A huge THANK YOU to all of our 4-H Superintendents, Volunteers, Members and Families for helping to make this year’s fair such a success! We couldn’t have done it without you.

Christine Miller will be joining our 4-H team on September 11. She was a 4-H member in our community and has been a 4-H volunteer, 4-H Council member and Superintendent. We are looking forward to kicking off the 4-H year with Christine on board!
Changes to 2017-18 Michigan 4-H Participation Fee Policy

Beginning Sept. 1, 2017, the Michigan 4-H annual participation fee will be $20 per youth or $60 per family, whichever is lowest. This is the first increase in participation fee costs in more than 10 years and reflects a growing need to generate supplemental dollars to support the expansion of Michigan’s 4-H program and to provide additional resources that will benefit all of the state’s 4-H’ers. As always, a portion of the participation fee will remain in the county to support local efforts and the remainder will be managed by the MSU Extension State 4-H Office. State office funds will be used to support the 4-H participation fee grant program (which funds various county and state 4-H programs across Michigan), the purchase of American Income Life supplemental accident insurance for all 4-H youth and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline, resources for centralized and more rigorous Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) background checks, and more. These new and enhanced statewide resources will not only provide county 4-H programs with a time and financial savings – allowing us to redirect those resources to other local 4-H efforts – but will provide parents with an added level of safety and security when their child is engaging in 4-H programs. Scholarship grants are available to families unable to pay the increased fee: No families will be turned away!

Please contact Emily Hoover at hooverem@msu.edu or 517-546-3950 for additional information.
Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders

Webinar

This webinar will provide volunteers of an overview of different social media tools, how to use social media with a 4-H Club, and how to involve youth.

Register:
http://bit.ly/2iFgujN

September 12, 2017 at 7pm
Therapeutic Riding Program

***RIDE-A-THON***

Brighton State Recreation Area
6360 Chilson Road, Howell, MI 48843

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Come ride anytime between

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Awards & Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Hot dog, water, chips, apple and Rice-Krispy treat provided to each rider!

- Registration fee is a minimum of $25.00 pledge per rider. Any additional pledges collected are greatly appreciated!
- Park entry fees not included in registration.
- Everyone Welcome – Must provide your own horse.
- All entrants are eligible for door prize drawings.
- For every $50.00 collected entrant will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing, so the more entries you bring, the better chance of winning!
- Camping available – Call Brighton Recreation for camping prices and reservations at (800)447-2757
- Rain or shine! No Refunds!

Grand Equestrians is the Livingston County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program that provides horseback riding instruction to children with disabilities. Grand Equestrians Program gratefully acknowledges your pledge to support this vital program. All pledges/donations directly benefit the therapeutic riding program and are tax deductible. This is a straight pledge. It is not based on time or distance.

See back for Pledge Form and more information
REGION IV YOUTH DISCUSSION MEET

SEPTEMBER 30 | 9:00 AM
NEW LOTHROP HIGH SCHOOL
Clinton, Genesee, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Shiawassee and St. Clair

Regional Youth Discussion Meets, held in the fall, give students interested in agriculture a chance to win prizes as they freely discuss a current topic affecting the agriculture industry while practicing their public speaking skills with other students around Michigan.

For more information about how to register and when the event near you will be held, visit us at: www.michfb.com/MIYouthDiscussionMeet.

AG, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAREERS CONFERENCE

The Ag, Food and Natural Resources Careers Conference held in Lansing on November 9 explores the basics of picking the right career and planning the right education to get where you want to go. High school students can network with agriculture, food and natural resource professionals, visit with colleges and trade schools during the career fair, tour local agriculture businesses, meet 150 other students interested in agriculture, and win great prizes and giveaways.

Registration forms and fee are due by October 26, 2017. Visit us at: www.michfb.com/MICareersConference.

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Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions
Procedures & Guidelines

1. Each year six (6) scholarships of $1,000 may be awarded, one being the Neil Kentner memorial scholarship.

2. Scholarship is open to applicants that are high school seniors or currently enrolled in an institution of advance learning such as a college, university or trade school. (If applicant is a high school senior they must have submitted an application to an advanced leaning institution.)

