**MSU Pre-college Scholarship Award Recipients**

*Joseph Adams*

Joseph Adams is a 9th grader at Harper Creek High School with a 3.5 GPA. He is a member of the Junior National Honor Society, High School Wrestling and Lacrosse teams. He has been a 4-H member for 8 years including the Swine Club, Shooting Sports Club and the Calhoun County Sheep Club where he is the treasurer. In 2013 Joe received the Silver Buckle Award from his 4-H Sheep Club Leaders. Joe is also a member of Olivet FFA, participating on Green Hand Conduct of Meetings and Quiz Bowl. Joe has a long term goal of becoming an engineer. He wants to study automotive, civil or agricultural engineering at Michigan State University.

*Julianna Adams*

Julianna Adams is an 8th grader at Harper Creek Middle School. She is carrying a 4.0 GPA. Julianna is an Officer of both the Junior National Honor Society and the Student Council. She is a member of Year Book, Honors Band, and active in Cross Country and Track. In 4-H Julianna is President of the Calhoun County Sheep Club, she is a 4-H Council Junior member, and is also in the Shooting Sports and Lucky Stars 4-H Clubs. Julianna is a Member of Olivet FFA, participating on Jr. High Conduit of Meetings, Poultry Contest and Floriculture Contest. Julianna finds Math intriguing and plans to continue studying Mathematics in college at MSU.

Both Julianna and Joseph attended Exploration days in 2014 and will be attending the Teen Leader workshop in February of 2015.

*Samuel Lawrence*

Samuel Lawrence is a 15-year-old freshman. His favorite subjects are science, history, music, and performing arts. He enjoys performing arts because he finds public communication comes naturally through drama and music. Initially, he plans to dual enroll for high school at Kellogg Community College to take as many general education requirements he can during the next three years. Upon high school graduation, he plans to transfer to Michigan State University to pursue science and business classes with a minor in performing arts. He is also active in the 4-H Entrepreneurship class to learn entrepreneurship. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 325 pursuing approval for an Eagle Scout project this summer. He believes MSU Exploration days were an awesome experience, which provided the opportunity to apply for the MSU pre-scholarship. Go STATE!

*Julia Smoot*

Julia Smoot is a 9th grader at Marshall High School with a 4.0 GPA. Her focus in high school is Math and Science with a goal of a Biotechnology Masters/PhD. She has been in 4-H for 8 years. She is a member of the Four Leaf Clovers and Tumblemood Riders clubs and has served as President in both clubs. Julia has gone to Exploration Days for the past 2 years and is looking forward to attending again this year. Outside of school she likes to ride horses, play piano, take dance classes and she also participates in marching/concert band. One of Julia’s teacher said “Julia is responsible, respectful and kind to everyone in all settings.” Julia would like to thank MSU you for this opportunity and scholarship.

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Calhoun County Local Scholarships

4-H Beef Club Scholarship: To assist students who will attend a school of higher learning and who has been a member of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club. **Deadline is June 1st.** Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flynn of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club.

Burrell E Henry College Scholarship: To assist Calhoun County students who will attend Michigan State University and are accepted in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, including the Ag Tech Program, or pursuing a career in Veterinary Medicine or other opportunity in the field of agriculture or family and consumer science related careers. Eligible scholarship recipients must be graduated from school in the Calhoun Intermediate School District and accepted for the Fall Term of 2014 at Michigan State University, within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, its Ag Tech Program, those majors related to Human Ecology, or in pursuit of a career in Veterinary Medicine or other opportunities in the field of Agriculture. **Deadline for application is May 15,** sent to: BE Henry Scholarship Committee c/o Patti Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer, 7705 29 Mile Road, Concord MI 49237 Or email to: michfarmgal@yahoo.com

Calhoun County 4-H Swine Club Scholarship: Two $300 scholarship recipients will be selected annually. The applications will be judged on livestock participation, leadership, and citizenship. **Applications are due May 21.** Mail application to: MSU Extension Office, Attn: 4-H Swine Scholarship Committee, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068 The recipient will be announced prior to the Championship Drive on Show Day during the Calhoun County Fair in August at the Fairgrounds in Marshall, Michigan. The Scholarship is administered by the Homer Community Foundation and will be paid to the accredited institution in the name of the recipient.

LaVern Smith Memorial Scholarship: Applicants must be a member of a 4-H Club or a Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter within Calhoun County, Michigan. At the time of application for this scholarship, applicants must be either a senior in high school or a high school graduate enrolled in a technical school or college. Applicants must be available for an interview if requested by the selection committee. Previous recipients are not eligible. **Deadline for application is April 1.** Mail or fax applications to MSU Extension 315 W Green St, Marshall, MI 49068. The LaVern Smith Memorial Scholarship selection committee shall establish the selection criteria. The committee will meet to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and to select scholarship recipients. The recipient(s) will be announced after May 1. Scholarships will be presented to recipients during the Calhoun County Fair in August at the Fairgrounds in Marshall, Michigan. For details, contact the MSU Extension Office or your local FFA Advisor.

