**Kelli’s Korner**

Welcome to February! I am not sure where the past month has already gone, but I am excited about all of the wonderful upcoming 4-H events we have being scheduled. This weekend we have 4-H members heading all over the state! We have a group of members that will be going to Lansing as they are serving on the State Planning Committee for the 2017 4-H Capital Experience and we also have several members heading off to the Kettunen Center for 4-H Winterfest! If you don't have plans this weekend, make sure to take time to head out to Perchville. 4-H will be represented in the Perchville Family Tent by the Sunrise Side 4-H Club and the Redneck Rabbit and Critter Club!

This week we had to make the decision to cancel 4-H Winter Camp that was scheduled for February 18-19, 2017 due to low enrollments. All registered campers have been contacted and we are trying to figure out some ways to make this program more successful for next year.

There are some great opportunities coming up for our members including camp counselor recruitment, club officer training, and many state and regional leadership workshops. Please check out all of these programs in this week’s edition and make plans to attend the ones that interest you!

I have been working with many club leaders this week to get a final schedule for the 4-H Clubs that will be starting in the next few months so please continually visit the Facebook Page and check back next week for the Friday Fourcast for more dates and information.

Have a great weekend!

**4-H Leaders’ Council Connection**

Happy Friday everyone, 4-H is off to a strong start and we are looking forward to some of the new clubs. We still are in need of a Chair for the snack shack if we hope to keep that rolling along. The Leaders’ Council is here to support all clubs so don’t be shy from telling me how we can make your club grow. Watch for upcoming fund raisers for our youth and let’s raise 4-H awareness in our communities. Keep up the fantastic work folks. Without you there is no 4-H.

Paul Grabstanowicz, President Iosco County 4-H Leaders’ Council
**Fun 4-H Facts**

Did you know that 4-H holds an event called National 4-H Congress each November in Atlanta, Georgia? National 4-H Congress is one of the premiere experiences for 4-H members across the country to participate in. National 4-H Congress provides a life-changing experience for youth to meet other 4-H members from across America, as they participate in educational workshops focusing on diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, team development, and of course having fun!

**Upcoming Club Meetings**

- The *Iosco Oinkers 4-H Pig Club* will be having a club meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Eagle Point Plaza. This meeting will be the first meeting of the club and they will be electing officers, setting a schedule, and planning all their events for the year. If you have any questions, please call 4-H Co-Leader Carl Wanks at 989-756-2453.

- The *Iosco Jr. Market Beef Club Meeting* will be having a meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Mrs. Cowles room at Whittemore-Prescott High School.

**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 one horse. For more information or questions, please call Carla Johnson at (989) 965-0199.

**Iosco 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 SPIN Club

Put It Up!
Food Preservation Club

Put it Up! 4-H Food Preservation Club will offer hands-on lessons that explore science of safe food preservation. Each week, 4-H members will learn a new food preservation method and get to take home what they make!

Weekly Club Topics:
- Can My Crushed Tomatoes
- Make My Strawberry Jam
- Make My Pickles
- Dry My Fruit Leather
- Freeze My Berries

Who can participate:
Youth ages 8-13 years old.

Where:
Knights of Columbus Hall, East Tawas

When:
Every Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM
starting on February 14, 2017 and ending
March 21, 2017

Registration:
Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Iosco MSU Extension Office at 989-362-
3449 to reserve a spot by

Cost:
$30 for 4-H
Members;
$42 for non 4-H
members (this fee
includes the $10
annual 4-H fee and
$2 insurance fee for
non 4-H members.)
4-H Office Roles and Parli-Pro Training

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!
Josco 4-H Pork Quality Assurance Certification Training

Where: Whittemore Prescott High School
When: Sunday, March 19, 2017
Time: 4:00 P.M.
Who: All 4-H swine exhibitors

PQA Qualification is MANDATORY for all swine members and exhibitors. A certified PQA advisor will be conducting the youth education program to get exhibitors up to date on all things needed to make sure your animal stays safe and healthy. 4-H members will be educated in food safety, antibiotic use and animal well-being. To find out if your current certification will expire prior to the 2017 fair, please call the MSU Extension Office at (989) 362-3449.
Attention all teens ages 15-19: We are currently recruiting potential summer camp counselors for our multi-county 4-H Summer Camp that will be held on June 14-16, 2017 at Camp Nissokone in Oscoda, MI. Cindy,

4-H Summer Camp Counselors must be 15 years old or older (as of 1/1/17), submit a complete application by February 17, 2017, attend an overview orientation on February 22, 2017, be selected by 4-H Camp Staff, and attend all required 4-H Counselor Trainings as outlined below.

