4-H Dance Party a Huge Success!

The Backroads Saloon welcomed over 100 adults and youth to the 4-H FunRasier, Dance Party on Sunday, March 13th. This was the first of its kind for Calhoun County including 4-Her’s and non-4-H members.

At the request of youth members, the 4-H Council set out to find a fun activity that would encourage all 4-H members to come together regardless of what club they participate in.

The 4-H Council wanted to use this event for 4-H members to have fun, but also share the message of 4-H with others who do not participate.

Line dance instructor, Sally, said “this is the most fun teaching any group I have ever had”. There was not only dancing, but lots of games and treats also. So much fun was had by all that you can expect this to be an annual event for years to come.

Photos Courtesy of Stephanie Parshall Photography

4-H Teen & Adult Horse Leader’s Workshop

Calhoun County was well represented at the 4-H Teen & Adult Horse Leaders Workshop held in February at the Kettunen Center.

Topics for the weekend included horse judging, equine first aid, dissection, veterinary care, equine massage, saddle fit, American Horsemen’s Challenge, judges’ roundtable, and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities, and opportunities beyond a county program.

This learning experience was done with hands on activities with knowledge gained about hooves, bones, tendons, and so much more. Be sure to ask the 4-H Horse members about their experience and what they learned.

Entrepreneurship

There are only 3 members this year but all 3 have compassion and drive for their products and businesses.

Julianna Adams, “Pure Ewe Wool Products” – Wool dryer balls and other wool products.

Danielle York, “Fun 4 All” – Child Care/Education showing kids fun science crafts.

Cheyenne Blunt, “Better K9 Companion” – Taking special care of your dog and pets while you’re away.
Calhoun County 4-H Program Local News

Calhoun County 4-H Endowment

We’ve almost reached our GOAL!

Last Fall we shared with you the beginning of our Calhoun County 4-H Endowment Campaign. Our goal was to raise $20,000 which would be matched 1:1 by the 4-H Foundation. Thanks to many generous gifts we are coming very close to reaching our goal. To date we have raised $18,340!

This Endowment will help ensure the future of a strong 4-H program in Calhoun County for many years to come. With only $1660 left to reach our goal, won’t you consider making a donation?

To donate simply contact the MSUE office at 269-781-0784 or mail a check to: Calhoun County 4-H Endowment c/o Michigan 4-H Foundation 535 Chestnut Rd. Room 240, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Please Join Us for Cloverbud Day Camp!

Who: 4-H Cloverbuds or Non-4-H children (5 to 8 years old)
What: 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp
Where: BE Henry Building, 615 S Marshall St, Marshall, MI
When: Tuesday, June 28 starting at 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Why: For a Fun Filled Day!

Cost: $10.00 Calhoun County 4-H Members, $25.00 out of County or non 4-H Members
* This includes a healthy snack which the kids will help make.

Please join us for a fun day including:
- Sled Dogs
- Fire Truck
- Yoga
- Scavenger Hunt
- Stuffed Animal Repair
- Helping Those in Need
- Feeding the Birds
- Recycling
- Camp Shirt
- And lots of Fun

~ Please Bring a Sack Lunch ~

4-H Council Corner News

News Flash! First, did you know that the 4-H Council is a great opportunity for youth to learn leadership skills and to help coordinate Calhoun County 4-H events? Currently, the Council is building a new Lemonade Stand, encouraging youth participation, and encouraging community service. First, the Council’s Lemonade Stand is our youth fundraiser at the Fair. A group of youth manages and staffs the Lemonade Stand every year. We are hoping to have the stand rebuilt to make it bigger and to be mobile. All youth are welcome to help either staff the Lemonade Stand or volunteer with the fundraiser at Cool Mamma’s Ice Cream Shop.

Second, the 4-H Council has openings for youth to plan and to help with events. By joining the Council, you can learn skills to conduct a meeting. Did you know that there is a method to running an effective meeting and people have specific jobs and responsibilities? Come to the next Council Meeting on May 5, 2016, at 7:30 pm; Calhoun County Garden Level Conference Room, 315 W. Green St., Marshall, MI or check out the following website to learn about the parliamentary process; http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/38594/parliamentaryproced.pdf. In addition, becoming an officer in your local 4-H club will help you to lead peers and learn communication skills that are helpful to use with other youth and adult leaders.

Lastly, the opportunity to volunteer provides other skills. For example, by helping with Kids’ Day at the Fair or Clover Bud Camp, youth can inspire younger children to explore their interest in 4-H. This year 4-H youth are encouraged to develop a Community Service Project. The 4-H Council supports many opportunities available in the newsletter. Accept the challenge to serve, pick a topic of interest, call an organization to see if they have a wish list, and consider how you can volunteer! No act of service is too small.

