MSU Pre-college Scholarship Award Recipient

We are pleased to announce that Anna Williams has been awarded a $2,000 Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship.

Anna, a 10th grader at Olivet High School, has been involved in Calhoun County 4-H for 10 years and is a member of several clubs including Beef, Beef Breeding, Swine, Caprine Kids Goats, and Dairy Starter Calf clubs. Anna plans on attending MSU and majoring in Veterinary Medicine. “I’m very interested in animals & veterinary medicine. Working with animals up close is my safe-haven and I love it. I love going to MSU’s Exploration days and taking classes that have to do with agriculture and vets.”

MSU pre-college programs are great for helping youth explore possible career interests. They are great fun, very educational, and help connect young people with university faculty and other resources. MSU pre-college programs also help youth envision their future so they can wisely choose their high school classes and prepare for college.

Selection for this scholarship is based on academic ability and potential, demonstration of extra-curricular and community service experience, demonstration of leadership and teamwork skills, ability to overcome obstacles, teacher and program director nominations and strength of student essay. The scholarship is applied toward the student’s first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

The pre-college programs annually offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development are: 4-H Capitol Experience, 4-H Renewable Energy Camp, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp, and the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council. For more information on these 4-H pre-college programs as well as other MSU pre-college programs, please visit Spartan Youth Programs at http://www.spartanyouth.msu.edu. You’ll find a multitude of programs that can help youth develop valuable skills, make new friends and taste college life. Congratulations, Anna!

Please Join Us for a 4-H Dance Party!

What: 4-H Dance Party!
Where: Backroads Saloon, 15325 Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI
When: Sunday, March 13, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Who: All ages welcome & you do not have to be a 4-H member
Cost: Special event pricing $3.00 per person

Come have fun with the 4-H members of Calhoun County. Not a member, you can learn about 4-H or just have fun! Pizza and Soda available for purchase.

- Dance instructions provided from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Sponsored by Calhoun County 4-H Council

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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. **Deadline for application is May 15,** send 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 yearly scholarships of a minimum of $300 will be awarded to a high school senior or high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying and must be enrolled as a Calhoun County Youth Swine Exhibitor at the time of application. Applicants may not be older than 19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. **Applications are due March 15.** Previous recipients are not eligible. The applicants will be judged on livestock participation, leadership, and citizenship. The scholarship is administered by the Homer Area Community Foundation and will be paid to the accredited institution in the name of the recipient. Recipients must apply the entire scholarship towards their education at a technical school, college, or university. Applications can be turned in at the MSU Extension office by close of business, or mailed (with postmark on or before March 15th) to the Homer Area Community Foundation at P.O. Box 201, Homer, MI 49245.

Elaine Furu-Baker Memorial Horse Show Scholarship: Scheduled for the last weekend in June. Details coming soon on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/Elaine-Furu-Baker-Memorial-Horse-Show-273362608077/ **Deadline for application is 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016.**

Furu Family 4-H Legacy Scholarship: Implemented to honor the Don & Virginia Furu family. Applicants must be a current or past year member of a Calhoun County 4-H Club who has exhibited at the Calhoun County Fair and High school senior who is currently accepted at a college or technical school or currently enrolled in post-secondary or a technical training program. Applicant must have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5; and previous recipients will not be eligible in future years. **The deadline is June 30th.** A complete application must be received on or before this deadline to: MSU Extension Office, Calhoun County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

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.

2016 Brian McMillen Scholarship: Brian McMillen, of Adrian, Michigan, was a brother of Alpha Gamma Rho who exemplified the qualities and ideals sought by not only the fraternity, but by all men. This scholarship seeks to reward the qualities of leadership, scholarship, responsibility, philanthropy, and commitment to agriculture and the environment, as set forth by brother Brian McMillen.

The Tau Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is awarding two (2) $500 scholarships to two deserving individuals who exemplify the qualities set forth by Brian McMillen. Applicants must be enrolling to Michigan State University as a freshman or transfer student in the Fall of 2016. To apply for this scholarship you must also be enrolling in the College of Ag. and Natural Resources and/or have an interest in agriculture. Applications are open to BOTH male and female students. **Deadline: March 20th, 2016.** For more information visit: http://agrtau.com/brian-mcmillen-scholarship
Calhoun County 4-H Endowment

Calhoun County 4-H Council set a goal of raising $20,000 locally which, if successful, will result in the county 4-H program qualifying for a 1:1 match from the Michigan 4-H Foundation of every dollar raised to build an endowment for 4-H programs in Calhoun County. Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we are well on our way to meeting our goal. We have currently raised $18,340! These dollars will be used for 4-H programming, volunteer supplies, awards, scholarships and more to help with the learning, teaching, and opportunities that take place within the 4-H program.

