



Calhoun County 4-H Family News

January - February 2017

4-H Leader's Banquet Award Recipients 2016



1 Year of Service:
Stacey Coates, Sherry Grice, Marilyn Lawrence and Dan Lawrence



10 Years of Service:
Lona Eraca



30 Years of Service:
Sandy Howard

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15 Years of Service:
Hope Horton, Cathy Combs, Kathy Hamaker and Crystal Childs



50 Years of Service: Shirley Myers
20 Years of Service: Shelly Densmore



55 Years of Service:
Marilyn Letts



4-H Alumni Award:
Lori Carr



Friend of 4-H Award:
Carr Family, pictured (above) representing the Carr Family, Lori Carr, and (unable to attend) Russell Plumbing, Bob Russell



2016 Angel Pin:
Wanda Warner (right) passed her Angel pin on to Kim Mowry



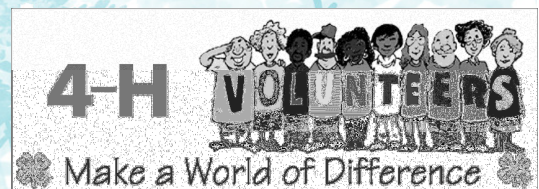
4-H Citizenship Award:
(unable to attend)
Tabitha Rivera, Annette Stuart,
Kristen & Dewey Murphy

**Thank you to all our
4-H volunteers,
we appreciate all you
do for the
Calhoun County
4-H youth program!**

2016 Angel Pin:
Floyd Beneker (right) passed his Angel pin on to Lee Fischhaber



Floyd Beneker was truly an angel to many people in this community. He touched the lives of so many youth and adults as well. Floyd died peacefully at his home on December 12, 2016 surrounded by his family. While he will be dearly missed in our community, his legacy will live on in the lives of those he touched.



Harrison Lohman attends Citizenship Washington Focus

This year at the Leader's Banquet Calhoun County 4-H member Harrison Lohman discussed his Citizen Washington Focus summer trip and what it meant to him.

While attending Citizenship Washington Focus, Harrison was able to visit and learn about many historical places and about our United States Government. Participants were also charged with determining a need in their state and writing a grant proposal to fund this need. The group Harrison was a part of determined that Michigan needs funding to help with Great Lakes Cleanup. Their proposal was accepted and funded so Harrison and some other teens from Michigan will be implementing their ideas with the help of MSU Extension Staff.



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is an opportunity for 4-H youth (age 14-19) to spend an entire week in Washington, DC; including a stop in Gettysburg.

Calhoun County 4-H Tractor Operator Program



WHO:

13-19 year olds

WHEN:

9 AM—12 PM

Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11

LOCATION:

Stealy Farms
16300 13 Mile Rd.
Battle Creek, MI

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269-781-0784

HOW TO REGISTER:

Mail registration form and payment to:
MSU Extension
315 W. Green St.
Marshall, MI 49068

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:

January 6, 2017

COST:

\$40 4-H Members
\$60 Non-members

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Calhoun County 4-H Tractor Operator Program (TOP) will teach youth tractor operation, along with safety, maintenance and repair. Successful completion of the 4-H TOP provides completion certificates to 13-19 year olds. 14-15 year olds may be eligible to receive a certificate of training from the US Department of Labor required for operation of a 20 PTO HP or greater, garden or agricultural tractor by youth employed on property not owned, leased, or operated by a parent or legal guardian.

4-H Capitol Experience 2017

4-H Capitol Experience (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience) is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 130 teens from around the state meet in Lansing, Michigan to: **1)** Understand the responsibilities of a citizen. **2)** Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and their communities. **3)** Explore various careers in public policy. **4)** Attend bill writing session. **5)** Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government.

When and where: March 19 to 22, 2017. Tours and agency visits will take place at the State Capitol and surrounding area.

Who should attend: High school students at least 14 years old and adult participant-chaperones. All participants must have pictured identification.

Cost: \$350 4-H and Michigan Farm Bureau members, \$360 non 4-H members. Includes all meals, lodging and material fees. All registrations must be paid in full by February 10, 2017.

Registration deadlines: Registration is collected online via a secure web-based platform. All registrations must be paid in full by February 10, 2017 or risk being cancelled to make space for the youth on the waitlist.

If you have any questions on the registration process, contact the MSU Extension office at 269-781-0784.



State 4-H Awards Program Information update

This is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth. This program is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up with at least three years of 4-H experience. All youth who meet these requirements are encouraged to apply. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences.

