**Kelli’s Korner**

Happy Friday Everyone! We have had a great week starting Embryology projects in five new classrooms now that spring break is over. I am looking forward to sharing the pictures of our project with these classrooms over the next four weeks with all of you, especially the duck embryology project that we started this afternoon at Holy Family School! We have a full weekend of 4-H activities planned including the 4-H Craft Day which is tomorrow! There are still spaces available so check out the flyer on page 2 for more information on this event at Whittemore Elementary tomorrow! I will also be spending the weekend at 4-H Camp Counselor Training with the 12 individuals that will serve as counselors for 4-H North Central Summer Camp in June. This is a great experience for our teen members and this training works to prepare them for all the situations that may arise during camp.

I am also still in great need of help for the Family Fun Fair which is set for April 29th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at Oscoda High School. We will be having a 4-H booth and need members to share about their projects and help the participants make a craft project. If you are able to help, please let me know by emailing me or calling the office! All helpers will receive lunch and a token of appreciation for volunteering. If you have a 4-H rabbit, cavy, or poultry project that you would like to bring you are also welcome to do so as long as I know ahead of time what is coming.

We have a large number of youth signed up for 4-H Exploration Days. We are working this week to get all the information updated in our systems and will be sending out a reminder email that includes session choices, final balances owed, and the time of our pre-event meeting that is required for all participants. Please note that we only have one more fundraiser planned to earn money for Exploration Days or Camp and that is next Friday, the 28th of April. If you want to help at the Italian Dinner please call Lisa Nelkie at 989-362-0666.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be out of the office Wednesday-Friday next week at our MSU Extension Spring Conference. I will have limited access to email, but Cindy will be in the office so feel free to call if you need anything!
Registration Deadline to apply for to be a delegate for the 4-H State Horse Show is Friday, April 28th! Contact your 4-H Leader for more information and an application!

4-H Leaders’ Council Connection

Happy Friday everyone. Just a reminder that Tuesday April 25th is the next Leaders Council meeting at 6:30 at the MSU Extension office. Please join us for some very important information. Also, don’t forget the wonderful dinner and auction fund raiser coming up. We need items for this summer’s silent auction. Please donate something that you made or if you are at a store please ask them to donate items to our worthy event. Hope everyone is having a safe spring and let’s keep the 4H spirit alive and well in our communities.

-Paul Grabstanowicz, 4-H Leaders’ Council President

4-H Craft Day

Iosco County 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Craft Day for all 4-H members! 4-H members will be making different craft projects throughout the afternoon that will be auctioned off in July at the 4-H Leaders’ Council Silent Auction. The profits from this auction are used to promote 4-H in Iosco County and help provide educational opportunities to youth and volunteers throughout the year. Please save the date and make plans to come out and have fun while helping to make items for a great cause. Please email Sandy Lieber at sandymayhew51@gmail.com with any questions or to register. Space is limited!

4-H Leaders’ Council Meeting

The Iosco County 4-H Leaders’ Council will be meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the MSU Extension Office. If you are interested in helping plan some of the summer 4-H events, please make plans to attend!

4-H Livestock Field Trip

There is a field trip opportunity for all members and families on Saturday April 29th to go over to Ebe1's in Falmouth, MI. You will get to tour their USDA inspected processing facility, smoke houses, and enjoy a free lunch. The group will be leaving West Branch at 8 AM, the tour is from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, but we need a head count for lunch by Monday, April 24th. Please call (989) 984-1057 if you are interested in going!
4-H Italian Dinner Fundraiser

Iosco County 4-H will be hosting an Italian Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, April 28th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in East Tawas. All of the profits from this event will be used towards Iosco 4-H members’ summer 4-H program expenses. If you are planning to attend a 4-H summer camp program and want to be involved with this fundraiser, please contact 4-H volunteer coordinator, Lisa Nelkie at 989-362-0666 or by email at lnelkie@yahoo.com. Tickets will be available for members to pick up on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the MSU Extension Office. They are still in need of donations for this event!

- 14 gallons of spaghetti sauce
- 6 – 5 pound bags of Ziti noodles
- 3 buffet size trays of Coleslaw (mixed up and ready to serve)
- 4 buffet size trays of Toss salad
- 3 bottles each of Ranch, French, & Italian
- 6 large onions
- Homemade desserts - ideas ~ Brownies, Texas sheet cakes, sheet pies.
- People willing to help to cook the 6 roasters of Ziti

4-H Livestock Weigh-In and Possession Date Reminders

**MARKET HOGS**
Posession Date: May 1, 2017
Date of Weigh-In: May 6, 2017
What will happen at weigh-in:
Hogs will be tagged, registered, vet checked, and weighed.

