“I DARE YOU” 4-H Award Recipient for 2016

The 4-H “I Dare You” award is one of the highest honors a Calhoun County 4-H Member can receive in their 4-H career. This award recognizes 4-H Members for outstanding contributions to their club and 4-H. Recipients must demonstrate character, integrity, dependability, initiative, and “emerging leadership” skills. The 4-H “I Dare You” award is awarded annually at the Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program.

This year’s “I Dare You” Award winner is Samuel Lawrence. Sam has been involved in 4-H for only 4 years but during that time he has had an impact that will last a lifetime.

Sam’s involvement in the community and sharing his love of the outdoors with many younger children has set him apart. He is a great role model for younger members and he has helped with many projects through 4-H and Boy Scouts. His participating in leadership activities including the United Youth Leadership Program, Exploration Days, and Capital Experience has helped him find areas of interest and a possible future career path.

We congratulate Sam on receiving the 2016 “I Dare You” Award!
More Annual Convention Award Recipients for 2016!

Junior Award Recipients from Happy Hustlers 4-H Club

A few 1st year Calhoun County 4-H Member Award Recipients

Junior Award Recipients from 4-Leaf Clovers 4-H Club

Tumbleweed Riders 4-H Club Junior Award Recipients

Junior Award Recipients from the Poultry 4-H Club

Senior Project Award Recipients (top row left to right): Julianna Adams, Bethanie Blankinship & Michalla Barnes

4-H Companion Dog Club Junior Award Recipients

Senior Project Award Recipients (bottom row left to right): Mara Brown, Stuart Fry & Emma Ruedisueli

Junior Award Recipients from Lucky Stars 4-H Club
Leaders: Mark your Calendars for the 2016 4-H Leader’s Recognition Banquet

Attention Leader’s - Your Nominations Wanted Please… for the 4-H Leader’s Recognition Banquet, Thursday, December 1st, 6:00 pm at the Marshall High School Cafeteria.

Each year, 4-H leaders and supporters are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Calhoun County 4-H Youth Program and receive their award at the 4-H Leader’s Banquet. The Calhoun County MSU Extension 4-H program invites 4-H leaders and members to nominate adult 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H supporters for their contribution to the Calhoun County MSU Extension 4-H Program.

In each category, four awards are given.

**4-H ALUMNI AWARD:** This award recognizes individuals who have made personal or professional achievements in one or more of the following areas: business, industry, agriculture, government and community service. Nominees must have been registered with Calhoun County 4-H as members or leaders, but need not be currently registered.

**FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD:** This award recognizes businesses or individuals who make a significant contribution in time, talents, money, material or general goodwill in support of Calhoun County 4-H. Nominees do not need to be registered in 4-H.

**4-H CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** This award recognizes currently active 4-H volunteer leaders for outstanding contributions in their club, community, county or state 4-H Youth Program. Nominees must be currently registered leaders in Calhoun County 4-H.

Show your appreciation and nominate a 4-H leader and/or a 4-H supporter for recognition at the 4-H Leader’s Banquet. The 4-H adult award nomination packets are available at the MSU Extension office or online at the Calhoun County MSU Extension website: msue.msu.edu/calhoun or you can e-mail a copy to you per your request.

Return the forms to the Calhoun County MSU Extension Office, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068, phone: (269) 781-0784, fax: (269) 781-0768, email: msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu by November 6th.

Calhoun County 4-H Council Corner

I want to thank everyone who came to the Calhoun County 4-H Annual Convention. There were over 100 people in attendance. As you read the newsletter, many 4-H youth won awards this year for their achievements.

I want to highlight the opportunities that 4-H involvement have provided beyond Fair week. First, “4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.” Individuals learn to develop their own bill, attend mock House of Representative and Senate session, tour Michigan Capital Building and Hall of Justice. Check out the website http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience for more information.

Michigan Expo Days is another great opportunity. You have an opportunity to expand your 4-H interest areas, learn about new projects, leadership and sports. For example, career planning, making videos, cooking, horseback riding, basketball, shotgun and skeet shooting are just a few opportunities that await 4-H youth. I enjoyed meeting people from other counties. Check out the Expo Days video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpCn9w5lj4s. The 4-H Youth Council Lemonade Stand funds help keep the cost of attendance reasonable.

Finally, the Kettunen Center offers the Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular, as well as other 4-H workshops throughout the year. I think this leadership training was an amazing hands-on opportunity. It encouraged you to think about global issues, but apply how the issue occurs in our local community.

Submitted by Sam Lawrence, 4-H Council Reporter
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017 4-H Workshops & Events

SAVE THE DATE!!! 4-H Day at the Breslin – Women's Basketball event!
January 22nd, 2017! MSU Spartan Women’s Basketball Team will host PURDUE Boilermakers Women’s Basketball team.

January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

January 27-28: Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular
Contact Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
MSU Pavilion for Livestock and Agriculture Education, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI

April 8: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
MSU Pavilion for Livestock and Agriculture Education, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI

The 2016-2017 Animal Science Youth Events Calendar has been updated and is now available on the website: http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs

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

Calhoun County Local Events

November 11: Veterans Day, MSU Extension office closed

November 12: Pop Can Drive, Wattles Park Trail Blazers 4-H Horse Club is trying to raise funds for God’s Kitchen 2016 Christmas Dinner. Please donate recyclable pop cans & bottles at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds covered arena from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. on November 12. If you would prefer to donate cash, make checks payable to WPTB.

November 24: Thanksgiving, MSU Extension office closed November 24 and 25

December 1: Calhoun County 4-H Leader’s Banquet, Marshall High School Cafeteria, 6:00 pm.

December 24 - 25: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, MSU Extension office closed on December 23 & 26

December 31 - January 1: New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day, MSU Extension office closed on December 30 & January 2