Hey Parents! We would love some pictures of your kids involved in 4-H activities for our newsletter. If your child has a signed media release on file, you can e-mail pictures to msue.kalamazoo@county.msu.edu. Please include your child's name, where the picture was taken, what club or project, and what your child is doing in the picture. Thank you!!!

March at a Glance:

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Until the 19th century, rabbits were kept almost exclusively for meat and fur production. But in the early 1800's, a remarkable new breed appeared on the scene: the lop-eared rabbit. The breed quickly gathered a following, and soon breeders were competing to see who could produce the finest specimen. Thus the rabbit fancy was born. The first club to govern rabbit exhibitions was formed in England in 1840. First it was English Lops, and then English Spots, and soon dozens of breeds appeared. By 1880, the rabbit fancy was going full force in England and spreading quickly to Europe and the United States. The National Pet Stock Association was formed in 1910 in Detroit, which would later become the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

Rabbit News

We are into the year and it before you know it, fair will be upon us. Don't put off until tomorrow what can be done today and get you one step closer to your 4-H goals. We welcome all new 4-H members to the project.

Meeting Dates for this year:
March 29th; April 19th are regular meeting dates in Room A or B at the Fairgrounds.
June 4th is the Mandatory Fit-n-Show - Time and place TBD.
July 9th is the Mandatory Market Rabbit check in - Time and place TBD
Rabbit Hopping dates: February 19th; March 25th; April 15th; May 20th; and June 17th. Practices are from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Room B at the fairgrounds.

It is required that all 4-H members attend 3 county meetings to be eligible to show at fair. Please contact us if you have any questions about this requirement. If you are registered on-line but have not signed up for the Rabbit project, please contact the MSU extension office for assistance.

If you are looking to buy or sell bunnies, please let us know so they can be posted on our Facebook page for other 4-H members to see.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.
Rabbit Superintendents
Roxanne O’Neil 269-317-1925
Janelle Gray 269-254-2411
Sheep News

There will be a sheep meeting on Tuesday March 29 at 7:00 at the fairgrounds.
Our speaker will be Melissa Souva from Great Lakes Sire Service.

Carcass Project News

Be sure that you plan ahead for this year; attendance at two meetings will be required before our competition the week before fair.

Join us on Monday, March 28th for our March meeting. We plan to learn to identify the retail cuts from the chuck/shoulder wholesale cuts and how to enter those cuts on a cut identification scorecard. We will review the retail cuts from the round/leg/ham.

See you on March 28th at 7 pm at the fairgrounds.

If you have any questions, contact Kevin or Cindy Rose at kevintherose@aol.com or text or phone at (269) 317-3462.
Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to a gentleman on the other side. When the chicken asked, “What’s your name?” the gentleman replied, “Bond. James Bond. What’s yours?” The chicken responded, “Ken. Chic Ken.” Seriously, if you’ve ever pondered the question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, you’ll have the chance to try to discover the answer when you participate in a 4-H poultry project. If chickens aren’t your style, you could try turkeys, ducks, geese, pheasants, pigeons or coturnix (Japanese quail). Come on! Don’t be a chicken! Be a good egg and give it a try!

Poultry News

Spring is just around the corner and so are spring chicks. Get you order in at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm in Room B of the Kalamazoo Expo Center. Or give Ann Hollister a call at 685-2301. When the chicks arrive, you can pick them up at the Feedbag in Richland.

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Another date to add to your calendar is Saturday, May 21st—its the Michigan 4H Poultry Show! Start sprucing up your best birds and bring them to the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte for some poultry fun. More information can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_paloozal
Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show

Classes:
- Breed Judging
- Showmanship

Other Activities:
- Silent Bird Auction

Cost:
$3 per breed class, $5 for showmanship, $5 entry fee

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2016.
Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

May 21, 2016
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte, MI

The Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
EXPLORATION DAYS—JUNE 22-24, 2016

ALL 4-H MEMBERS, AGE 11-19 YEARS OLD ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!

