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

Monday, October 3, 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 where 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.

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 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 2016

Photo courtesy of Corinne Harter, Advisor & Chronicle News Editor

Left to right: Junior Reserve Zoie Banfield; Junior Champion Madelyn Brodock; Intermediate Reserve Sydney Klingaman; Intermediate Champion Harrison Hautau; Senior Reserve Kelsie Le$s; and Senior Champion Katie Francisco

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Mary Stockel-Adams is the 4-H Leader in Calhoun County that is truly deserving of this year’s Legend of 4-H Award.

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.

Mary was a 4-H member here in Calhoun County for several years. She has been an active leader for 32 years and on the 4-H Council since 2008. She is currently the Administrative Leader for the Tumbleweed Riders 4-H Horse Club. Mary is truly an inspiration to 4-H. Not only has 4-H touched her, she makes it possible for it to touch others. Her passion pulls youth in, engages them, and makes them believe in themselves. Last year Mary received the first ever Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. As her nominator states, “Her heart is as large as her voice can be loud” and we love her for both! This year’s Legend of 4-H award honors Mary Adams.

Congratulations Mary on receiving the 2016 Legend of 4-H Award!
2nd Annual 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp was held June 28th at the B.H. Henry Building with 35 youth ages 5 - 8 years old. The Youth and Volunteers had a great time learning new things, making new friends and memories. “This is what 4-H is all about,” stated Kathy Fischer, 4-H Youth Program Coordinator. Cloverbud Camp has become an annual event and we would love to have even more participation next year. Kathy wants to thank all the volunteers for their help and in making a difference in the lives of Calhoun County youth.

4-H Council Corner

The 2016 Calhoun County Fair was a hit! The 4-H Youth is very proud to introduce the new Lemonade Stand, to have 4-H members compete for the 2016 Fair King and Queen Pageant, and to see so many individuals accomplished both livestock and non-livestock projects. The week was full of fun, excitement, and memories that will last a lifetime.

First, did you notice the new Lemonade Stand is green and white with a 4-H banner proudly displayed? It is much larger compared to the previous stand. The added space provides an opportunity for teams of youth to serve homemade lemonade. If you volunteered to make lemonade, thank you for your dedication to the 4-H Council. Additionally, many individuals volunteered their time and resources to build our new stand. The 4-H Council appreciates everyone who fundraised for the project and helped construct the new Lemonade Stand. Thank you for your continued support.

The 2016 King and Queen Pageant had nine contestants that are actively involved in 4-H. A panel of five judges scored individual contestants with an interview, an impromptu question, a judges' choice question, and dance routines. After the competition, the 2016 Calhoun County Fair Court comprised of Henry Hautau as King and Rachel Wilson as Queen, Joey Bailey, and Kelsie Letts as the 1st runner-up, Sam Lawrence, and Maria Ruedisueli as the 2nd runner-up. As a contestant, I thought the experience was amazing! It taught me to speak confidently in front of a large audience, to answer impromptu questions about my accomplishments, and to define my career aspirations. Next year, fill out an application for the 2017 Fair King and Queen Pageant.

The County Fair is a showcase of both livestock and non-livestock projects. If you walk through any building, you see ribbons that reflect hard work, inspiration, creativity, and dedication to individuals’ goals. It is fun for friends, families, and fair visitors to see craft projects, educational posters, and animals on display. Some projects only take a year to complete. Other projects take many years of dedication to learn skills for a craft, skills to show an animal, or complete a personal development project. Now is a great time to set your sights on what 2017 project that interests you.

Submitted by Samuel Lawrence, 4-H Council Reporter

Tips for kicking the New 4-H Year off with success workshop!

Monday, September 12, 2016
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
MSU Extension Office
315 W. Green St
Garden Level Conference
Room 1-400
Leaders RSVP by Sept. 7th
Ph 269-781-0784
email: msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu

Positive Youth Development is an important component to creating a welcoming 4-H Club experience. During this workshop participants will have the chance to explore positive youth development while learning key components of creating a welcoming club environment all while having fun!

To Make the Best Better!
4-H Events & Workshops

**September 12: Tips for kicking off the new 4-H Year with Success!**
**4-H Leaders**, join Calhoun County 4-H Program Coordinator, Kathy Fischer, at this workshop to explore positive youth development while learning key components of creating a club environment—all while having fun! RSVP by Sept. 7th. 6:30 pm - 8 pm. MSUE Garden Level Conference Room 1-400 315 W. Green St. Marshall, MI 49068

**September 13: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar**
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417
Your computer

**September 14-16: Facilitative Leadership Wksp for Youth-Serving Professionals & Volunteers**
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=EAB1845F2861118D
Louhelen Baha’I School Retreat and Conference Center, Davison Township

**September 15: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar**
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417
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**September 17: Michigan 4-H Poultry Expo**
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=78FB376DDF5EE9F0
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

**September 17-18: 4-H Shooting Sports 101**
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=89CAF2D7207B424D
Jay’s Sporting Goods, Clare, MI

**October 2-8: National 4-H Week**
Nationwide

**October 3: The Calhoun County 4-H Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program**
6:30 pm. Marshall High School Cafeteria, Marshall High School, Marshall, MI 49068

**October 5: 4-H National Youth Science Day**
http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day
Nationwide

**October 5-6: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Port Huron

**October 5 through October 16: TSC Paper Clover Promotion**
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

**October 8-9: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing, MI

**October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_goat_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

**October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

**November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat**
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_advisory_group_retreat_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

**November 25-29: National 4-H Congress**
https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress
Atlanta, Georgia

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