

July 11, 2019

To Antrim County Board of Commissioner's:

The 2018 Antrim County Fair was the first one in many year that Fair Board President Crystal Swain was not able to take charge of Vice President Theresa Cole took charge along with Michael Sizen who assisted with the duties of running the fair.

2018 Fair had 937 entries, 85 participant and 118 animal projects.

There were 21 horses entered in the Thursday horse show event, the largest showing for this event in quite a few years.

There was no carnival at the 2018 fair due to the fact that Schmidt carnivals did not renew for a second year because the revenue they received from the 2017 fair carnival was not enough to warrant them returning in 2018 and they replaced the date slot with another event. Arnold Amusements have been contacted and are interested in doing fair events in the future.

Friday's showing of the livestock exhibits went smoothly with all participants doing very well with their projects.

There was a sign dedication for the sign on the corner of Derenzy and Stover road, the sign was dedicated to Crystal Swaine for her hard work and dedication in making the sign a reality.

The live auction and buyers dinner had an increase of people attending from the 2017 auction and had to be finished under the small animal building due to darkness.

The Annual restaurant competition did not take place due to lack of entrants for the competition.

The weather for Saturday was extremely hot but did not deter the number of visitors that attended the fair for the family fun day events the number of people attending was up from the previous fair.

There were twice as many vendors at the fair in 2018, and Saturday saw the presence of Antrim county DARE, The Michigan State Police, and The Michigan DNR were also there to talk to all visitors.

The horse pull was not a disappointment with 5 competitors in the event and the day's events came to a close with the showing of Wreck Ralph under the stars.

Over all the 2018 Antrim County Family Fair was a success and while Crystal Swaine will be greatly missed future event will be dedicated to follow the way she formatted the fair to be presented.

Michael Adam Sizen

2019 Antrim County Fair Board President

Sophia Sy Wins the 2018 Fair Book Cover Contest!

The artwork on this year's cover is the work of Sophia Sy, age 14. The contest runs from January until March each year and the winner gets a \$50.00 cash prize. To submit your work of art, or to get a copy of the rules, please contact the MSU Extension office at 231-533-8818.

Thank you to all of the area youth who submitted artwork for the 2018 Fair Book Cover Contest! We look forward to seeing your submissions next year!



ANTRIM COUNTY FAIR

April 2018

To the friends and supporters of the Antrim County Fair:

The Antrim County Fair invites you to come and experience our "Homemade or Homegrown" family-style fair. There are always lots of livestock including rabbits, chickens, goats, pigs, cattle, and more. But don't forget the horse show, dog show, still exhibits, and many other activities available during our 3-day event!

This year we are excited to bring two new events this year! An all new farmer's market with live music on Wednesday, August 9th from 4:00-7:00 pm and a hobby horse cowboy round-up and ice cream social on Thursday, August 10th from 11:00-1:00 pm. Hobby horse obstacle courses are huge events in Europe and it looked like the perfect thing to introduce at our fair. Find more about the upcoming hobby horse activities by search "Hobby Horse" on YouTube.

We are also excited to continue offering our annual 5K run/walk, as both a fundraiser and a fun, healthy event. Don't miss our chicken restaurant cook-off, LEGO build and race, covered wagon rides through Bellaire, pancake breakfast, family fun activities, movie, and MUCH more! We'll also offer an activity tent, children's games, and BINGO throughout the three days, making every day a new adventure for young and old alike.

While you are at the fairgrounds, don't forget to stop at our concession stand which is open daily! Serving your favorite foods, snacks, drinks, and other treats at a low cost, the proceeds from the concession stand go back into building the Fair and bringing you additional events each year!

The Antrim County Fair would not be possible without strong community support and funding from Antrim County and our advertisers. We appreciate our volunteers, guests, and everyone who helps make our fair a success year after year. Because of our community support, we are able to offer almost all of our activities FREE or very low cost!

We have many great things to share at the Antrim County Fair this year. Bring your family, bring a friend, and don't miss this family entertainment opportunity that is like no other!

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2018 fair season! Our county fairs are a family tradition for many Michiganders. It's an entertainment staple celebrating our agricultural heritage and showcasing the diversity and innovation of our growing food and ag sector.

Millions of Michigan citizens and tourists attend county fairs every year. In fact, agriculture has always been an integral part of our state and its future has never been brighter. It uses cutting-edge technology, incorporates environmental practices, and is an industry filled with career opportunities.

I am proud of Michigan's 4-H program and the tremendous accomplishments of our FFA peers. Thanks to Michigan's local and county fairs, Michigan youth have the opportunity to showcase their hard work while educating fairgoers about the state's food and agriculture industry. Careers in food and agriculture are limitless – everything from veterinarians, soil scientists, and microbiologists to metrologists, food scientists, engineers, and more!

Our county fairs are full of local charm, family fun and agricultural traditions. This year, be sure to visit a local or county fair as part of your Michigan summer travel plans.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder
Governor