The early sign up meeting will be held on Friday, March 4th, 2016, in the Georgian Room at the Nazareth Complex on Gull Rd, starting at 6 pm. Sign up early to ensure that you are able to attend the classes you want. Make sure to bring your forms completely filled out, your personal data sheet, a current picture (head and shoulders) and a down payment of $80 with you.

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts approximately 2,500 participants from all 83 counties in Michigan. There is a lot to do while on campus. You’ll experience what living in the dorms is like, learn new things, make new friends and have time to explore the beauty of the MSU campus. Youth can choose from over 200 hands-on-learning sessions; everything from health and nutrition to personal development to livestock and money management.

The registration fee is still $165 for 4-H members, $175 for non-4-H members. This fee includes a 3 day, 2 nights MSU program full of experiential learning, including the lodging and food. Scholarships are offered for a limited number of 4-H youth through the Kalamazoo County Leader’s Council and the Kalamazoo County 4-H office.

4-H members from Kalamazoo County have said the following about this event:

-Attending 4-H Exploration Days has helped me to try new things, and developed my problem solving abilities.
-Made me more confident about being independent.
-It has shown me some possible career choices to pursue.

For more information on the Exploration Days Program go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days
Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction Successful!

Thank you to the many families, businesses and community clubs who donated to the 22nd Annual Benefit Auction, and to those who came out to support the program by way of purchasing the items. We would also like to give thanks to the auction committee for helping make this a successful event. Your hard work paid off!

There were many gift baskets, gift certificates and other items that helped raise over $5,000 towards 4-H programming. These funds will be used to support programs such as youth attending MSU Exploration Days, scholarship opportunities, educational programming and fall achievement awards.

Kalamazoo County TEEN AWARDED $2,000 MSU PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Hannah Flickinger, a 10th grader at Vicksburg High School for 2015-16, has been awarded a $2,000 Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship. Students in 8th to 10th grades for 2015-16 who attended an MSU summer pre-college program last year were eligible to apply for this award last fall. Hannah participated in 4-H Exploration Days, one of six pre-college programs offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development.

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.
Here are the Portage Partners having their January ‘Roller skating & International foods event’ as a club. The group went Roller skating as their January ‘Fun Event’ and then 4-H ers were encourage to bring an International dish for supper and then they shared their recipes. We had British, Czechoslovakian, Irish, Swedish, American, Indian, German, Polish and many more ethic background represented in our club. The food varied from triffle, homemade chicken & dumpling soup, chicken buriani, pizza, Kolachies & tons more delicious foods. We had over +35 people participating in this event. The Portage Partners meets at St Micheal’s church in Portage.
Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Leaders Tack Sale

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(5:00 p.m. START TIME - no early admittance, please)

Kalamazoo County Expo & Fairgrounds 2900 Lake Street (just off Business Route 94)
*40,000 SQUARE FEET full of items for everyone
*Food Concessions and Dining Areas

Admission donation for all attendees (including vendors) at the booths in the parking entrance:
$1.00 per person (children 5 & under FREE)

In the past years, all spaces have been sold out weeks before the event. RESERVE EARLY!

CUBES – (may be along the wall or in the main section) 8 feet deep and 8 feet wide with a table, which can be removed for your custom display. Advance Registration (by 3/10/16) $30.00 per space. Cube setup begins at 2:00 p.m. (each person entering pays $1 admission). Spaces $45.00 day of sale, if available.

Interior spaces – (no wall) – limited to 8 feet wide by table depth of 2 feet – Advance Registration (by 3/10/16) $15.00 per space. Interior setup begins at 3:30 p.m. (each person entering pays $1 admission). Spaces $25.00 day of sale, if available.

*** For fastest reservation, go to www.paypal.com online (payee kalamazoo4hhorse@yahoo.com). Credit card payments accepted through PayPal. Mail the bottom of this form with check payable to Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Leaders Council, c/o Pam DeYoung 9638 East N Ave, Galesburg, MI 49053. Confirmations will be emailed to you (or sent via postal mail if no email is listed) after 3/10/16.

Please see the 4-H website at www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo for common questions and answers. Email inquiries to kalamazoo4hhorse@yahoo.com. No spaces held without payment in full. Sorry, no refunds.

