**Kelli’s Korner**

Happy Friday Everyone! This week the 4-H Put it Up! Food Preservation Club started by making strawberry jam at their first meeting. This is an awesome opportunity for members to learn about food preservation and a special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Hall for letting the club use their facility each week at no cost!

On Wednesday evening 4-H teens from Ogemaw, Arenac, and Iosco Counties got together for 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training. This is the first in a series of trainings that all camp counselors receive prior to camp. Stay tuned to find out who the summer camp counselors will be next week!

On Monday there is an open house for 4-H Exploration Days. Please come to receive information and to register for the event! So far there are two fundraisers scheduled and information on them can be found on page 5.

There are some new and exciting opportunities for 4-H members in this week’s Friday Fourcast so check them all out!

**4-H Leaders’ Council Connection**

Just a reminder, the 4-H Leaders’ Council is still looking for volunteers to serve on the 4-H Snack Shack Planning Committee. The 4-H Snack Shack is a food concession stand that is organized during the Iosco County Fair. 4-H clubs can sign up to work shifts and in return will earn money for their 4-H club. The committee will be responsible for all aspects of the Snack Shack including ensuring the trailer is set up, securing the appropriate licenses, and ordering supplies. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact Paul Grabstanowicz, 4-H Leaders’ Council President by February 28th.

**4-H Fact of the Week!**

The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H. By 1924, 4-H clubs were formed and the clover emblem was adopted. The Cooperative Extension System is a partnership of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 100 land-grant universities and more than 3,000 county offices across
the nation. Cooperative Extension combines the expertise and resources of federal, state, and local governments and is designed to meet the need for research, knowledge and educational programs.

4-H Leaders’ Council Meeting Reminder

The 4-H Leaders’ Council will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Plainfield Township in Hale. Please look for an email coming out next Monday with more information. If you have any questions about the 4-H Leaders’ Council, please email any of the Executive Board members. Their information is located on the first page of the Friday Fourcast.

4-H Exploration Days Open House

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan State University’s largest pre-college program, annually attended by 2,500 youth and adult chaperones from across Michigan. The 47th annual 4-H Exploration Days conference will be held June 20-23, 2017, on the MSU campus. The theme is Journey to Success.

4-H Exploration Days gives youth ages 11 to 19 an authentic collegiate experience as they stay in MSU residence halls and explore interest areas and career options, increase their awareness and readiness for college, and develop decision-making, independence and teamwork skills. Participants live like college students and attend sessions that range from veterinary medicine to Web design, performing arts to environmental education and many more. In total, more than 200 hands-on classroom and field trip sessions are offered. They also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas. The total cost to participate is $250.00, but fundraisers are being planned to offset the expenses. Registration books are available from county MSU Extension offices and online at the 4-H Exploration Days web site.

Iosco youth ages 11-19 as of January 1, 2017 are eligible to attend Exploration Days. Youth and their parent(s) should attend the Exploration Days open house meeting on Monday, February 27, any time between 5:30-7:30 p.m. The open house will be held at the MSU Extension Office in Tawas City. At the open house youth will meet with 4-H staff to discuss registration procedures and costs, event transportation, fundraising and scholarship opportunities, and the event code of conduct. Youth unable to attend the open house should contact Kelli Rau at 989-362-3449 to set up a different time to meet.

For more information about 4-H Exploration Days, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days
**4-H Kids-n-Cakes Cake Decorating Club**

The 4-H Kids-n-Cakes Cake Decorating Club will be starting on March 8, 2017. This club is open to youth ages 8-19 as of January 1, 2017 and will be held at Eagle Point Plaza in the Art Room. The club will meet from 6:00-7:30 PM each Wednesday for six weeks. There is a $10.00 supply fee required for each member that can be paid at the first meeting. Registration must be done online at [https://4honline.com](https://4honline.com) by March 6th. If you are not already enrolled in 4-H for 2017, there is an additional $12.00 fee that must be paid prior to the first meeting. For more information about the Cake Decorating Club please contact 4-H Leader, Susan Colvin at (989) 305-0931.

**4-H Super Silly Sewers Club**

The 4-H Super Silly Sewers club is starting on Monday, March 6, 2017! This club will be held each Monday from 3:30-5:00 PM for seven weeks. The club is going to meet in the ITV room at Hale Area Schools. Space is limited to 15 members so please call 989-362-3449 to reserve a spot. The cost to join for non-4-H members is just $12.00 ($10.00 4-H fee and $2.00 insurance). Scholarships are available upon request. The sewing club members will make “Mug Rugs”, carry bags, and pajama pants. Members have the option of putting their items in the 4-H Silent Auction Fundraiser to earn money towards their 4-H camp or Exploration Days fees. Reasonable accommodations for disabilities with advance notice.

**Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings**

- The 4-H MOB Lamb Club will be holding their first club meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the Whittemore Fire Hall in Whittemore. At this meeting they will be setting their schedule for the year and electing officers.