3. Application must be RECEIVED by October 1.

4. Scholarships winners will be announced at the Annual MAFE Convention.

5. Recipients may apply each year he or she is enrolled in the Institution, but shall not be eligible to receive a scholarship more than 6 years. Preference for awarding of scholarship each year will be to first-time applicants.

6. The scholarship can be used for any and all expenses related to the applicants’ continued education.

7. The full amount of the scholarship will be paid at the MAFE Annual Convention. If attendee is not present at the convention, the scholarship will be mailed to the address listed in the application.

8. The applicant must be involved in MAFE member organization and related industry for the prior 3 years.

Applications must be received by October 1. Send by mail or email to:
Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions
P.O. Box 554, Manchester, Michigan 48158
michiganfairs@gmail.com
Entrant's Name | Address | Phone #
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For additional information contact: MSU Extension – Livingston County at 517-546-3950

Entrant Instructions: List each sponsor’s name, address & contribution. Collect all Contributions immediately.

Please make checks payable to: Grand Equestrians

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Entrants may mail minimum pledge of $25.00 and form to:

MSU Extension – Livingston County  
Grand Equestrians  
2300 E. Grand River, Suite 111  
Howell, MI 48843

OR, bring pledge and form with you to the event – Additional Pledges may be brought to the event

*Grand Equestrians, Livingston County 4-H will not be responsible for loss of property, accident, and/or injuries the day of the event. Only under these conditions will entries be accepted.*

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Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions
Application Form
Due October 1, 2017

Name: ____________________________________________

How are you affiliated with the Fair industry?

_____ Fair(s)  _____ Festival(s)

Please list the affiliate name(s) (i.e. fair you exhibit at, festival where you volunteer, etc)

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Preferred Mailing Address: ________________________________

City ________________ State______________ Zip_______

Email address: ____________________________________________

Phone number: ____________________________________________

School currently enrolled in: ________________________________ Year: __________

What school(s) have you applied to? (High school seniors only) ____________________________

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MAFE Scholarship Application

Please do not include name of your fair/organization, your geographic location or your own name when writing here as evaluation of this section of the application will be done “blind” by the committee. Please limit your response to the space allotted on this page, do not make attachments.

What is your career goal(s)?

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How do you plan to pay for school (please list percent for each):
Parents/Grandparents/Guardian:_____
Savings:_____
Loans/grants:_____
Scholarship:_____
Other:_____

What extracurricular or community activities are you involved?
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What is the greatest lesson you have learned due to your involvement with your fair/festival?

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What has been one of the biggest challenges you have encountered (in any area) and how have you overcome it?

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Pair of 1 year old, beautiful

**East Indian Bantam Ducks**

Asking price: $60. - OBO

Well crafted

**Rabbit Stall**

6 ft wide, 6 ft high, 2 ft deep

With feed storage compartment

Asking price: $100. - OBO

Call: 517-518-2001
Fowlerville Christmas Parade is looking for participants for this year’s parade!
Please email Emily for the entry application.
Entry deadline is **November 8, 2017**.
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.

Advisors: Connie Lange, langle@msu.edu and Jackie Martin, mart623@msu.edu
MICHIGAN 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

Meet new friends and learn about rabbits, cavies, and poultry!

Nutrition · Production · Management · Animal Care
Marketing · Health · Evaluation · Genetics

Who:
4-H members age 11-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in rabbits, cavies and poultry. Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Cost:
$73 for members and volunteers; $135.65 for non-members includes meals, lodging and resources. Scholarships may be available for County 4-H members—ask your county staff!

Registration:
The deadline to register for this event is September 13, 2017. To register, visit https://events.anr.msu.edu/smallanimalsworkshop/

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

September 23-24, 2017
Kettunen Center

Support for this event is provided by the Michigan 4-H Foundation.
### 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
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.
- 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 Taloya
- 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.