**Kelli’s Korner**

Today is the day! 4-H Achievement Day will be held tonight 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.**

Congratulations goes out to the Iosco 4-H Dairy Club on a job well done at the Michigan 4-H Dairy Expo! 4-H members Gabi Nelkie, Autumn Reed, Madison Grubaugh, Isabella Nelkie, and Karlee Nelkie competed in Dairy Judging, Quiz Bowl, and Showmanship this week for the very first time and all did an exceptional job. 4-H member, Cole Provoast also competed in the Showmanship competition. Stay tuned for more photos and information on how they did next week!

4-H shirts have arrived! Be sure to pick your shirt orders up from Lisa Nelkie tonight at Achievement Day! She will also have some for sale if you didn’t get an order placed!

Next week brings with it the Iosco County Fair. Our 4-H members will be showcasing their hard work throughout the week so make sure to stop out and show your support! I will be doing my best to keep the results posted on Facebook so make sure to like our page if you have not done so already!

See you next week at the fair!
**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**

There has been a location change for the silent auction this year! The auction will be held in the Samson Building next to the welcome booth! The auction bidding will start on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Iosco County Fairgrounds and run until after the parade on Saturday. All of the profits from this event are what the council uses throughout the year to send youth to the 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!**
2017 Iosco County Fair
Livestock Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 19th
8:00 AM    Fair Clean Up and Set Up

Friday, July 21st
4:00-5:30 PM    Achievement Day Set Up
6:00-8:00 PM    Achievement Day

Monday, July 24th
8:00 AM-12:00 PM    Lamb and Swine Weigh-In
8:00 AM-12:00 PM    Small Animal Weigh-In
8:00 AM-12:00 PM    Beef Exhibits Accepted
12:30 PM    Swine Pre-Show & Meeting
2:00 PM    Sheep Pre-Show & Meeting
4:00 PM    Beef Weigh-In
4:30 PM    Poultry Judging
5:00 PM    Large Animal Pre-Shows
5:30 PM    Youth Speed Horse Show
7:00 PM    Beef Pre-Show

Tuesday, July 25th
10:00 AM    Rabbit Judging
10:00 AM    Exceptional Riders Show
10:00 AM-12:00 PM    Record Books Due
1:00 PM    Goat Judging followed by Sheep Judging, Market Beef to follow & Hogs after Dinner and Showman of Showman following all shows

*Don’t forget to hang up a thank you sign!*

Thursday, July 27th
8:30-10:00 AM    Breakfast at the Fair
9:00 AM    Youth Trail Classes
11:00 AM    Jr. Barnyard Olympics
1:00 PM    Barnyard Olympics
3:30-5:00 PM    4-H Silent Auction
4:00 PM    Be ready to meet buyers
4:00-5:45 PM    Buyer Registration at Arena
5:00 PM    Cow Pie Bingo
5:30 PM    Set Up for Buyers’ Dinner
6:00 PM    Livestock Auction
8:00 PM    Buyers’ Dinner
9:30 PM    Buyers’ Dinner Clean Up

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Friday, July 28th
8:00-10:00 AM    Fill Out Thank You Cards
9:00 AM    Youth Pleasure Show
4:00 PM    FFA Chicken BBQ
7:00 PM    Fun Horse Show

Saturday, July 29th
9:00 AM    Open Pleasure Show
11:00 AM    Parade Line Up
12:00 PM    Iosco County Fair Parade
1:00 PM    Ag Day Activities
4:00 PM    FFA Hog Roast Dinner
4:00 PM    Pedal Tractor Pull

Sunday, July 30th
8:00 AM    Clean Up

Wednesday, July 26th
9:00 AM    Non-Market Beef & Dairy Judging with Pee Wee Beef, Sheep, & Swine Show to follow
6:30 PM    Open Speed Horse Show
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?
Preregistration 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 ockerka@anr.msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested with registration submission.

To Register Visit:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/poultryshow17/

September 2, 2017
Michigan State Fair
Novi, MI

The Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

A Communications Workshop for 4-H members, teen leaders, ambassadors, and community issue advocates

Thursday, August 17, 2017
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Mid Michigan Community College
(Mt Pleasant campus)
2600 S Summerton Rd
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

This workshop is also being planned in SE Michigan (Macomb); details TBA

Who: Michigan 4-H members (12-19 years old on January 1, 2017)
What: Communications workshop for 4-H members. Learn about a variety of communication tools and strategies for crafting an effective message to tell the “so what” of the 4-H message.
Why: Because Michigan 4-H members are doing amazing things and the world should know about it!!
How: Register online by August 9th at:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/Teenspokesperson17/
$15 registration fee; includes continental breakfast & lunch

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS
• Dining etiquette
• Practice public speaking
• Promote 4-H
• Preparing for an interview
• Breakout sessions may include: social media, video, photography, or public speaking

» Dress attire for workshop: Business Casual
» Questions: contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbell@msu.edu or 810-648-2515

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National 4-H Congress

“Be True, Be You” and participate in the 2017 National 4-H Congress November 24 to 28 in Atlanta, Georgia! Michigan 4-H youth ages 14-19 are invited to apply for this leadership, citizenship and community service event. In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. The exact cost will be determined based on the number of delegates and airfare, but will be around $1500. Fees include registration, hotel, airfare, and most meals. Be sure to check out the website at http://national4-hcongress.com. Any youth interested in attending must let Kelli Rau know by August 8, 2017! A $100.00 deposit is due by August 11th to hold your spot!
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
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

July 30-August 3: National 4-H Forestry Invitational
http://4hforestryinvitational.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
MSU, East Lansing

August 11-13: State 4-H Horse Show
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
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

August 19: 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
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

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