As a counselor, you can practice your leadership skills, help young 4-H members have a great camp experience, and have fun yourself. We are looking for 12 counselors who would like to share three days of their summer vacation working with 4-H’ers ages 8-12 from various counties. We welcome returning teens; however returning teens need to apply again.

Each of the counties will be inviting teens to come to the orientation on February 22, 2017. From the group of young people present, we will choose up to six female and six male counselors, with the goal of having counselors from each county. All participants will be notified in a letter whether or not they were selected.

What would my responsibilities be as a Camp Counselor?

- Model positive behavior management techniques and not use any form of physical or emotional abuse.
- Assume the responsibility for one or more assigned areas:
  - Cabin Counselor, Program Coordinator, and/or Activities Coordinator
- Be directly responsible to the Extension Staff in charge of camp and perform duties as requested.
- Work cooperatively with all other camp personnel whether permanent staff, summer staff, volunteer, or teen counselor.
- Know camp rules, abide by them, and enforce them with all persons in camp.
- Recognize that counselors are at camp for the camper’s benefit and only secondarily for their own development and enjoyment.
- Arrive on time for assigned responsibilities
- Exercise mature, good judgment in assuming responsibility for and working with youth.

Required Counselor Trainings Dates:
- February 22, 2017 at Ogemaw MSU Extension Office
- April 22-23, 2017 at Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center, Hale, MI
- June 14, 2017 at Camp Nissokone, 9:30-11:30 AM

If you would like to be considered for one of the 2017 4-H Camp Counselor positions, please email Kelli at raukelli@anr.msu.edu for an application!
**4-H Capitol Experience**

**When and where:** 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 2017 to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the [Okemos Conference Center](https://www.okemosconference.com). Tours and agency visits will take place at the State Capitol and surrounding area.

**Who should attend:** High school students at least 14 years old. All participants must have pictured identification.

**Cost:** $350 4-H and Michigan Farm Bureau members, $360 non 4-H members. Includes all meals, lodging and material fees. All registrations must be paid in full by Feb. 10, 2017. Any registration not paid in full by this time will be canceled and the space will be offered to registrants on the waitlist.

**Registration process:** Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited to 150 total participants. Each participant will need to register online. Note that communications for this event are made via email, so please provide and email during registration that is checked on a regular basis. All registration payments must be made in full by Feb. 10, 2017.

**Cancellation policy:** Voluntary cancellations received between Feb. 3, 2017 and Feb. 24, 2017 will incur a $30 cancellation fee. Cancellations received after Feb. 24, 2017 are non-refundable.
Michigan 4-H Beef, Sheep, Swine and Vet Science Workshop

Dive into veterinary science with Veterinarians and MSU Veterinary Students!

When and where:
Feb. 17-18, 2017
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Dr, Tustin, MI 49688

Who should attend:
Youth age 13 and older (as of Jan. 1) and adult leaders interested in learning more about veterinary science.
Topics include: Case Studies, Veterinary Technology, Life Skills, Veterinary School Preparation, Food Chain Relationships, Production Medicine, Animal Senses, Dissections, Careers and more!

Cost:
- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$58.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$105.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources. Rooming upgrades available during registration.

Registration information:
- The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 5, 2017.
- To register, visit [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/)
- Persons canceling without a replacement after Feb. 6, 2017, will be charged a $24.00 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 within 48 hours (Feb. 15, 2017) prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or contact event coordinator, Julie Thelen at 517-432-1626 or thelenju@anr.msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
Support for this event is provided by Greenstone Farm Credit Services.
Michigan 4-H
Beef, Sheep and Swine
Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Meet new friends and improve what you know about livestock!