To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application to State4HAwards@anr.msu.edu by **February 1**. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees and delegates are announced by **March 15**. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors), competitive interviews (seniors) or presentations (groups) during **4-H Exploration Days on June 21**. State 4-H Award winners will be announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, held at the MSU's Kellogg Center, June 22 during 4-H Exploration Days.

For more information please don't hesitate to call our office at 269-781-0784 or attend the State Awards Help Session (see information below).



State Awards Help Session Scheduled

Join Kathy Fischer, 4-H Program Coordinator on January 10th for a State Awards Help Session. The session is being held at the County Building in the Garden Level Conference Room 1-400, 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This is a drop in session for those interested in applying for state awards. Stop in anytime from 3:30 – 7:00 and Kathy will help you work through the application and give you pointers on completion, so come prepared with ideas and ready to write!

The purpose of this awards program is to recognize 4-H youth for engaging in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development. Michigan 4-H members currently enrolled in a county 4-H program and are 11 to 19 years of age (as of January 1, 2016) are eligible for the program. The State Awards Recognition Program is divided into three age divisions.

Applicants who are	Are eligible for this division
11 to 12 years old	Mark of Excellence Essay Contest
13 to 15 years old	Junior State Awards (state awards application and leadership– development program)
16 to 19 years old	Senior State Awards (state awards application and interview)
13 to 19 year old	Group Awards (group awards application and presentation)

For more information visit: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program

Plans for 2017 4-H Exploration Days have begun

June 21-23, 2017 Michigan State University

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually.

Visit the webpage at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days



What is Exploration Days like?

- * There'll be more than 200 session choices held on and off campus. You'll choose one or two for your three-day stay.
- * You'll live in a Michigan State University dorm and eat in the cafeteria—just like MSU students do.
- * Sessions are taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H volunteers and staff members and other experts.
- * It's not all sessions! There's plenty of time for fun, including swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball—even a great dance Thursday night.
- * **The 2017 cost is \$165 per person.** There is an additional \$10 4-H participation fee for youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. The fee includes meals, a shared room in a dorm, sessions and a t-shirt. You may wish to check with your county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1. Contact the 4-H staff in Calhoun County at 269-781-0784 for more information on 4-H Exploration Days, and any specific details pertaining to your county's delegation.



Calhoun County 4-H

What is 4-H?

- ◆ **4-H** is a community of young people across America focused on learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.
- ◆ **4-H** is a fun, hands-on learning experience.
- ◆ The traditional **4-H** program is open to youth 9-19 years old; the Cloverbud program is open to youth 5-8 years old.
- ◆ **4-H** is open to all youth in all communities.
- ◆ **4-H** is supported by caring, adult volunteers.

Joining 4-H

You can **join** 4-H at any time. Just contact Calhoun County Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Program 315 West Green Street Marshall, MI 49068 269-781-0784 or Email: msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu

Cost to join 4-H

\$10 per member per year - (up to \$30 per family). Scholarships are available. Some clubs charge annual dues to support club activities and there may also be cost to participate in some activities.

Studies show that 4-H members:

- * Do better in school
- * Are more motivated to help others
- * Feel safe to try new things
- * Achieve a high sense of self-esteem
- * Develop lasting friendships

2017 Theme:

Oh!
The Places
We Will Go!

Statewide and Local Calendar of Events

4-H Workshops

January 11: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=07369C4088BF0252>
Bowers School Farm, Bloomfield Hills

January 13-15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference

Contact Karen Waite (kwaite@msu.edu)
Crowne Plaza, Lansing

January 28: Youth Business Guide to Success . . . Training

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF>
MSU Tollgate Education Conference Center, Novi

January 28-29: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=9AAB5C2C64F3FBF6>
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

<http://bit.ly/2ceXN18>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

Other 4-H Events

Calhoun County 4-H Tractor Operator Program

Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11 from 9am to noon, \$40 4-H, \$60 non 4-H
Stealy Farms, 16300 13 Mile Rd, Battle Creek, MI contact: 269-781-0784

January 22: 4-H Day at the Breslin

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1
Jack Breslin Events Center, East Lansing



January 27-29: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/youth_events
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=548EEEDFD1D9C7E0>
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living

<http://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summit-series/#!healthy-living>
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

Animal Science Calendar of Events

The calendar of events for 4-H and the MSU Department of Animal Science's programs is now available online at http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/ANS_Youth_Calendar_16-17.pdf



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