We are so close to meeting our goal; if you can help even with a small donation it would be greatly appreciated. For information on how you can help “Make the Match for Calhoun County 4-H”, visit the campaign web site at www.mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch or contact the Calhoun County MSU Extension office at 269-781-0784.

Calhoun County 4-H Community Service Challenge

Calhoun County 4-H Council is challenging all Calhoun County 4-H Clubs to participate in a community service challenge this year. The community service can be anything the club chooses to do to help others. It could be preforming a service, raising money, making something needed, or anything you can come up with. It could be an individual project, a group project, or a project involving several clubs.

Each individual or group will create a poster about their project which will be hung in the 4-H Council booth during the fair to show the community how 4-H is involved and what they are doing out in the county. Each individual or group is encouraged to exhibit their project during the 2016 Calhoun County Fair. To do this they will create a notebook and educational exhibit describing the community service project they participated with and present it to the judge.

In September, the 4-H Council will provide a Celebration Banquet including pizza for anyone who participated in a community service project. During this time, each group or individual will share a short description of what they did.

Battle Creek Community Foundation offers grants for youth who are working to complete a community service project. If your chosen project requires materials or you need some money to get the project started, considered applying through the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

4-H Lemonade Stand in need of Repair

The 4-H Lemonade Stand is in need of some repairs and upgrades. The 4-H Council is working to make this stand mobile so that we can continue to use it at Fair as well as take it to other locations and events.

We are currently seeking financial support as well as donations of material and time. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Kathy at 269-781-0784.

We appreciate all the help we have already received and those who are faithful supporters purchasing lemonade from our stand during the fair!

Being a Michigan 4-H International Exchange Host Family

Michigan 4-H Youth Development needs families to host international students, teachers and chaperones. Hosting can be for a period of a month or as long as 10 months for an academic school year. For an overview of Michigan’s 4-H International Exchange Programs, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/international_exchange_programs.

Find out more about the various national 4-H international exchange programs from:

- National 4-H International Exchange Programs www.states4hexchange.org
- National AYP (http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long)
- IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. (http://ifyeusa.org)
- Heather Gray, Michigan’s 4-H International Exchange Coordinator by email at grayhea2@msu.edu or by phone at 517-355-2361
**Horse Bowl**

**Members needed**

The Calhoun County HORSE-BOWL TEAM is actively looking for members! We have space for both junior and senior members.

The first competition is April 23rd, 2016. The first and second place winners travel to Columbus, OH for the All American Quarter Horse Congress (Where NATIONALS are held).

If you are interested, contact Tracy Myers 269-788-7380. Meetings are held every Monday night from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Moose Lodge in Marshall.

#### 2016 Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Expo

**April 22 - April 23**

**NEW THIS YEAR**
Enter horse bowl, hippology, or horse judging and receive your communications contest entry FREE! One free entry possible for each contestant. Remember, there's opportunity to represent MI 4-H at National Contests in EACH of these contest areas.

For updated information, please visit the event's Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/events/1650009765259199/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1650009765259199/)

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### Statewide Calendar of Events

#### 4-H Exploration Days, June 22-24, 2015, Michigan State University

The Exploration Days registration book and forms will be available soon. Our office will send the link and other information as soon as it's available.

County staff will begin registration starting **March 15**. 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 Tuesday, April 26th**, 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 on Monday, June 6th. Youth must be age 11 by January 1st 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 1st of the current year.

**NOTE! New website:** [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days)

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 6th at the Fredonia Township Hall, 8803 Us Highway 27 S, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

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#### 4-H Workshops 2016

**March 11-13:** Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4-H_Dairy_Conference](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4-H_Dairy_Conference)  
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

**March 12-13:** 4-H Robotics Workshop  
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HRobotics16](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HRobotics16)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**March 19-20:** Challenge U 4-H FunFest  
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=challengeu16](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=challengeu16)  
Kettunen Center, Tustin

#### Other 4-H Events

**March 10:** 4-Hairy Horse Benefit Show  
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)  
MSU Pavillion, East Lansing

**March 13:** 4-H Dance Party, Backroads Saloon, 5-9 pm. Marshall, MI

**March 19:** 4-H Day at the Palace & Leadership Workshop  
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_day_at_the_palace_and_leadership_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_day_at_the_palace_and_leadership_workshop)  
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Michigan

**April 6:** 4-H Night at the Joe (Red Wings)  
Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

**April 16:** 4-H Pattern-O-Rama Horse Show  
MSU Pavillion, East Lansing

**State 4-H Goat Expo**  
[http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=goatexpo](http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=goatexpo)  
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

**April 22-23:** 2016 Equine Educational Expo  
Anthony Hall & MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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