**Kelli’s Korner**

Just seven more days until Achievement Day! That is right, next Friday is 4-H Achievement Day at the Iosco Fairgrounds starting at 6:00 PM. If you have not registered to bring your 4-H projects, please make plans to stop by the Samson Building to check out the event so that you can start planning for how you and your club can get more involved next year! Also, if you are planning to attend Achievement Day we are changing things up a bit with our new process. Projects DO NOT need to be dropped off early this year like in past years. When you arrive at the fair, you will make your way to the Samson Building to check in. Once you check in the clerks will direct you the right project areas. After your project has been judged, the clerks will then move your project to the appropriate display area. This will allow for more efficient use of the building and a more organized display area so that everyone’s project is displayed in the best possible way. **Please plan to arrive no later than 5:30 PM and have all of your projects with you at that time.**

A special congratulations goes out to Michael Nelkie, 4-H member of the Sharp Shooters Muzzleloading club for an overall 5th place finish at the National Shooting Sports Tournament in the first round.

This is also a very exciting time to be a part of Iosco 4-H! Not only do we have fair coming up, but we also have an international exchange student that will be arriving for a summer stay with the Curry Family on July 23rd, five 4-H members traveling to the 4-H State Horse Show, and several teams heading down in a few weeks to the 4-H State Shooting Sports tournament. The hard work put forth by our members is outstanding! Make sure that you like us on Facebook to keep up on all the exciting opportunities happening over the next 3 weeks!

One last thing, if you ordered a 4-H T-shirt or Sweatshirt, they will be arriving on July 21st. Our hope is to have them ready to go at Achievement Day as long as they arrive in the afternoon. We did order a few extras if you missed the order and those will be available throughout fair week!

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope to see all of you at Achievement Day!
**Council Connection**

Good afternoon 4-Her’s. Hope your summer is fun filled and exciting. We are bringing back our 4-H tag sales to help raise money for future scholarships and for awards and recognition banquets. Also, please let me know what special, homemade items you will be donating to the silent auction. It’s coming up quick and we need donations. Your help is needed and appreciated.

*Paul Grabstanowicz, Council President*

**4-H Silent Auction**

The 4-H Leaders’ Council needs your help! They are holding their annual silent auction on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Iosco County Fairgrounds. All of the profits from this event are what the council uses throughout the year to send youth to Kettunen Center, provide scholarships to various 4-H events, and provide educational opportunities for our members. In 2017, the Leaders’ Council provided over $3,000.00 in scholarships and would love to be able to do so again in 2018! Please help them reach their fundraising goals by donating items! Many items are great for silent auction including haircuts, manicures, massages, gift certificates, homemade crafts, baked goods, and more! For more information or to donate an item, please call Paul Grabstanowicz at 989-735-2059.

**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 or find Kelli at the fair! This is just one way for us to thank you for your dedication to Iosco County 4-H!

**4-H Snack Shack**

There are still opportunities for members and volunteers to help out at the 4-H Snack Shack at fair. Please remember that this is an opportunity to earn money for your club or a 4-H activity. If you are interested in helping out please call Sandy Lieber, 4-H Snack Shack Coordinator at 989-254-4254.

**4-H Livestock Information**

Attention all market livestock members- Please be sure to check out the Facebook group and connect with your leaders, as fair is right around the corner! All make up work for missed meetings is due by the 21st of July. This information was posted in the livestock group, along with some other important information on record books and community service project requirements. **You must let Tammy Gawne know if you are planning to bring a dessert to the Buyers’ Dinner or will be opting for the $5.00 donation ASAP. Please call or text Tammy at 989-965-1824!**
4-H Treasure Island Summer Camp

4-H members were able to learn about science while experiencing the great outdoors during a three-day 4-H summer camp. 4-H Treasure Island Science Camp draws youth from Arenac, Iosco, and Ogemaw counties to YMCA Camp Nissokone on Van Etten Lake in Oscoda. This multi-county event brought together over 80 youth ages 8-12 to continue the 4-H Summer Camp legacy. Campers spend their weekend with 4-H Teen counselors and MSU Extension staff trying new things, making new friends, and gaining self-confidence.

