New Staff in the 4-H Office

Greetings 4-H families, friends and alumni! I’m so glad to be serving you in my new roll with Missaukee’s 4-H program. I’m excited to help grow youth programming!

If you use Social Media such as Facebook, take a moment to “LIKE” our page. I have already started to share club news, scholarship information, programs and events. It’s a fast way to spread the word about the latest and greatest opportunities available.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of assistance. I can usually be found in the 4-H office Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m. If those times are not convenient for your schedule, I will gladly meet outside those hours. Just email or call to schedule an appointment at a time that works for you. I’m glad to answer questions, help you start a club or volunteer in the office or with a youth activity, or find the club that’s the best fit for your family. Looking forward to partnering with you soon!

Sincerely,
Laura Quist
4-H Program Coordinator

Blazing Arrows light up state competition!

Congratulations to Missaukee’s own Blazing Arrows 4-H Archery Club. Leaders Dale Mosher, Teresa and Anthony Manganello escorted 16 youth to the 2017 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament held in Calhoun County in July. Mosher reports all 16 club members who attended brought home medals! Teams placed in the top 1st to 2nd place ranks in several categories, including:

Interested in learning archery? Sign-up for their 2017-2018 4-H program!

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4-H Workshops

September 12: Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4-h_club_leaders
Webinar

September 23-24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 12: 4-H Club 201: Building Bridges
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

October 12: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/
nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_escanaba
Delta County MSU Extension Office, Escanaba

October 20: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/
nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_mt_pleasant
Mid-Michigan Community College, Mt. Pleasant

November 8: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/
nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_port_huron
St Clair County Administration Building, Port Huron

Other 4-H Events

September 23: Dickinson Outdoor Extravaganza
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson_outdoor_extravaganza
Cowboy Lake Park, Kingsford

September 26: Sustainable Ag Field Day for 4-H and Informal Educators
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/sustainable_ag_field_day_for_4h_informal_educators
W.K. Kellogg Biological Field Station, Hickory Corners

October 6: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_foundation_annual_meeting
MSU Kellogg Center, Lansing

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest
MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

November 11: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training
Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2017, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2017. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond!

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:

- Nomination Form found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources).
- Nomination Letter
- Letter of Support from County Staff

Congratulations to the 2017 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth ages 11 and 12 the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards’ 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. As part of the contest, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension staff members select up to two youth essays from each county to be recognized as award winners.

The essay theme for 2017 was “Because of 4-H, I can...” and the youth referred to their 4-H experiences as ones that have allowed them to make new friends, try new projects, explore new places and help their dreams come true. Some credited 4-H with helping them increase their public speaking skills, confidence and time management skills. Other 4-H’ers wrote with excitement about their club meetings, events, exhibits and community service projects.

Overall, 31 youth from 18 counties were honored as 2017 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Branch County: Kathleen Bailey and Jacob Reif
- Cass County: Benjamin Shelby and Madison Weedon
- Cheboygan County: Thomas Tafoya
- Eaton County: Javelynne Bowels and Ryleigh Mauk
- Ionia County: Cassidy Cashen and Peyton Hoppes
- Kent County: Grace Richmond
- Macomb County: Taylor Frazier and Teagan Lake
- Marquette County: Halle Graves and Hayden Graves
- Mason County: Ryann Rohrer
- Menominee County: Malorie Baumler and Kara Solander
- Monroe County: Griffin Linn and Jaren Schmidt
- Oakland County: Samantha Conlon and Khamani Potts
- Oceana County: Beckett Newell and Alexis Settler
- Sanilac County: Emily Martinez and Riley Wallace
- Shiawassee County: Emma Challender and Veronica Gross
- St. Clair County: Gwyneth Glombowski and Douglas Modrich
- Washtenaw County: Quinn Hilla
- Wayne County: Carlene Armstrong

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan.
Accepting Applications for Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

What is SYLC? Established in 2015, the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council is a statewide leadership opportunity for 4-H youth. SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and can provide youth voice and perspective on the development of 4-H programs and curricula. SYLC members are also provided an opportunity to represent Michigan in attendance at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

Who is eligible? Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2018, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a state committee of MSU Extension staff. SYLC member terms are two years.

When/where do they meet? The Council meets monthly through Zoom online video conferencing and holds at least two in-person meetings in conjunction with other state 4-H events: 4-H Teen Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular (Kettunen Center, January) and 4-H Exploration Days (MSU campus, June).

Why would youth be interested in SYLC? SYLC members receive training on public speaking, advocacy, communication and leadership skills. SYLC is Michigan’s highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members get to broaden their network and expand their knowledge of 4-H programs beyond their counties.

How do youth apply? Interested youth should complete an electronic survey, which will serve as their application. The link to the application will be posted online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/sylc once it is active. Applicants must also select two adults, one being their 4-H Program Coordinator, to complete a reference. The deadline to apply for 2018 is October 27, 2017. Selected applicants will be contacted by SYLC advisors to arrange time for an interview following the closing date.

How does SYLC benefit Michigan 4-H? Michigan 4-H believes that youth should be participants, rather than recipients in the learning process. Staff teach volunteers about strengthening youth voice and youth-adult partnerships at the club and county level. SYLC provides an outlet for youth voice at the state level. As staff plan new programs, design promotional tools or create curriculum geared at high-school age groups, contact the SYLC advisors and ask to get on an upcoming SYLC agenda.