



Gratiot

4-H Family News

September 29

4-H Enrollment Open

The 2017-2018 4-H program year enrollment is open! An email was sent to all 4-H families on September 20th. Please take a minute to read the email as there are a couple changes to the enrollment process. Go to mi.4honline.com to complete your re-enrollment. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with passwords and logging in.

Please remember that the 4-H participation fee is \$20 per member this year. There will be no additional charge for insurance as that is now included in the regular participation fee. We will not be accepting participation fee payments at the Extension Office from families, they must be submitted to your club leaders for processing. Please complete the [Family 4-H Participation Fee Form](#) and submit it to your club leader with the Participation Fee after re-enrolling in 4-H Online.

If you need assistance with the enrollment or log-in process, please feel free to contact the office and we will be happy to walk you through the process. If you need access to a computer to complete the enrollment process, please visit us at the office and we will be happy to set you up with access to one of our computers.

Please remember that all 4-H re-enrollments need to be completed and the participation fees submitted to your club leader by December 1, 2017.

Sincerely,
Chris Thompson
4-H Program Coordinator



County Awards Deadline Extended to October 6

The County Awards deadline has been extended for 1 week to October 6, 2017 at 4:30 pm. The award nomination form is available on the county website [HERE](#). Please take a few minutes to make sure the youth in your group are recognized for the achievements they have made this year.

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National 4-H Week
is October 1-7

Please look for opportunities for you to showcase your involvement in 4-H, promote 4-H to the public, recruit new 4-H members and celebrate the nations largest youth development organization!

**The next Leader's
Council Meeting
will be on
October 26th,
7pm at the
Extension Office.**

Hello my Name is Kaylee Thompson. I am 14 from Alma, MI. My birthday is coming up soon on September 16th. Now that I am a teenager, I don't really care about presents anymore. But this year I have came up with what I hope is a great idea. For the past 3 years my family and I followed this local little boy named Ian O'Hara and his battle with cancer. Unfortunately, Ian lost his battle in July of 2016. For the years he, as well as many other children, was and/or is in the hospital, they get to pick prizes. The hospital gets low on toys, prizes, & snacks that go out to all the sick children. So for my birthday I would LOVE to gather as much as possible to be able to donate to Helen De Vos hospital in Grand Rapids MI in memory of Ian! I am asking you, to find it in your heart to donate toys, snacks, gift cards and/or monies to make this big wish become possible!

I may be reached at 989-506-8066 or
3131 Highlander Circle
Alma MI 48801
Thank you for your time!



Ian with his mother Tina!

**BE A SESSION
PRESENTER!**

CALLING ALL:
Michigan Teens
Adult Volunteers
MSUE & 4-H staff!

We want **YOU** to lead a breakout session at the 2018 Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular!

Download a session proposal form at:
<https://goo.gl/UzumWu>

Deadline to submit session proposals is:
November 1, 2017

**MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
SPECTACULAR!**
JANUARY 27-28, 2018 ~ TUSTIN, MI ~ KETTUNEN CENTER

Call for Workshop Sessions: MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SPECTACULAR!

Kettunen Center - Tustin, MI

January 28-29, 2017

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular! (know as "The Spectacular!" for short) is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders and agents of positive change. The Spectacular will be held January 28-29, 2017 at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI. The Spectacular is planned and led by youth and adult volunteers, and staff from Michigan 4-H.

In the spirit of "thinking globally and acting locally" youth and adults (ages 12-112) will participate in small and large group sessions during this exciting, energetic, and hands-on conference where they will share and develop knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship and international cultures.

Proposals for 1 or 2-hour breakout sessions led by youth, adult volunteers, community partners, 4-H/MSUE/MSU staff and other interested parties are sought by the planning committee. Breakout sessions will be offered the afternoon of January 28 or the morning of January 29. In exchange for leading a breakout session, youth and adult session instructors receive complimentary registration for the Spectacular.

The planning committee welcomes the proposal of any session focused on the development of general or specific knowledge and skills related to youth leadership and global citizenship, including (but in no way limited to):

- Teen/Youth leadership
- Youth Volunteerism
- Youth Voice
- Youth/Adult Partnerships
- Multiculturalism
- Nurturing Relationships
- Responsible Citizenship
- Teamwork & Team Building
- Understanding and Valuing Differences
- Communication skills
- Cooperation
- Conflict Resolution
- Diversity
- International exchange
- Community Service & Service Learning
- Community Engagement
- Civic Engagement
- Cultural Competency & Global Understanding

Proposals for sessions that are led or co-led by youth are highly encouraged and sought by the planning committee!

Proposals are due November 11, 2016. Proposals will be reviewed and instructors will be notified of selection by November 30, 2016.

If you have any questions, or would like help brainstorming an idea for a workshop session, please contact the coordinator of the Spectacular:

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Michigan 4-H / Michigan State University Extension
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“BE HEALTHY AT THE FAIR” MEETING SERIES...