- The 4-H Beef Club will be having a meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM at Whittemore Prescott High School

- The Redneck Rabbit and Critter Club will be meeting on March 25, 2017 at 2:30 PM

**2017 4-H Horse Camp T-shirt Contest**

Attention all 4-H Horse Project Members: The Iosco 4-H Horse Developmental Committee is now accepting t-shirt designs for the 2017 4-H Horse Camp! This year’s shirt will be blue and the theme of camp is “Cowboy Camp”. T-shirt designs can be hand drawn or computer generated. All designs must have a “stand alone” 4-H Clover on them that does not have any works or other designs covering the 4-H Clover. Please put your name, phone number, and address on the back of the design. Submission deadline is **March 18, 2017**! The winning design will receive a free camp admission for 1 horse. If you have any questions, please call Carla Johnson at 989-965-1099.
Attention all 4-H Club Officers, Teen Leaders, and member that want to know more about officer roles and parli-pro! We are holding a fun, hands-on workshop on Monday, March 13th from 5:30-8:00 PM at Ogemaw Heights High School to learn more about how to run your 4-H club meetings. We will start with dinner and then begin our program at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please call the MSU Extension Office at 989-362-3449 to RSVP by Friday, March 10th!
Iosco County 4-H Cake and Craft Auction Fundraiser

Iosco County 4-H will be holding a 4-H Fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, 2017 to help 4-H members earn money for 4-H camp, Exploration Days, or another local 4-H summer events. The event will be held at the Plainfield Township Hall in Hale. There will be a potluck dinner beginning at 5:00 PM. Each member is asked to bring a dish to pass if they plan on auctioning off a cake or a craft item.

4-H members are able to bake and decorate a cake for the live cake auction that will begin at 6:00 PM and/or make a homemade craft item for the silent auction which will run from 5:00-7:00 PM. The profits from this auction will be divided amongst the 4-H members that participate in the event. All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the event. Please RSVP to the MSU Extension Office by Friday, March 10, 2017 if you plan to participate. It is the responsibility of the 4-H members to promote the event. To help ensure a great event, please share the event flyer and invite your friends and family to come for a great dinner. For additional information please contact the event coordinator Carla Johnson (989) 965-0199.

Iosco 4-H Skating Night Fundraiser

There will be a 4-H Skating fundraiser to help raise money for 4-H summer camp and Exploration Days on Monday, March 6, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Tawas Bay Ice Arena. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be skate rental available for an additional $3.00 fee. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please call Lisa Nelkie at 989-362-0666. In order to receive money from this event towards your camp you have to help with step up and clean up.
The purposes of this annual teen and adult-leader workshop are to:

- Provide Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) youth and volunteers from across the state with the opportunity to learn about Michigan agriculture
- Increase attendees’ knowledge about the Michigan dairy industry
- Develop participants’ self-esteem, self-awareness and leadership skills
- Help those attending to become more knowledgeable about the many issues affecting agriculture now and in the future.
- Inspire conference participants to bring new programming and ideas back to their 4-H clubs and county programs

The weekend will include many hands-on activities led by MSU Extension staff and MSU and students.

Who Should Attend?
This training is for Michigan 4-H'ers who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, and volunteers who are interested in dairy cattle and dairy cattle reproduction science.

Where Will the Conference Be Held?
Kettunen Center, Tustin

When Is the Conference? March 17 to 19, 2017

Theme
This year’s theme is “Reproductive Science With Dairy Cattle”

How Can Someone Register?

What Is the Cost of the Conference?
The registration fee, which includes meals, lodging and resources, is $95 for 4-H members and volunteers and $191 for non 4-H members and volunteers

More information is available from:
· The Michigan Dairy Youth Program Facebook page (http://bit.ly/2lct9dA)
· Melissa Elischer (elischer@anr.msu.edu)
Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources camp is now accepting applications! Camp will be held July 30-August 5, 2017 and is open to youth ages 13-15.

New this year! We will be doing an online application process. The link can be found on the camp’s website under “Cost and How to Apply”

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/cost_and_how_to_apply

The 2017 camper fee is $375 for Michigan 4-H members and $385 for Michigan youth who are non-members. The fee includes meals and snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity fees. Camp is held at Camp Chickagami (http://www.campchickagami.org/) in Presque Isle.

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Training

The Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult and Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop registration is now open! This workshop will be held April 28-30, 2017 at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI.

This workshop is for adult and teen 4-H volunteers who have been approved by their county MSU Extension 4-H Staff person to work with 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and who have at least a basic working knowledge of and experience in the discipline in which they wish to participate. Teens must be at least 16 years old as of Jan. 1, 2017.

Workshop participants will learn about MI 4-H shooting sports mission and policy, risk management and safety, discipline specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

For more information, please visit the workshop website, or call the MSU Extension Office at 989-362-3449.

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

When and where:
April 26-30, 2017
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Dr., Tustin, MI 49688

Who:
Adults and teen 4-H volunteers who have been approved by their county MSU Extension 4-H Staff person to work with 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and who have at least a basic working knowledge of and experience in the discipline in which they wish to participate. Teens must be at least 16 years old as of Jan. 1, 2017.

Cost:
• 4-H Members and Volunteers—$120.00
• Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$216.00
• Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
• Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Registration information:
• The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, April 16, 2017.
• To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/ShootSportWksp2017/
• Persons canceling without a replacement after Sunday, April 16, 2017, will be charged a $35.00 cancellation fee. Persons who do not show up at the workshop, do not have a replacement, or do not cancel to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu 48 hours (April 26, 2017) prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.
**Upcoming 4-H Workshops**

**March 4:** Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee  
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

**March 11-12:** Challenge U 4-H Funfest  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 17-19:** Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=62E0A083A0F38132](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=62E0A083A0F38132)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 18-19:** 4-H Robotics Workshop  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 22:** Youth Business Guide to Success . . . . Training  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF)  
Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

**Other Upcoming 4-H Events**

**March 19-22:** 4-H Capitol Experience  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE)  
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

**March 26:** Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest)  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

**April 8:** Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show)  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

**April 15:** State 4-H Goat Expo  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

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