**MARKET LAMBS**
Posession Date: May 1, 2017
Date of Weigh-In: May 7, 2017
What will happen at weigh-in:
Lambs will be tagged, registered, vet checked, and weighed.
4-H BB Gun Club Competition Results

East Tawas – A total of 19 members of the Iosco County 4-H Shooting Sports program recently participated in the 4-H Iosco County BB Gun Shooting Sports competition in East Tawas at the Iosco Sportsmen’s Club. The competition event qualified members to be eligible to shoot in the same event at the 4-H State Shooting Sports tournament that will be held in July.

Beginner level winners were Connor McNichol of East Tawas taking first, Roman O’Neal of Oscoda taking second and Allison ‘Ally’ Litzner of East Tawas taking third. Junior level winners were Sydney Broughton of Tawas City taking first, Dohnovan Newcome of Oscoda taking second and William O’Neal of Oscoda taking third. The Senior level winners all from East Tawas were Courtney Johnson taking first, Chris Bennett taking second and Ashley Johnson taking third.

Other members of the club included Matthew Bennett, William Johnson and Isabel Trancoso all of East Tawas, Matthew Campos, Danniell Campos and Teressa Dionisi all of Oscoda, Ashton Dunbar and Brennan Price both of South Branch, Destinie Spade, Michael ‘Bryce’ Spade, Jack Garner, Aaliyah Schonschack, Cali Mathews and Quinn Seyfried all of Tawas City.

Certified shooting sports instructors, volunteers and 4-H Leaders for the BB Gun Program are Roger Simpson, Gwin Simpson, Pastor Paul Grabstanowicz, Koreena Dunbar and Catherine Nickell-Simpson. Teen Leaders assisting with the program are Courtney Johnson and Chris Bennett.

Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

Do you like food? Wonder why it changes color when cooked? Interested in learning about health related fields and want to explore the campus of MSU? If the answer to these are yes, then 4-H has a summer camp experience for you!! Register to attend the Health and Food Science Camp. Youth will stay in the dorms and tour facilities across MSU related to Health and Food Science. This will be a hands on camp with lots to do in a few short days.

When: Camp runs August 2nd thru 4th, 2017
Where: Michigan State University, East Lansing
Who: Youth age 13-19 (as of January 1) interested in Nutrition · Food Science · Careers · Physical Fitness · Personal Safety · Sports Science · Teamwork. Participants will explore careers in the health field, learn what research is taking place around food and tour research facilities at MSU.
Cost: 4-H Members —$165, Non 4-H Members —$175
Registration: The deadline to register is Friday, June 1, 2017. To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/HealthCamp2017/
**Purple it Up!**

April is the Month of the Military Child, an annual awareness campaign that recognizes the sacrifices made by military families and their children. To show support of children who are military-connected, Michigan State University Extension 4-H Military Family Programs is asking residents throughout Michigan to “PURPLE UP” on April 15, 2017 by wearing purple in support of military families.

The color purple is chosen as the signature color because it symbolizes all branches of the military: it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. We hope everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate all of our state’s young heroes who sacrifice as their parents and family members serve.

In partnership with many other states across the United States, Michigan 4-H Military Family Programs is participating in the seventh annual Purple Up! for Military Kids campaign. We invite Michigan residents to join us in wearing purple on Saturday, April 15th as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their sacrifices and strength.

Celebrate Month of the Military Child by encouraging everyone in your community to wear purple. Help share the support with military families across the state by taking photos of people participating in Purple Up! for Military Kids in your community and sending them to Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships at kmoyes@anr.msu.edu or share them on our Facebook page so military youth and families everywhere will see them. Let’s show our military families how much we appreciate their service!

For more information about programs and resources available to military families through Michigan 4-H, please visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4h_military_families](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4h_military_families).

**Upcoming 4-H Events**

**May 5-7; Outdoor Adventure Challenge Orientation**
Manistee River near Kingsley

**May 13: Michigan 4-H Agriculture Career Fair**
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=1FE621BAB4FD36B0
Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center, Frankenmuth

**May 13-14: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing

**May 20-21: Teens as Teachers Workshop**
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3828E28B31BCA578
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**May 26-29: Rock Climbing, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 3**
Manistee River near Kingsley

**June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville
**Other Upcoming 4-H Events**

April 22: Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Expo  
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

May 11: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=194D71E9BDAF67A7](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=194D71E9BDAF67A7)  
MSU, East Lansing

May 20: State 4-H Poultry Show  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E025CAFF6B2A6962](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E025CAFF6B2A6962)  
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte Michigan State University

June 3: Iron Belle Trail Challenge  
[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_55920---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_55920---,00.html)

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)