Not only did campers enjoy traditional camp activities including the climbing wall, kayaking, and zip lining, but campers were also able to select option activity sessions of their choice throughout camp. Optional activities included horseback riding, fishing, engineering and veterinary science, as well as archery. During these sessions, campers helped clean up oil spills, uncovered common kitchen mysteries, stepped up to the challenge to become engineers, and explored firsthand the ins and outs of animal science. The objective of the science sessions was to introduce campers to possible 4-H project areas that they can become involved with. 4-H’s goal with these activities is to take the 4-H curriculum and spark interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) by exposing youth to opportunities in the STEM fields and help these youth find an interest in a future career path.

4-H Summer Camp is an unmatchable experience for the youth. The 4-H Staff members work hard to plan activities that the participants cannot get elsewhere. Camp is a great time to experience new things, meet new friends and create memories that last a lifetime. Campers are encouraged to try new things in a safe and fun atmosphere and 4-H teen counselors are quick to join in on the fun too! Camp highlights include Marshmallow Paint War, campfire skits, and of course taking the plunge down the water slide!

The 4-H program is already planning the 2018 4-H Summer Camp to be held June 16-18, 2018 at Camp Nissokone. For participation information, contact the Iosco County Michigan State University Extension office at 989-362-3449.
**4-H Exploration Days**

Forty-three 4-H’ers and five chaperons from Iosco County spent several days on the campus of Michigan State University attending 4-H Exploration Days, a pre-college program hosted by Michigan State University Extension. Iosco County 4-H members joined up with members from Arenac and Ogemaw 4-H to travel down to the event which gave the youth an opportunity to meet 4-H members from other counties and share experiences.

To make the trip even more of an experience, local 4-H Program Coordinator, Kelli Rau arranged for the group to make a stop on their way to East Lansing. The group traveled to the largest car museum in North America which is located in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Gilmore Car Museum has over 300 vintage and collector vehicles and motorcycles from all eras are on display in over a dozen vintage buildings located on 90 acres. 4-H members received guided tours of the facility learning about the history of a variety of automobiles as they made their way through the museum.

After a day of fun and team building, the group made their way to the campus of Michigan State University where they spent the next three days participating in 4-H Exploration Days. Exploration Days, held June 21-23, is designed for young people ages 11-19. Every year approximately 2,500 youth from all over Michigan attend this event. Participants stay in the residence halls and dine at the cafeterias.

Exploration Days is designed to increase youth’s responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills, while allowing them to explore MSU. Participants increase their communication, team work, citizenship, and leadership skills. Exploration Days sessions allow youth to develop and expand career and personal interests.

Participants choose from a variety of sessions including hands-on learning sessions, field trips, and recreational opportunities. Sessions are held both on and off campus. Youth have the opportunity to swim, ice skate, go souvenir shopping, bowl, shoot pool, and even attend a dance after their session. There are many attractions to visit including the Abrams Planetarium, the Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center, the Eli and the Edythe Broad Art Museum, the 4-H Children’s Garden, the Jack Breslin Student Events Center, the MSU Animal Field Laboratory Tour, the MSU Bug House, the MSU Dairy Store and the MSU Museum.

This pre-college program helps members with life skills. Participants meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds, develop and expand career and personal interests as well as increase college exploration and access to the Michigan State University campus and its resources. These youth develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.
4-H Cloverbud Camp

Iosco County 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp made a return this year! Seven youth ages 5-8 years old attended camp June 28-30, 2017 at the Iosco County Fairgrounds in Hale, MI. Campers enjoyed three days of non-stop fun conducting science experiments, making crafts, and more.

For many youth this was their first camp experience and a great opportunity to make new friends. The 4-H Cloverbud camp focuses on non-competitive events designed to encourage group participation and building self-esteem.

The objective is to give the participants a chance to see what 4-H is all about while having fun and making memories. Teen counselors served as group leaders and project instructors to help camp run smoothly. Michigan State University Extension Nutrition Program Instructor, Tara Roberson also joined in on the fun providing campers with fun, hands-on sessions where they learned about eating right, proper exercise, and keeping themselves healthy.

Campers designed recycled crafts and made t-shirts to take home as souvenirs, as well as participated in team building games such as building roller coasters, battleship, and more! Participants were able to learn valuable life skills from their participation in this event including responsibility, self-esteem and team work.
4-H State Awards

Nearly 100 outstanding Michigan 4-H members gathered on the campus of Michigan State University June 22 to celebrate their accomplishments through the Michigan 4-H State Awards Recognition program. During the event, four Iosco County 4-H members represented Iosco County and Michigan 4-H vying for a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members.