When and where:
Feb. 18-19, 2017
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Dr, Tustin, MI 49688

Who should attend:
Youth age 13 and older (as of Jan.1) and adult leaders interested in learning more about beef, sheep and/or swine.
Topics include: animal health update, nutrition, management, selection, careers, budgeting and personal development.

Cost:
• 4-H Members and Volunteers—$58.00
• Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$105.00
• Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources. Rooming upgrades available during registration.

Registration information:
• The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 5, 2017.
• To register, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/
• Persons canceling without a replacement after Feb. 6, 2017, will be charged a $24.00 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 within 48 hours (Feb. 16, 2017) prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or contact event coordinator, Julie Thelen at 517-432-1626 or thelenju@anr.msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

Support for this event is provided by Greenstone Farm Credit Services and Michigan Pork Producers Association.
**4-H Challenge U FunFest**

The Challenge U 4-H FunFest scheduled for March 11-12, 2017, at the Kettunen Center is now open for registration. A complete flyer with session descriptions and a link to register can be found by visiting: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu17/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu17/).

**When and where:**
March 11, 2017- March 12, 2017  
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

**Who:**  
Any youth age 9-13 (as of January 1st) and chaperones.

**What:**  
Are you ready to accept the challenge? Youth and adults who attend Challenge U 4-H FunFest will spend 2 days learning about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state. Challenge U 4-H FunFest will challenge participants and chaperones in hands-on sessions that range from physical fitness, snack making, dancing, and more.

**Cost:**  
- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$70.00  
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$119.00  
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources. Persons canceling without a replacement by Friday, February 24, 2017, will be charged a $40.00 cancellation fee. Persons who do not cancel within 48 hours prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full amount.  
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

**Registration information:**  
- The deadline to register for this event is Friday, February 24, 2017  
- To register, visit [https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu17/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/challengeu17/)

**Find out more...**  
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Michelle Neff at 989-539-7805 or hydemich@msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
Michigan 4-H Robotics Workshop

Iosco County 4-H is in the process of developing a 4-H Robotics club. At this time we are looking for additional volunteers and teens interested in being leaders to attend this workshop on March 18-19, 2017 at the Kettunen Center. For more information, please visit the Robotics workshop website.

MICHIGAN 4-H ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

When and where:

March 18-19, 2017
4-H Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Who:

4-H members age 13-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in robotics (sign up for a specific track: LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, Underwater ROVs, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Younger 4-Hers: Robotics & STEAM, and Junk Drawer Robotics).

Cost:

- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$75.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$130.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Persons canceling without a replacement by Feb. 24, 2017, will be charged a $20.00 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 within 48 hours prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Registration information:

- The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 24, 2017.
- To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HRobotics2017/

Find out more...

Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.

For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office, Jan Brinn at 269-673-0370 or brinn@anr.msu.edu or Kristy Oosterhouse at 517-543-2310 oosterh6@anr.msu.edu

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
Upcoming Michigan 4-H Horse Events

Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference, February 25
MSU’s campus, East Lansing, MI
Registration for this event is limited!
4-H members age 12-19 AND adult volunteers are welcomed. Topics include horse judging, equine first aid, dissection, veterinary care, equine nutrition, and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, and much more. Interactive classroom sessions in Anthony Hall will be followed by hands-on activities at the MSU Horse Teaching & Research Center.
Full event details & registration forms: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
REGISTER HERE: [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HHorseLeaders/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HHorseLeaders/)

4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest, Sunday March 26th
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Full class list, rules, registration and event details available at:
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)

Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show/Clinic, April 8
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
Space will be limited for this event, only 100 stalls available. Judges will wear microphones and share critiques with exhibitors to help improve their performance. Audience members (free) can hear feedback as well!
Event details and showbill available after January 1:
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
Purchase stalls: [https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645)

Upcoming 4-H Workshops

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E6B7FF2B7A78D0A4)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94)
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 4: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus ([tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu))
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing
March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischa@msu.edu)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**Other Upcoming 4-H Events**

**February 17-20:** National Youth Summit on Healthy Living  
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

**February 18:** Michigan 4-H Night With the Griffins  
Contact Tarin Minkel (minkeltj@anr.msu.edu)  
Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids

**March 19-22:** 4-H Capitol Experience  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_3)  
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

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