Kelli’s Korner

Happy Friday Everyone! A special congratulations goes out this week to four outstanding 4-H members that were recently selected as finalists for the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program: Justine Griffis, Miranda Hall, Stephanie Hauff, and Joslyn Nelkie. The Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a 4-H member in the state of Michigan and we are so blessed to have four delegates. I can’t wait until June to get the final results.

Please don’t forget that 4-H Exploration Days registrations should be turned into the office on Monday, March 13th. If you still need registration information, please call the office at (989) 362-3449.

Also, don’t forget that today is the deadline to register for the Parli-pro training on Monday! More information can be found on page 3!

4-H Leaders’ Council Connection

Happy Friday everyone. A huge thank you to Sandy Lieber who stepped up to take control of the snack shack this year. It creates money making opportunities for your club at the fair and other events. Congratulations to our finalists in the 4-H State awards. We are very proud of you. As a reminder many clubs are getting started and perhaps someone who has never experienced a 4-H club would be excited to come and attend. Perhaps it would get more kids involved. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you throughout the year so let’s have some 4-H fun and excitement. Thank you to all the volunteers who help make this a success each year and to our wonderful kids. Goooo 4-H!

-Paul Grabstanowicz, 4-H Leaders’ Council President
4-H Raise Your Hand Campaign

This spring, 4-H is asking alumni to raise their hands! In Michigan 4-H, we believe every child deserves the chance to succeed. If you’re a 4-H alumni or know someone who is, we’re asking for your help in spreading the word. Together we can help 4-H provide the hands-on learning that empowers kids across America with the skills to handle what life throws at them.

It’s easy:
1. Raise Your Hand: Go to www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand to show your pride as a 4-H alumni.
2. Compete for Michigan! Raising your hand is a vote towards a $20,000, $10,000 or $5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay It Forward: Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state!

Help kids learn responsibility, compassion, respect and the value of hard work by supporting 4-H. Together we can grow the next generation of true leaders.

4-H Teens as Teachers Workshop

The Teens as Teachers Workshop scheduled for May 20-21, 2017 at Kettunen Center is now open for registration. Participants may register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers17/.

At the Teens as Teachers workshop, teen leaders (age 13-19) will gain facilitation and leadership skills that will prepare them to teach a FUN hands-on educational activity. Each teen leader will teach the activity they learn at the training to a group of kids in their local community. As a teen leader, you will have the advantage of being able to make learning fun and relatable to the young people you teach; serving as a role model for younger 4-H members. Teens in each track will work together to prepare, implement, evaluate and report on the progress of their local implementation of the activity in one of four tracks. Training and all teaching supplies will be provided.

Participants will pick one of four workshop tracks:

**Ag Innovators Experience track!**
The world population is expected to reach 9 Billion by the year 2050, and with the number of adults working in the agriculture sector decreasing, we need to get young people excited about ag! This track will feature the “Healthy Soils CSI Challenge” that will explore the importance of soil in our food system. This science-based activity will promote career exploration in the areas of STEM and agriculture while teaching youth life skills!

**Share your love of science track!**
The True 4-H Science Leaders program is designed to help teens develop skills, implement plans, and voice their love of science with others in their community. In addition to growing your understanding of science along with leadership, communication and teamwork, you will also engage in a variety of hand-on science investigations to learn ways to help others experience the excitement of science exploration in this track!

**Money Management Track!**
If you are interested in helping younger youth, want to positively impact your community, and/or want experience teaching children, this workshop will give you the skills to do all those things! Plus, knowing how to handle money now will make life so much easier when you are an adult! Through this initiative, 4-H teens will teach elementary school students in their community basic financial concepts using children’s books and hands-on activities.
Leadership through Parliamentary Procedure Track!
Understanding the basic principles of parliamentary procedure can improve meeting productivity. In this track, teens will learn multiple activities to help other youth in their communities learn how using parliamentary procedure can help them be better leaders! This is one of MI 4-H’s most requested trainings and YOU’LL get to be one of the valued facilitators.

Upcoming 4-H Club Meetings

- The Iosco Oinkers will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 12th at Eagle Point Plaza
- The Junior Market Livestock will be holding the second mandatory meeting on Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 PM at the Plainfield Township Hall. More information will be sent to members next week.
- 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.

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. Due to the generosity of an Iosco County 4-H alumni, one 4-H member will be receiving a FULL 4-H Exploration Days or Summer Camp scholarship! 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 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.
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.

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4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

When and where:

April 28 - 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 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 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)