Kelli’s Korner

Happy Friday Everyone! Thank you to everyone that came out to the Leaders’ Council meeting on Tuesday night. It was a great meeting and I am excited to start working on the many activities and events for National 4-H week and the end of year banquet. Just a reminder to all club leaders, the 4-H year official ends on August 31, 2017. Before this time please review your current club lists and end of year certificates as we cannot make any changes after next Thursday. Also, all award nominations are due on August 31st as well! If you need a copy of a club list or the award nomination forms for the end of year banquet, please call the office at 989-362-3449.

Next week we will be at school open houses throughout the county! If you are able to help out at the 4-H table to share about what 4-H is, the different project areas, and how to enroll please let me know. Below is a list of the dates and locations that we will have 4-H booths at.

- August 28th – Hale Schools from 6:00-7:30 PM
- August 29th – Richardson Elementary in Oscoda from 5:00-7:00 PM
- August 29th – Tawas Middle School from 5:00-7:00 PM
- August 29th – Clara Bolen Elementary from 5:30-7:30 PM
- August 31st – Holy Family from 3:00-4:30 PM
- August 31st – Whittemore-Prescott Elementary from 5:00-7:00 PM

Council Connection

Just a reminder, at the next council meeting on September 26th we will be electing new officers, voting on a new scholarship application, and finalizing the plans for banquet and National 4-H week so please save the date!

Paul Grabstanowicz, Council President
4-H Livestock Club Wrap Up Meeting

The Iosco County Junior Market Livestock will be holding a wrap up meeting on Monday, August 28th at 7:00 PM at the Iosco County Fairgrounds. This is an opportunity to reflect on the past year, propose suggestions for making the coming year better, and outline a schedule of events for the 2018 activities. We will also be going over award nominations and National 4-H Week activities. Please make plans to attend!

4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) Club

Did you know that Iosco County 4-H has a therapeutic riding program for youth and vulnerable adults?

Sharing skills and knowledge is what the 4-H Proud Equestrians Program (PEP) is all about. Riders with disabilities, and the volunteers who work with them, can gain great satisfaction through this therapeutic horseback riding program.

With the help of trained and caring volunteers, riders can improve balance, coordination, posture, and muscle tone. Horseback riding also increases self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and social growth. But more importantly, riding is fun!

The Michigan 4-H Proud Equestrians Program was introduced in 1974 in partnership with Lida McCowan, executive director of the Cheff Center for the Handicapped, and with support from a three-year grant from the W.K. Kellogg and C.S. Mott Foundations. Today, this equestrian program reaches out to individuals with disabilities both young and old throughout Michigan, providing opportunities to learn to ride a horse and develop horsemanship skills.

The Michigan 4-H Proud Equestrians Program offers opportunities for people with and without disabilities to work together as:

Riders – Young people and adults with physical, developmental, emotional or multiple disabilities

Volunteers – Young people and adults who assist riders as needed until the riders develop the skills they need to ride independently

Instructors – People who teach riding, horsemanship and stable management skills; special certification as a therapeutic riding instructor for handicappers is required

Horse owners – The “heroes” of the program are the quiet horses and ponies trained to respond to the needs of riders with disabilities; owners of suitable animals who are willing to loan, lease or donate to their local program are always needed

This club will meet weekly at the Ruckle’s Farm in Whittemore, MI. At this time the club is accepting new riders and volunteers to help assist the participants. For more information and/or a complete rider’s packet please visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/iosco/iosco_county_4_h or stop by the MSU Extension Office.
4-H Grows Here Signs

Attention all 4-H Volunteers - We want you to show your pride and therefore the 4-H Leaders' Council has purchased a 4-H Grows Here Yard Signs for each of you! Stop by the MSU Extension to pick your sign up today! This is just one way for us to thank you for your dedication to Iosco County 4-H!

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

The 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop provides the necessary skills, resources and background to successfully teach shooting sports and conduct range activities in SHOTGUN. This workshop is for adult leaders and teens 16 and older who are active in their shooting sports club or want to become involved. Participants should express an interest in working with youth and have a willingness to improve their own knowledge and skills in shooting sports. This workshop is shotgun specific. Certification is a requirement to facilitate live fire on a range. All adult leaders need to be approved by their local MSUE office and have completed the 4-H Volunteer Selection Process.

FEE:
$75.00 per person, includes materials, light morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack both days (Does NOT include lodging) Lodging arrangements can be made onsite by contacting the Lost Lake Woods club desk at 989-736-8197 and requesting the 4-H block, at a special rate of $50 per night.
MICHIGAN 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

Meet new friends and learn about rabbits, cavies, and poultry!

Nutrition · Production · Management · Animal Care
Marketing · Health · Evaluation · Genetics

Who:

4-H members age 11-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in rabbits, cavies and poultry. Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Cost:

$73 for members and volunteers; $135.65 for non-members includes meals, lodging and resources. Scholarships may be available for County 4-H members—ask your county staff!

Registration:

The deadline to register for this event is September 13, 2017. To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/smallanimalsworkshop/

Find out more...

Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ocker at (517) 432-5270. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

September 23-24, 2017
Kettunen Center

Support for this event is provided by the Michigan 4-H Foundation.
2017 Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop
Tentative Agenda
**Note sessions may change prior to the workshop**

Saturday, September 23
10-11 a.m.  Registration
11:15 a.m.  Welcome & Opening Session
12:00 p.m.  Lunch
1-1:45 p.m.  Session Block #1
  • Know your breed—How to pick a show rabbit
  • Michigan 4-H State Awards Part 1: What is it?
  • Poultry Judging
  • Rabbit Judging

2-2:45 p.m.  Session Block #2
  • Michigan 4-H State Awards Part 2: Starting the application
  • Preventing diseases—basic biosecurity
  • Basic Poultry Management
  • Rabbit Management
BRAIN

3:45-4:30 p.m.  Session Block #3
  • Rabbit Processing
  • Poultry Showmanship
  • Advanced Poultry Management
  • A Human’s Guide To a Well Fed Cavy

4:45-5:30 p.m.  Group Session

6:00 p.m.  Dinner

7:00 p.m.  Session Block #5
  • Judges Panel Q & A—Poultry
  • Judges Panel Q & A—Rabbits/Cavy
  • Superintendent Round Up—All 4-H or Fair Superintendents

Sunday, September 24
7:30 a.m.  Breakfast

9 -9:45 a.m.  Session #6
  • Tattoos and Pedigrees—Tips on how to keep good records
  • It takes more than chicken feed…
  • Common Poultry Diseases
  • TBA

10-10:45 a.m.  Session #7
  • Animal Dollar$ and Cent$.
  • Michigan 4-H Embryology Program
  • Bed Head or Fashionable? - Cavy Coat Types
  • TBA

11 a.m.  Closing Session
Noon  Depart for home
**4-H Workshops**

**August 26-27: Global Village and Global Gateway Experience With 4-H**  
http://howellnaturecenter.org/programs/heifer-global-village/global-gateway  
Howell Nature Center, Howell

**September 22-24: Backpacking, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2**  
Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area, Free Soil

**Other Upcoming 4-H Events**

**September 2: Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show**  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza1  
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

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