4-Hers please plan on attending the Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program

Monday, October 2, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Marshall High School Cafeteria, Marshall High School, Marshall, MI 49068

The Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program is an annual event that recognizes 4-H Members for their outstanding achievements within the Calhoun County 4-H Program. Members receive their 4-H year pins and certificates, in addition to the “I Dare You Award”. Please join us to honor those who have worked so hard throughout the year to become the Best They Can Be! Help us recognize the outstanding youth in the Calhoun County 4-H Program. Leaders, please fill out the forms and encourage senior youth to apply; forms can be found on our website (see below).

4-H Council Recruitment

Also, at the 4-H Annual Convention, the Calhoun County 4-H Council has their annual meeting and 4-H club members elect new members to the Council. To become a member of the 4-H Council you must have at least one year of 4-H experience and be age 12-19. You must also want to make a difference in the Calhoun County 4-H Program, love working as a team, and most importantly have fun. At the 4-H Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program, you will need to make a presentation to Council members and club delegates as to why you want to serve on Council, and provide suggestions for how you will improve Calhoun County 4-H. After the presentations, 4-H delegates from each of the clubs will elect the new Council members. Applications can be found on the MSU Extension website and should be delivered to the Extension Office or turned in to a 4-H Council member before the Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program. Nominations will also be accepted "from the floor" during the Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program.

Show of Champions Awarded for 2017

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Left to right: Junior Grand Champion Brielle Belcher, 11 of Marshall and Junior Reserve Champion Emily Letts, 11 of Marshall; Intermediate Grand Champion Sara Horton, 15 of Marshall and Intermediate Reserve Champion Tyler Landis, 15 of Homer; Senior Grand Champion Kelsie Letts, 18, of Marshall and Senior Reserve Champion Morgan Luoma, 19, of Leroy
The “Legend of 4-H” recognizes Calhoun County 4-H leaders who have made a significant, long term contribution of unselfish dedication and service to Calhoun County 4-H, serving 10 years or more as a 4-H leader. The late Harold Thomas started the Legend of 4-H back in 2000, with Virginia Furu receiving the first award.

This year’s recipient was an active leader for over 30 years. She began her time as a leader with the Bell Clarence 4-H Club in 1966 teaching cooking. While cooking was her first love, she taught many other crafts as well. Her cooking classes were a favorite of many youth and the adults who enjoyed eating her results. She was a long time adult member of the 4-H Council, serving many hours with the 4-H glass and paper drives. 4-H was a family affair for this recipient; her husband was a leader also focusing on woodworking and her daughter was a member for 11 years. She then became a leader for many years and continues to serve as the superintendent for demonstrations. This year’s Legend of 4-H is in memory of the late Virginia Schmidt and in honor of her daughter Donna Zenker.
The 2017 Calhoun County Fair was a hit! The week was full of fun, excitement, and memories that will last a lifetime.

The 4-H Youth Leadership Council wants to say, “Thank You,” to everyone who assisted with the Lemonade Stand at the Fair and throughout the year. Calhoun County 4-H has many dedicated leaders, youth, and parents who made this year successful. The council would love to list everyone’s name, but there are so many of you. Remember, a hand shaken cold lemonade from the 4-H Lemonade Stand is refreshing. But, did you know that the proceeds from the Lemonade Stand support many programs such as club mini-grants for equipment and educational programs; individual scholarships for 4-H programs including Exploration Days, Capital Experience, Citizenship Washington Focus; and Calhoun County 4-H Cloverbud programs as well as Kids Day at the fair. There are many more programs that the Calhoun County 4-H Council supports, please call the MSU Extension office for more information.

Submitted by Missy Lawrence, 4-H Lemonade Stand Manager 2017

The 2017 Calhoun County 4-H YEARBOOK!

The Calhoun County MSU Extension Office creates our own “yearbook” of pictures, club highlights, awards, etc., as well as ads for sponsors in the area.

4-H PICTURES NEEDED!
Please have your club pictures, highlights, awards, stories, anything you’d like in the yearbook to us by October 6, 2017.

Advertising proceeds will cover the yearbook’s design and printing costs, with remaining funds being used to provide scholarships for 4-H members and leaders to attend 4-H educational opportunities. If you would like to place an ad in the Yearbook, please contact the MSU Extension Office.

2017 4-H State Shoot Results for Calhoun County
3-D Target Archery – Jr. Unsighted
Codee Harmison, 12, 3rd place
Trap Jr. Drew Barnes, 12, 1st place
Trap Jr. Michalla Barnes, 14, 3rd place
Trap Jr. Aidan VanderWaal, 13, 3rd place
Trapshoot 1
Calhoun Team 4th place
Drew Barnes
Michalla Barnes
Madison Eggleston
Bryan Harmison
Aidan VanderWaal

Submit your 4-H pictures and highlights to: Calhoun County Extension Office, 393 E. 9th St., Calhoun, MI 49030

2017 Calhoun County 4-H YEARBOOK!
4-H Events & Workshops

September 2: Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza1
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

September 10: Open Speed Horse Show  Barry Expo Center,
5778 N M-37 Hwy., Hastings, MI 49058

September 23-24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop
at Kettunen Center is now open for registration. Participants may register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/smallanimalsworkshop/ . Deadline to register is Sept. 14, 2017

October 1-7: National 4-H Week
Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. http://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/

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Please mark your calendars for the Fall 2017 TSC 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser: October 4-15: 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at Tractor Supply Co. stores for $1 to support their local 4-H program. For details and promotional items visit, www.tractorsupply.com/4h

November 18-19: The 4-H Creative Arts Celebration Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

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

The Calhoun County 4-H Creative & Expressive Arts Program celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. Around 60 youth participated in the six week long program starting in July and ended with a production for the general public at the Bohm Theatre in Albion on August 22nd. This year’s production entitled “A Book With No Words,” had over 250 in attendance. The play was created by the 4-H Creative & Expressive Arts Mentors and Members.

Some creative moments from the Calhoun County 4-H Creative & Expressive Arts Program