2016 Kalamazoo 4-H Tack Sale Registration Form

Vendor/Business Name ___________________________ Phone_______________________
Contact Name __________________________Email_________________________________
Address_____________________________________________________________________

# of Cubes (8’ x 8’) ________ x $30.00 = ___________ Total
# of Interior Spaces (8’ x 2’) ________ x $15.00 = __________ Total

Mail with check payable to Kalamazoo 4H Horse Leaders Council c/o Pam DeYoung 9638 East N Ave Galesburg, MI 49053
Kalamazoo County Leader’s Council Scholarship

Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council scholarship deadline is April 8, 2016 at 5:00 PM to the 4-H office. Applications are available at [www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo](http://www.msue.msu.edu/kalamazoo) or at the 4-H office. Your Member Award Record Book must be handed in with your application. Applicants will be selected based upon their Member Award Record Book, statement of your reason for attending college and an interview. Interviews will be on April 25th. If you need help completing your Member Award Record Book please contact the 4-H staff.

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. While at Michigan State, Brian was a dual major in Chemistry and Environmental Soil Science with a minor in Spanish. As a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, Brian was elected by his peers to the position of Recruitment Chair and Chapter Historian. 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.

Please go to [http://agrtau.com/brian-mcmillen-scholarship](http://agrtau.com/brian-mcmillen-scholarship) for an application.
Great Lakes Leadership Academy

Great Lakes Leadership Academy (GLLA) is accepting applications. GLLA is looking for empowered and facilitative leaders that will propel Michigan toward economic and environmental sustainability. The program was designed to bring together leaders from diverse audiences to address critical issues along with innovative, equitable and inclusive approaches for addressing those issues. The 2016-17 Leadership Advancement Program application deadline is March 11, 2016. Questions should be directed to Vicki Pontz at pontzv@msu.edu, phone 517-432-8685 or Christy Roman at 517-353-6472 or romanch4@anr.msu.edu. To learn more about GLLA and apply for the program visit www.glla.msu.edu.

Come Join Us!

4-H Dance Party

Sunday, March 13, 2016

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dance Instruction provided from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Special Event Pricing - $3.00
Thanks to sponsorship by Calhoun County 4-H Council
Pizza and Soda available for purchase
Not a 4-H member? No problem, all are invited!!!

All ages welcome, youth and adults. Come have fun with the 4-H members of Calhoun County.
Not a member, you can learn about 4-H or just have fun!

Questions -- please contact
Kathy Fischer
fisch226@anr.msu.edu  Tel: 269-781-0784

15325 W. Michigan Avenue, Marshall
Take exit 36 off I-96. Just west of exit.
Backroads has the largest dance floor in Michigan,
effecting line dance lessons weekly and music on the weekends
consisting of live bands (country and rock)
as well as DJ Nights!
backroads saloon.com or Facebook for additional information
Non-alcoholic event and adult supervision provided.

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World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI)

The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a one-day event where high-school youth will:

- Present research and recommendations about how to solve key global challenges in two- to three-minute speeches and small-group discussions with local experts.
- Connect with other Michigan student leaders to share ideas, identify solutions to these problems and build lasting friendships.
- Interact with global leaders in science, agriculture, industry and policy.
- Take part in educational sessions and interactive panels that explore current research and issues about international development and the life sciences.
- Meet innovative Michigan researchers, professors and college students who are working to end hunger and poverty, and to improve food security around the world.

Who: Students who were in grades 8 through 12 during the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to register.
When: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, May 12, 2016
Where: Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Cost: Free

How

Each youth participant must complete and submit a registration at and a short research paper at [http://events.anr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/) (complete instructions, a sample paper and evaluation criteria at [http://bit.ly/1FEPUH8](http://bit.ly/1FEPUH8)). Teachers and mentors must complete and submit a registration form found on the web ([http://events.anr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/)). The deadline for all participants to register and for youth to submit their research papers, is April 8, 2016.

Evaluation of papers will take place prior to the May 12 WFPMIYI. At the event, youth will be scored on their individual presentations. These two factors will be the primary measurement for determining Global Youth Institute candidates.