Connecting critical partners in the fair industry
LOCATIONS AND AGENDA

Times for all sessions is 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM except for session 1!

Session 1- October 14, Upper Peninsula State Fair - 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
230 Ludington St, Escanaba, MI 48959

Session 2 – October 18, Midland County Fair
6905 Eastman Rd, Midland, MI 48642

Session 3 – October 19, Calhoun County Fair
720 Fair St, Marshall, MI 49068

Session 4 – October 26, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Session 5 – November 1, Montcalm County Fair
8784 W Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

Session 6 – November 8, Alpena County Fair Merchants Building
627 S. 11th St, Alpena, MI 49707

Session 7 – November 9, Kalkaska United Methodist Church
2525 Beebe Rd, Kalkaska, MI 49646

“Be Healthy at the Fair” Zone Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions – MAFE

Role of Michigan Dept of Health and Human Services &
Local Health Departments

Role of Michigan Dept of Agriculture and Rural Development
Role of 4-H and youth exhibitors – MSU Extension

Catered Working Dinner

Current Events-Outbreaks and Trends

How to Prepare For Your Event

Sharing Resources

Question and Answer Session

Registration for Session Number:

Organization Name:

Attendees:

Phone: Email:

Additional Attendees:

Return form to Sthelenmafe@gmail.com or mail to Steve Thelen,
7821 Weber Road, Saline, MI 48176. Due **five days prior to meeting**.



INVITEES

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MDARD ANIMAL INDUSTRY
REGIONAL STAFF
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4-H CLUB LEADERS &
MEMBERS
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RSVP

NO COST TO ATTEND, MEAL
IS INCLUDED

YOU MAY ATTEND ANY
SESSION

PLEASE REGISTER IN
ADVANCE FOR SITE
ACCOMMODATIONS



MI 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Training

December 2 & 3
Lost Lake Woods Club
8-5 both days

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If you are interested in teaching youth in the shotgun project, this training is where you need to start!

Training will be a mixture of discipline-specific and youth development training needed to start working as an MSU Extension volunteer.

Cost:

\$75 per person includes meals, snacks and training materials.

Deadline to register
Monday, November 20.

**Lodging available onsite
for \$50/night**

If you would like more information, please contact Les Thomas at (989) 724-6478



Experience fall through an upcoming Capacity Building Work Team opportunity on **October 12th ~ 4-H Club 201 at MSU Extension Kent County**. If you are interested, please contact Chris Thompson (989) 875-5295. Chris plans on attending, and will pay the fee for anyone interested in attending.



MICHIGAN 4-H National Youth Science Day

DATE & TIME:

October 4, 2017

4 p.m.—7 p.m.

LOCATION:

MSU 4-H Children's
Garden

We are giving away
FREE science
experiment kits to 3
visiting families and
you'll be able to
nominate your school
for an extra large
science experiment kit!
We'll select at least one
winning teacher!



YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND STUDENTS!

Come explore the beautiful MSU 4-H Children's Gardens and participate in hands-on experiments! MSU students, come discover what science resources are available to you: student groups, research opportunities, and classroom support. Indoor activities planned as well, so event is rain or shine! No need to register, all are welcome.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:

- Aeronautics (drones, rockets, and airplanes)
- Engineering (junk drawer robotics, Rube Goldberg machines)
- Environmental science (water bugs hunting and water filters)
- Animal science (skeleton building)
- And more!

FEATURED GROUPS:

Michigan 4-H

MSU Create 4 STEM

And more!

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Pups R Us go to Michigan State 4 H Dog Show

Gratiot County was well represented at the 2017 Michigan 4H State Dog Show held at MSU Pavilion! This group took 2nd in their Team Obedience Competition, and individually placed in most of the events they entered including 1sts, 2nd, 3rds, and even a Reserve Grand Champion in an agility class!

These kids did an amazing job on August 19, 2017 at the State 4H dog show. We are very proud of all their accomplishments as you can see by all the medals!



Sarah Munger

Pictured left to right: Anna Munger, Josie Morrow, Sidney Kipp, Jacob Munger.

Jacob Munger:

3rd in Showmanship
2nd in Rally
2nd in Team Obedience

Anna Munger:

3rd in Agility
4th in Showmanship
5th in Obedience
2nd in Team Obedience

Sara Munger:

Didn't place but had a great time

Sidney Kip:

1st in Showmanship
4th in Agility
4th in Rally
2nd in Team Obedience

Josie Morrow:

3rd in Showmanship
3rd in Rally
2nd in Obedience
2nd in Team Obedience
And....
Reserve Champion in Agility!!!!



State 4-H Horse Show Results

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Junior exhibitors at the show on Sunday, Rylyn Hrabal, Makaila Pray, and Anna Munger.

