

It's Fair'ly Important News from the Fair Office



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Fair Survey

GCFFY is seeking your input to make our great fair better. Click on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3ZTWY67> to answer some quick questions about the fair. We are looking for input from exhibitors, parents and volunteers. We want your honest opinions and more importantly your good ideas if you are willing to share them.

A Half Mile of Ribbons Awarded

Reviewing GCFFY's ribbon inventory, it is interesting to see how many different kinds of ribbons the fair awards in a given year. Some notable handouts at the 2013 fair are 958 "A" ribbons, 297 recognition rosette ribbons, 178 Cloverbud (1st year) ribbons, 176 1st place blue ribbons, 35 1st place showmanship rosette ribbons, 101 grand champion ribbons and 82 reserve champion ribbons. If every ribbon that was awarded were placed end to end they would stretch for over half of a mile. Are curious about what to do with your old fair ribbons? You could consider stitching them on the outside of a memory quilt of collectable t-shirts or if they are in good condition and not written on, you can always bring them back to the fair office to be reused for the next year.



Fair Checks

This is for all fair exhibitors who are anxiously awaiting their fair checks. Everyday GCFFY receives checks from generous buyers. Soon - but not yet - GCFFY will have received enough to send out your checks. Thanks for your patience! When checks are cut, checks to the same address will be put in the SAME envelope to save postage. If a check comes for your brother – for example - your check will likely also be included in the mailing.

Group Forms to Purchase Champion Sugar Beet for Humm Scholarship



Logan Crumbaugh's grand champion sugar beets sold for a record \$11,850 which was split between 25 different buyers. [\(Click here for a complete list of buyers\)](#) All but a



small fraction of this money will be donated to the Gratiot County Community Foundation for the Loren Humm Memorial Sugar Beet Grower's Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior with strong academic standing who is from a family of sugar beet growers

and have executed a 4-H project related to sugar beets. For more information about the Loren Humm Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Gratiot County Community Foundation, please click on

http://www.gratiotfoundation.org/1/280/loren_humm_memorial_sugar_beet_growers_scholarsh.asp.

Winter Storage

Every year the fair takes in boats, campers and other summer toys to be stored in our large barns over the winter. This year we will park items in the morning of Saturday, October 19 and they will be stored until early April. Each item stored must be registered with the fair office. Forms, rates and more information will be available in a couple of weeks.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next meeting of the GCFY Board of Directors is Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bill & Grace Vanderbeek Fair Office. The fair's annual membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 5 at a location to be announced. At the annual membership meeting, the board will be electing four directors and appointing a new teen representative to the board who will replace the irreplaceable Lance Fowler. Applications for both positions will be available soon. For more information, contact Brian Gardner at 989-875-5292.

Fair Pictures

A special thank you goes out to Christine Crumbaugh for keeping our fair's Facebook up-to-date with her amazing photographs of the fair. Because of Chris' efforts the fair received over 23,000 hits on its Facebook account over the week and gained many new "likes". Chris has uploaded all of her pictures to her



website, <http://capturedbychristinecrumbaugh.com/gcffy>, and is offering them as high quality digital downloads for \$5.00 per image. She will donate all of her income back to the fair.

Speaking of Facebook and thanks to Chris, the fair reached 23,500 viewers on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/gcffy.

If you have pictures of the fair you are willing to share, please send them to Brian at bgardner@gcffy.org. The fair uses these pictures in its publications and reports.

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