More Scholarship Information from The Michigan Department of Treasury: It is a great time to help high school and college students prepare for and complete post-secondary education. The Michigan Department of Treasury has a great resource to help young people in this process. Check out the following 20-page guidebook,

4-H Exploration Days, June 24-26, 2015, Michigan State University


The registration form is on pages 22-23. Registration begins March 17. You are strongly encouraged to turn your registration form in prior to that date, as our office staff registers participants online in the order that they are received. Many of the sessions fill up the very first day. The deadline to register is Friday, April 24th, but usually by that date, most of the popular sessions are already filled, so DON’T WAIT!

A deposit of $80 is required at the time your registration form is turned in to the Calhoun County MSU Extension office. The balance due is required no later than the Orientation Meeting date (more about that later).

Youth must be age 11 by January 1 of the year they wish to attend 4-H Exploration Days. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1 of the current year.

Contact the 4-H staff in Calhoun County at 269-781-0784 for more information on 4-H Exploration Days, and any specific details pertaining to your county’s delegation.

Orientation: June 1st at the Fredonia Township Hall, 8803 Us Highway 27 S, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

A look at the new 4-H Entrepreneurship Club

Participants have been learning about the characteristics that can make a good entrepreneur and what it takes to start their own business.

In May youth will participate in the Generation E Showcase at Kellogg Arena, where they will present their business to other entrepreneur’s and business men and women.

If you are interested in learning more about this program please call the MSU Extension Office at 269-781-0784.

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show Results are in!

Rabbit:
Best in Show
Best of Breed
Best Opposite Sex
Anthony Spenelli, Calhoun County (Mini Lop)
Congratulations Anthony!

4-H Enrollment

As most of you know, we have transitioned our 4-H enrollment data management system from 4-H ACCESS to our new 4-H Online Management system. A huge Thank you to all the 4-H families that created their own profiles and entered their own data into the Michigan 4H Online system.

4-H Participation Fee Deadline March 27th.

New Enrollments Deadline to show at Fair is May 1st or the date of your species weigh in, whichever is earlier.

4-H Club Officers Training

March 7th, 9 am – 2 pm, Fredonia Township Hall
This training is meant for any youth who holds an office in their 4-H club or might be interested in holding an office. It will be a very hands on and active learning experience. Lunch will be provided by the 4-H Council. To reserve your spot contact Kathy at 269-781-0784 or fisch226@anr.msu.edu

Demonstration Workshop

March 21st 1 pm – 3 pm, Fredonia Township Hall
We will be having a 4-H Demonstration Workshop showing what judges are looking for when you are doing a demonstration. We will be going over guidelines for the demonstrations as well as what we are looking for in posters. This is open to all Calhoun County 4-Her’s. Please join us; this will be a great workshop! Any questions please call Donna Zenker, Demonstration Superintendent at 517-629-5340.

2015 4-H Style Revue

The Style Revue will take place on April 18, 2015 at Kardel Hall in Charlotte, MI. The registration and information packet can be found on the website at: [https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/associations-and-committees/personal-appearance-committee/](https://eatoncounty4h.wordpress.com/associations-and-committees/personal-appearance-committee/)

Registrations are due by April 3. Since all families are not in 4-H Online yet, please share this with all those in your clubs that might participate. If you need a different version of the packet or have trouble accessing the website, please let us know and we will send you a different version. Hard copies are also available at the Eaton County Extension office.

The Entrepreneurship Club is off to a great start.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops 2015

April 24-25: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hshooting15
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Other 4-H Events

March 7: Calhoun County 4-H Club Officers Training
March 21: Calhoun County 4-H Demonstration Workshop

March 22-25: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience
Lansing, MI

March 29: 4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show
Contact Karen Waite (kwaite@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 11-16: National 4-H Conference
http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/about
Washington, DC

April 17: State 4-H Horse Communications Contest
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 17-18: 4-H Equine Educational Expo
MSU, East Lansing

April 18: Small Animals Day
Contact Carla McLachlan (mclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 25: 4-H Horse Pattern O Rama Warm Up Show
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

State 4-H Goat Expo
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_expo2015
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

May 6-8: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition
http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5
Fort Custer, Augusta

May 16: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

May 30: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp
Camp Tuhsemeheta, Greenville, MI

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
Anthony Hall, 474 S. Shaw Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824

June 15: Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
Michigan State University Campus

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

Volunteer: Your heart will thank you!

Volunteering in your community can bring many benefits including greater life satisfaction, increased physical wellbeing and larger social networks.

According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, (http://1.usa.gov/1yFRoPd) volunteering can make your heart happy and healthy. In the study, this was particularly true for older adults who volunteered for 40 or more hours in a year.

So, just imagine the long-term benefits of volunteering; not only will improve your community but you may increase your mental and physical health in the process.