Horse Trials High Score

Champion: Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey (33.20)	3 rd – Megan Calkin & Sugar (64.22)
Reserve: Capri Tanis & Luke (34.80)	4 th – Nancy Just & Kye (75.50)

Adult Equestrian of the Year: Nancy Just

Jr. Equestrian of the Year: Kimmie Coscia

Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club

The yearly requirements for maintaining 4-H membership in good standing is to attend 70% of the club's meetings, give a club or county Presentation, complete a project record book and pay the annual dues.

Presentations are given at the club and county level and members who are in 8th grade or higher and receive an "excellent" rating at the county level qualify to attend the State Presentations, which are held at Rutgers University. There are 3 methods of Public Presentation. The first is a "Formal Speech," which is a speech without visual aids. The purpose of the Formal Speech is to inform, to persuade, to entertain, to stimulate action or further interest in a topic of community concern.

The "Illustrated Talk" is a speech presented for the same purposes as the formal speech with the addition of visual aids such as charts, pictures, slides, models or posters. Audience attention is easier to hold, since the visuals allow for more showmanship. The Illustrated Talk is the most common speech done.

The third method is "The Demonstration". This method goes a step further than the illustrated talk in that it shows how to do something.

The judge's score sheet for Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks use the following criteria:

Presence is 20 points (Includes appearance, voice projection, eye contact and attitude). Presentation is 50 points (Includes explanation of purpose/introduction, organization, use of visual aids, coordination of speech with action, summary), Content is 30 points (Knowledge of subject, accurate & current information, results of finished product/lesson taught.)

Although giving a public presentation can be scary, it's easier when you have your fellow club members with you and you are talking about a favorite subject: the horse!

We will be collecting food for Easter. Please bring non-perishable food items by April 4th.

Kimie Coscia
Reporter

4-H Schedule (Tentative)			
4/4	Meeting	4/18	Meeting
4/11	Easter Egg Hunt		

Easter Bunny Needs Help

Weather permitting; we will have our Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th. I hope we don't have to keep the eggs white to hide them in the snow! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!) So, if you can be here, come out and help hide the eggs.

Quotes of the month

“There is no remedy for love but to love more.”

- Henry David Thoreau

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

