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# 4-H Family News

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## Welcome 2017-2018 4-H year

It's that time of year again! Re-enrollment time, please remember that you can enroll at [4honline.com](http://4honline.com) at any-time. All volunteers and youth must enroll each year. If you have questions about enrolling or issues with your password please contact Heidi.

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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](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4_h_club_leaders)

Webinar

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Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 12 : 4-H Club 201: Building Bridges

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_club\\_201\\_building\\_bridges\\_1](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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>.

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## 4-H Committee Meetings

### September 11

- \* Goat Committee Meeting 6pm
- \* Small Animal Committee Meeting 6pm
- \* Youth Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm
- \* Livestock Committee Meeting 7:30pm

### September 12

- \* Genesee County Horse Leaders Association Meeting 6:30pm

### September 18

- \* Rabbit Committee Meeting 6pm

### September 27

- \* Endowment Committee 6pm

## Other 4-H County Events

September, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6pm-9pm there will be an end-of-the-year recognition event and potluck for participants involved with dog classes held in conjunction with a GC 4-H Dog Committee meeting. Items to discussed will include trainer, volunteer and participant recognitions for the previous 4-H year, when and where dog classes are to begin for the next session, and voting to move the monthly committee meeting to the third Tuesday of every month. The event is to be held at 5275 S. Genesee Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Weather-permitting, swimming is available at your own risk, and youth **MUST** have parental supervision for this activity. Please bring a dish to pass. Hamburgers will be provided. You **MUST** RSVP with Jen at 810-244-8533 or [skornic4@msu.edu](mailto:skornic4@msu.edu)

**Silly Science** Oct 5, Nov 9 & 7 at 6:30pm Cost is \$10 each session or \$20 for all 3. If you are already enrolled in Genesee County 4-H the sessions are free. Please call or email Heidi to reserve your child's spot. Classes must have 5 participants or will be subject to cancel

### Leader Update Meeting

September 26 or October 19 6:30pm ALL genesee County 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend 1 of the leader update meetings. If you can not make it to either dates please contact Heidi to make arrangements to pick up packets. All records from 2016-2017 4-H year will be due Nov. 15

**Wojo's**—Looking for groups to volunteer at the wojo's fall fun days Oct 7 & 14, The event runs from 10am -4pm. Groups are welcome to bring out animals for a petting zoo or just work the 4-H informational booth. Proceeds from this event will benefit Genesee County 4-H. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Heidi

**Applewood Fall Harvest festival**—September 23 11am- 5pm at the Mott Estates This family event hosts a variety of activities such as live music, strolling entertainment, a cider and apple tasting in the heirloom orchard, horses in the historic barn, educational presentations by local organizations, children's outdoor games and more. For more information and a schedule of upcoming Applewood events visit [applewood.org](http://applewood.org).



# 4-H Family News



## Wojo's Garden Splendors Family Fall Fun Days

October 7th and 14th  
10 a.m.-4p.m.



*Bring the  
Family*

Live Music

7th- Jon Fett Quartet

14th- Untamed Beauty

Pick your own pumpkin from our pumpkin patch

Purchase refreshments from B-Dogs and Tasty Layers

Scavenger Hunt

Photo opportunities



Create your own  
scarecrow for fall \$25  
All proceeds benefit  
Genesee County 4-H.  
Supplies included.



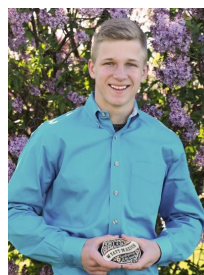
Event is held at our Davison location

7360 E. Court St., Davison, MI 48423

810-658-9221

## 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!



Wyatt Mazich of  
Shiawassee Co.  
2016 winner.

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.

## It's enrollment time!

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Beginning Sept. 1, 2017, the Michigan 4-H participation fee will be \$20 per youth, with a maximum of \$60.00 per family. (September 1 2017– August 31, 2018)

- Families with three or more children in 4-H will not pay over \$60 in annual participation fees.
- Michigan 4-H does not collect participation fees for parents or volunteers.  
For the cost of \$20: Michigan 4-H'ers have access to a number of opportunities and benefits that include
- A full year of youth development programs including county, district, state, national, and international opportunities. Youth can participate in as many clubs and project areas as they choose for the same low cost.
- Access 4-H events including 4-H Day at the Breslin, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Capitol Experience, National 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, state 4-H animal shows/expos, Kettunen Center workshops and more.
- Discounted registration rate for many local camps and statewide programs, including Thumb Area Camp, 4H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp, 4-H Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp, 4-H Renewable Energy Camp and other pre-college programs.
- Access to various 4-H scholarships and award opportunities throughout the state, including six \$10,000 scholarships given annually to 4-H alums attending MSU.
- Supplemental accident insurance coverage provided by American Income Life for all 4-H youth and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline across the state of Michigan
- Volunteers who support positive youth development, that have been screened and background checked to ensure a safe environment for all youth participants

Participation fees will not be a barrier to youth/families for whom the fee is a financial burden. 4-H will not turn away any youth who wants to participate in 4-H. Scholarship grants are available to families unable to pay the increased fee. Please contact the office at 810-244-8500 for more information. This is the first increase in participation fee costs in more than 10 years and reflects the resources needed to support growth and 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 continue the support of 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 staff with time 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. As in the past, 4-H members and/or their family may be responsible for additional fees for individual projects, club dues, event registrations, or fair.