“With more than 200,000 4-H’ers across the state, the youth honored with State Awards are some of our most elite 4-H’ers,” Julie Chapin, director of MSU Extension Michigan 4-H programs, said. “Their commitment to bettering themselves and their communities through service and extensive 4-H work really make them true leaders in their clubs, counties and state.”

Michigan 4-H State Awards youth are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H’ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they’ve acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award delegates. Delegates are then invited to participate in one of two additional phases: an interview process for seniors (ages 16-19), in which their skills and experience are further evaluated, or a vigorous leadership program for junior delegates (ages 13-15).

“The process of applying for a State 4-H Award is no small feat,” Chapin said. “These youth spend a lot of time and effort to prepare their applications and complete the required interview or leadership program, which further illustrates their commitment as leaders in Michigan 4-H. We’re grateful to reward their determination with the State 4-H Award honor.”

Iosco County 4-H members competing in the 4-H State Awards Program include Justine Griffis in the project area of leadership and personal development, Miranda Hall in the project area of leadership and personal development, Stephanie Hauff in the equine science project area, and Joslyn Nelkie in the citizenship project area.

To learn more about Michigan 4-H and the State Awards program, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.
Michigan 4-H Science Expo

This new, innovative, competitive event – created and sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://bit.ly/12NxjLN) for youth with a passion for science – will provide 4-H’ers the opportunities to:

- Understand the world around them and how they can use science to answer questions and research ways to improve their world.
- Learn how their 4-H projects connect to the world of science.
- Gain exposure to career pathways in science.
- Meet other Michigan 4-H’ers and 4-H leaders engaged in science projects and programs.
- Share their skills and passion for science by participating in one of the following three contests:
  1. State 4-H Forestry. This includes tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, and insect/disease identification.
  2. State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program. Contest participants will have an opportunity to develop leadership; appreciate the need and importance of conserving natural resources; learn about career opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields; and develop practical wildlife-management skills.
  3. State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Participants will compete in teams of 3 to 5 in a real-time challenge (unknown to the team in advance of the event). To accomplish their division challenges, team members must decide how to divide their time between designing, building and programming. Divisions are: LEGO Mindstorms Senior (aged 15 to 19), LEGO Mindstorms Intermediate (aged 12 to 14), and Junk Drawer (aged 9 to 11).

Who Should Attend?
Michigan 4-H’ers, 9 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017

When and Where Will the Expo Be Held?
August 26, 2017 at Anthony Hall on MSU’s campus

What Is the Cost of the Expo?
The nonrefundable registration fee is $15 and there is an optional lunch for $10.50. All entry fees must be paid prior to the event date. Payment may be made on the registration system at the time of entry via credit card, or by cash or check at your local MSU Extension 4-H office. Entries without payment by the date of the event will be disqualified.

How Does Someone Register?
Pre-registration by July 31, 2017 is required. Forms and complete information, including the event catalog, are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2s976VL).

More information about the Expo is available from:
Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show

Classes:
- Breed
- Showmanship
- Cloverbud Showmanship
- Cloverbud Costume

Educational Contests:
- Avian Bowl
- Poster
- Breed ID
- Judging

Cost:
$15 flat fee for up to 20 birds; $3 Exhibitor Pass; $2 flat fee for Cloverbuds; $2 per educational contest

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 5 to 19 as of January 1, 2017.
Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more…
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or contact Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270 or ockertka@anr.msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested with registration submission.

To Register Visit:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/poultryshow17/
**4-H Workshops**

August 11-13: Kayaking, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2  
Little Bay de Noc, Gladstone

August 18-20: Flat-Water Canoeing, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2  
Manistee River near Kingsley

August 26-27: Global Village and Global Gateway Experience With 4-H  
Howell Nature Center, Howell

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

**Other Upcoming 4-H Events**

July 30-August 3: National 4-H Forestry Invitational  
[http://4hforestryinvitation.org](http://4hforestryinvitation.org)  
Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Conference Center, Weston, West Virginia

August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp  
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A11B8C3CF0D2FB86](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A11B8C3CF0D2FB86)  
MSU, East Lansing

August 11-13: State 4-H Horse Show  
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs](http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs)  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

August 19: State 4-H Dog Show  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_dog_show)  
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

August 19: Lansing Lugnuts 4-H Night!  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/lansing_lugnuts_4_h_night](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/lansing_lugnuts_4_h_night)  
Cooley Law School Stadium, Lansing

September 2: Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza1](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](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events)