The World Food Prize Global Youth Institute (WFPGYI)

The top youth participating in the Michigan Youth Institute will be considered as possible delegates to represent Michigan at the WFPGYI in Des Moines, Iowa, October 12 to 14, 2016. Michigan delegates will join more than 300 other outstanding students and mentors from across the country and around the world. At the event, they will interact with Nobel and World Food Prize laureates and more than 1,000 global leaders from 75 countries attending the World Food Prize’s annual international symposium.

The World Food Prize Foundation will fund accommodation, meal and program expenses for the Michigan youth delegates to the Global Youth Institute. WFPMIYI mentors will accompany youth delegates. All delegates must organize and fund their own transportation to and from Iowa, their Wednesday-evening lodging and other minor costs.

More Information

Find out more about the WFPMIYI and the WFPGYI from:
- Your local MSU Extension 4-H staff ([http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3](http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3))
- The WFPMIYI Coordinators:
  - Makena Schultz (schul430@anr.msu.edu) or 517-432-7603
  - Brian Wibby (wibby@anr.msu.edu) or (906) 475-5731
STATEWIDE EVENTS

MICHIGAN 4-H NIGHT
AT THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

SAT, MARCH 19
vs. BROOKLYN NETS • 7:30PM

Please join Michigan 4-H and the Detroit Pistons as the Pistons take on the Brooklyn Nets! Join us for the pre-game Leadership Program from 1PM to 2:45PM. Everyone receives a special discount, opportunity to shoot a free throw on the court and a Pistons giveaway for coming out! Plus a portion of the proceeds go back to benefit 4-H! There will be a special raffle for 30 individuals to win a meet n greet with a Pistons Legend!

EXCLUSIVE TICKET PRICING:
LOWER-LEVEL: $30 (Face Value $50)
UPPER-LEVEL: $15 (Face Value $30)

1:00-2:45 PM- Pre-Game Leadership Program
Feel free to stay around for activities in the North Pavilion or leave and come back for the game later!
Doors Open: 6PM to watch pre-game warm-ups and game time 7:30!

Order Tickets at pistons.com/4H

Offer cannot be redeemed at The Palace Ticket Store. For additional information, please contact
Nicole Laidlaw: 248.375.4065/ nlaidlaw@palacedet.com

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6 Championship Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

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4H

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Please remember all tickets are subject to availability and handled on a first-come, first-served basis. All prices on orders received after the indicated deadlines are subject to change. Refunds or exchanges will not be issued. Tickets purchased prior to 10 days of the selected game date will be mailed to the address provided. Tickets purchased after will be left at Will Call.
WHOA!
Putting the breaks on explosive behavior
An in depth look on identifying, preventing, and dealing with aggressive outbursts in children and adults

April 2nd, 9a.m.—3p.m.

Conference Features Include:

University of Michigan Professor, and expert in the field of Mental Health, Laura Sanders presents on:

- Evidence-based approaches enhanced by creative interventions
- Identifying and addressing early signs of agitation
- A clear and concise approach to prevention
- Aggressive behavior de-escalation strategies
Parent Panel—real life experiences including Q&A

$35 pre registration/$40 at the door

Conference @ Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center: 8450 N. 43rd St., Augusta, MI 48012

Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center has over 45 years experience successfully working with special needs clients of all ages and ability levels. The Cheff University program was designed to provide quality educational opportunities to those in the lives of individuals with physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges in an effort to strengthen community resources and client experiences.

$35 pre registration (by 3/28) $40 at the door. Seats limited to 40—cost includes lunch and materials.

April 2nd, 2016 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center

Online payment and registration also available at www.cheffcenter.org

Name: ______________________________ TR Instructor ☐ Educator ☐ Other ☐
Address: ______________________________ City: ______________ State: ______ Zip: ______
E-Mail Address: ______________________________ Phone Number: ______________________________
Registration fee: $35 (by 3/28) or $40 Check #: __________ Cash: __________ Amt Enclosed: __________
Special dietary Needs: ______________________________

Please return to:
Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center
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4-H News, Events and Information Right in Your Inbox!