The State 4-H Horse Show was held August 11th thru the 13th at the MSU pavilion in East Lansing. The 3 day event had about 570 participants. Friday was gymkhana day ages 13 to 19 and delegates showing were Aubrieana Sanchez, Jesslyn Sanchez, Kaili Sanger, and Hannah Whitford. Aubrieana placed 2nd in 16-19 speed and action also placing 5th in the championship class, 8th in Cloverleaf, and 5th in Pole Bending. Jesslyn placed 6th in 13-14 yrs. Cloverleaf, and 3rd in Speed and Action. Kaili placed 1st in 18-19 yrs. speed and action also placing 2nd in the championship class, 1st in keyhole, 5th in championship keyhole, 1st in pole bending, and 5th in photography. Hannah Whitford placed 3rd in Cloverleaf 15 yrs., and 5th in speed and action. Saturday was senior exhibitor day ages 16-19 and those showing were Alissa Whitmore, Kaitlin Sanger, and Makayla Lohrer. Alissa was 2nd in Western Pleasure 17 yrs. and 2nd in championship class. 2nd in Hunt Seat Pleasure 17 yrs., 1st in Showmanship 17 yrs., and 6th in photography. Kaitlin Sanger was 2nd in photography, 5th in showmanship, and 8th in western horsemanship. Sunday was junior day ages 13 to 15 and delegates showing were Rylyn Hrabal, Makaila Pray, and Anna Munger. Rylyn was 1st in Hunt Seat Pleasure 15 yrs. and 2nd in the championship class, 3rd in hunt seat equitation, 6th in western horsemanship, and 5th in showmanship. Makaila was 8th in Western Horsemanship 15 years, 8th in Hunt Seat Equitation, 7th in Hunt Seat Pleasure, and 4th in showmanship. Anna was 4th in Hunt Seat Equitation 14 years, 4th in Hunt Seat Pleasure, and 1st place in t-shirt design.

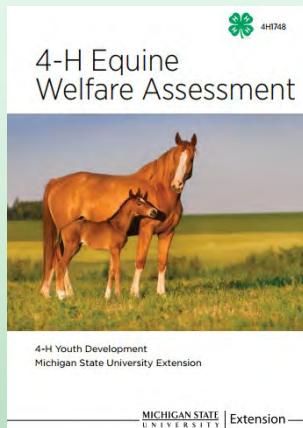
Gratiot County can be very proud of our state 4-H horse show delegates. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and friends that traveled to MSU to cheer the girls on. Also thanks to Michele and Mikayla Mallory, Jennie Bollinger, and Makayla Lohrer for being great volunteers at the horse show. Becky got to spend all 3 days at the horse show because she is chairperson of the state 4-H horse show committee.

Horse awards program at the fair from left to right Makaila Pray, Anna Munger, (Becky Hirschman) Rylyn Hrabal, Aubrieana Sanchez, Jesslyn Sanchez, Kaitin Sanger, Kaili Sanger, Hannah Whitford, Alissa Whitmore, and Makayla Lohrer.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Equine Welfare Assessment Guide



Equine welfare science is an emerging discipline. The guide will help youth learn equine welfare principles as well as how to better care for their horses. It is designed to assist horse leaders in providing a way to teach and improve important skills for life such as clear oral communication, information gathering, analytical thinking and observation. There are also sample scenarios as a supplement to the welfare assessment.

Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_equine_welfare_assessment_4h1748 to find the guide and more information including the link to the sample scenarios.

4-H Workshops

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

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training

Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training

Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

Other 4-H Events

October 4 : MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/msu_national_youth_science_day_at_the_childrens_gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

October 6 : Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge

Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_national_youth_science_day_afterschool_program

Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

November 14: 4-H Robotic Series

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robots_series_1

Delta Township District Library, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to Michigan 4-H and the youth who participate in our programs, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. These awards are patterned after the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards and are designed to provide an opportunity to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers on the state, regional and national level.

The two categories of awards include Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, for a current or former 4-H volunteer who has served 4-H'ers for ten or more years, and the Volunteer of the Year, for currently serving volunteers that have served for less than ten years at the county or state level.

Nominees are selected on the following criteria:

- Evidence of positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision making, problem solving, meeting challenges and mastery.
- Dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program.
- Innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
- Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
- Innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth-serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
- Demonstrating a professional attitude, character and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer.

Winners and honorable mentions from the pool of nominations will be announced in November of 2017 and will receive a personalized plaque. The most qualified candidates will be forwarded to the National 4-H Council for consideration for regional and national recognition. Those awards are announced in February 2018 and April 2018, respectively.

The nomination process requires nominees (or their nominators) to work with their local 4-H program coordinator to complete a nomination form, a resume and assemble three letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating an outstanding volunteer in your community for the Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards, contact your local 4-H program coordinator. All nomination materials must be submitted by your county staff person by October 15.