4-H Council Corner News from Sam Lawrence, 4-H Council Reporter
**4-H Exploration Days, June 22-24**
*Michigan State University*

**EXPLORATION DAYS ORIENTATION MEETING**
- Monday, June 6, 2016, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Fredonia Township Hall, 8803 Us Highway 27 South, Marshall, MI
- If you are going or have a youth going to Exploration Days this year, please attend this important meeting.

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**Please Nominate a “Legend of 4-H”**

The "Legend of 4-H Award" recognizes Calhoun County 4-H Leaders who have made a significant, long-term contribution of unselfish dedication and service to the Calhoun County 4-H Program.

Qualifications: 4-H leaders who have served Calhoun County 4-H for 10 or more years.

Selections: Nominations will be reviewed by the Calhoun County 4-H Council. One or two recipients per year will be selected to receive the "Legend of 4-H Award."

Nominations: Submit a letter that includes your name, address and phone number and your nominee’s name, address and phone number. In your letter, describe why your nominee should receive this award. Include details such as number of years s/he has been in 4-H; clubs, project areas and activities in which s/he was involved; achievements and recognitions received; and ways s/he has unselfishly contributed to youth development, mentoring, positive role modeling and 4-H. Be as specific as possible. Anyone may make a nomination.

This award has a deadline of **July 1, 2016** and the recipient will be recognized after the Show of Champions during the Calhoun County Fair. Past recipients in chronological order were: Bonnie Bole, Bruce Brooker, Mike & Jeanette Flynn, Virginia Furu, James Holt, Sandy Howard, Bessie Ivey, Vera Laing, Marilyn Letts, Doris Locke, Shirley & Grant Myers, Wayne & Carol Peck, Paul & Donna Woods, Jim & Carolyn Hamilton, Arnold Rocco, Randy & Cathy Combs, Bill & Sue Powell, Winifred Lautzenheiser, Roger Fast, Beth Letts and Michelle Barnes.

Deadline: Submit nominations to the MSU Extension Office by **Friday, July 1 2016**.

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**Congratulations 2016 High School Graduating 4-H Members!**

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**Relay for Life**

July 29th & 30th 3:00 pm at the Fairgrounds

**Join the fight against cancer!!**

**Calhoun County Relay for LIFE**

There will be kids games!

Looking for donations for a silent auction

Cloverbud will walk on Saturday from 11 to noon

Contact Heidi Strunk
heidistrunk@sbcglobal.net
269-420-9445

for more information and to sign up to walk.

Your contribution is important.
Statewide and Local Calendar of Events

4-H Camps & Events 2016

May 12: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute, Michigan State University
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/world_food_prize_michigan_youth_institute

May 20-21: State 4-H Poultry Show, Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza1

June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp, Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1

June 11: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo, Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E1913089101F8254

June 15-16: 4-H MMPA Dairy Tour, Michigan Milk Producers Association Headquarters, Novi
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@anr.msu.edu)

June 17-19: State 4-H Trail Ride & Family Camp Weekend,
Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer, MI www.whiskeycreekcamp.com
Purpose: To provide 4-H members, parents, and leaders with an opportunity to meet and become acquainted
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June 25: State 4-H Goat Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
Contact Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu)

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July 14: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing
http://bit.ly/1qnhDvu

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

Calhoun County 4-H Shooting Sports Club Schedule

May 1: Calhoun County 4-H Horse Leaders Association Horse Show
May 14: Rebel Riders 4-H Club Annual Open Horse Show
May 21: Boots & Buckles 4-H Club Annual Open Horse Show
May 21: Mini Whinnies 4-H Club Open Miniature Horse & Pony Show at Harper Creek Stables, Ceresco, MI
June 4: Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Show
June 11: Wattles Park Trailblazers 4-H Club Annual Horse Show
June 25 & 26: Elaine Furu-Baker Horse Show
July 23: Boots & Buckles 4-H Club Annual Open Horse Show
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May 8: Archery & Shotgun
May 15: Archery & Shotgun
May 22: Archery & Shotgun
May 29: Shotgun
June 5: Archery & Shotgun
June 12: Archery & Shotgun
June 19: Archery & Shotgun
June 26: Archery & Shotgun COUNTY SHOOT
July 3: Shotgun
July 10: Archery & Shotgun

July 17: Archery & Shotgun
July 24: Archery & Shotgun
July 31: Archery & Shotgun
August 6: STATE SHOOT

Archery Practice will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Shotgun Practice will be from 2:00 to 5:00 pm
All practices will be at Centerline

For questions please contact Scott Reid, Administrative Leader: 269 948 2772