Kelli’s Korner

It is finally Friday and March is already here. On Monday evening I held 4-H Exploration Days office hours and many of you came to receive information about registering, but if you missed this meeting the forms have been emailed to youth that have expressed interest and are also available for pick up here in the office. Please have your registration and deposit turned in no later than Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Don’t forget that both the 4-H Hale Super Silly Sewers Club and the Kids-n-Cakes Cake Decorating Club start next week. More information on those two clubs can be found on the next page! Also, please don’t forget to sign up for the Parli-Pro and Teen Leadership Training that is scheduled for Monday, March 13th! We will be selecting one winner that night from Iosco County to attend 4-H Exploration Days or 4-H Summer Camp on a full scholarship, thanks to a generous 4-H supporter!

I also wanted to let everyone know that I will be out of the office next week starting on Wednesday. I will be back on Monday, March 13, 2017. The office will be open, but if you need to reach me please send me an email and I will respond as time allows.

4-H Leaders’ Council Connection

Thank you to everyone that came out to the 4-H Leaders’ Council meeting on Tuesday evening. We had a great turn out and are excited to get some projects planned for this summer.

A special thank you goes out to Sandy Lieber for generously volunteering to lead the 4-H Snack Shack Committee. Sandy is working to establish a committee and getting organized. She will be planning meetings to ensure that the Snack Shack is ready for fair. Please stay tuned for more information and if you would like to be involved in planning email Sandy at sandymayhew51@gmail.com.

The By-Law review meeting that was set for last night has been postponed. If you are interested in sitting in on this committee meeting, please email Council President, Paul Grabstanowicz.
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.
**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 meet 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 member 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 **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.
Attention all 4-H Club Officers, Teen Leaders, and members 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 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.

**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.
**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/](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](mailto:events@anr.msu.edu) 48 hours (April 28, 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
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 17-19: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
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
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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
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
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo
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