Did you know MSU Extension’s News digests deliver the latest news, information and events right to your inbox? Sent once a month, these electronic newsletters feature recent articles and events published on the MSU Extension web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) and they are available in more than 60 interest areas! We recently added new 4-H and youth newsletter topics. These include 4-H animal science, youth arts, youth environmental and outdoor science, and youth money management.

If you already receive MSU Extension News digests, update your subscriber settings to add these new topics. However, if you’re a new subscriber, simply text “MSUE” to 22828 or visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu and click on “Newsletter Sign-Up.”

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

March 4: Junior Master Gardener Workshop  http://bit.ly/1TVkK8P
Children’s Garden Classroom, East Lansing

March 11-13: 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
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens as Teachers Workshop  http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=TeenTeachers
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19: 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, Auburn Hills

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

Other 4-H Events

March 5: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee  Contact Taylor Fabus  (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 20-23: 4-H Capitol Experience  http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex
Lansing

April 6: 4-H Night at the Joe (Red Wings)  http://redwings.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=108326
Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

Anthony Hall & MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Small Animals Day  Contact Carla Mc Lachlan  (mclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

Being a Michigan 4-H International Exchange Host Family
Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) 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.

Academic-Year Hosting Program (AYP) (August 2016 to June 2017)
Would you like to host an international high school student who will attend grade 10, 11 or 12 grade in Michigan? Through the Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program, the U.S. Department of State sponsors students, who are finalists in the top 2 to 4 percent of a competitive scholarship program. FLEX students come from Armenia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Ukraine and Uzbekistan. We also place students from Japan, Korea and Mexico through other programs. Host Families volunteer to provide friendship, support, and room and board (3 meals a day). Health insurance is covered by the program. Personal expenses are paid by the student.

More information and applications are available on the Michigan 4-H AYP web page (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/academic_year_hosting_programs). You may also contact Jan Brinn by email at brinn@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 269-673-0370, Ext. 2555.

International Youth Exchange (IFYE) Program
This program, formerly known as the International Farm Youth Exchange, was founded on the premise that through understanding each other, our world could become a more peaceful place. The program brings college-age youth, usually from Europe, to live and work at Michigan farms for three weeks in the summer. Since family living is at the heart of the cultural experience, IFYE representatives discover life in the United States as a member of the family, not as a guest or tourist. During the hosting period, host families are expected to provide love and understanding, care and guidance, as well as food and housing.

For more information about this opportunity, visit the Michigan IFYE web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/international_4_h_youth_exchange_ifye). You can obtain further details about hosting for summer or fall 2016 or for application forms, from Makena Schultz by email at schul430@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 517-432-7603.

Japanese Summer Inbound Exchange (July to August 2016)
Do you have a child between the ages of 10 and 17? If so, we can match your son or daughter with a Japanese host sibling for four weeks this summer. The students will join your normal summer schedule. Funds are available for the student to join your child at camp. Alternatively, you may host an adult Japanese teacher or college-age chaperone for two weeks, either July 24 to August 7 or August 7 to August 20. These adult leaders are bilingual in English and Japanese.

More information and applications are available on the Michigan Japanese Summer Inbound Exchange web page (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/japan_summer_inbound_exchange). You may also contact D’Ann Rohrer by email at drohrer@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 231-757-4789.

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

And the Winners Are!
The inaugural Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Awards went to Mary Adams, a Calhoun County 4-H leader who has been involved in 4-H for more than 30 years and Cassie Holladay, a 10-year Oceana County 4-H’er. It was clear to the selection committee that both Mary and Cassie exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship.

According to Mary’s nominators, she’s an energetic, dedicated leader who helps all youth, no matter what 4-H club they belong to.

Cassie, whose project areas include beef, dairy, horse, teen leadership and community service, is a member of the 4-Star and Rough Riders 4-H Clubs. While Cassie’s nominators made it clear she is a fierce competitor, they also stressed she never hesitates to help teach someone less experienced.

Read these articles for more information about: (1) Mary (bit.ly/248fUte), (2) Cassie (bit.ly/1PZzKk9) and (3) the award-selection criteria (bit.ly/1OezfgH).
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