

**MEDIA INFORMATION
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Community Sponsors Memorial Trailer to help Ag students

JACKSON, Mich. – Seventeen Jackson area organizations have joined forces to support Career Center Agriscience class purchase an aluminum livestock trailer. The trailer will assist in transporting FFA student raised animals, including steers, swine, and sheep, to livestock competitions through out the school year and summer months.

Along with the logos of contributing organizations, which will be featured on the side for five years, the trailer will also be named in memory of both Jared Zenz and Holly Riggs. Both were Career Center Agriscience students tragically killed in separate automobile accidents over the past 2 years. Each student had a passion for the Agriscience class and their families have also donated funds to help support the cause to honor their children.

The main sponsor for the trailer is Crystal Flash Petroleum. The other 17 companies participating in sponsorship of the trailer are Glassbrook FFA Alumni, Pro-Fit Show Supply/Weaver Show, Rappley Farms, Wildt Farms/Beck Hybrids, Advance Turning, Show-Rite Feed, Greenstone, Farm Bureau, JM Dairy Supplies, Fox and Boley, Michigan Theatre, Phelps Towing, Jerome Country Market, Andersons, Arbuckle Show Pigs, Bader and Sons Equipment, and Brooklyn Vet Clinic.

“We greatly appreciate this community effort. This trailer is definitely needed and will be a huge help in transporting our animals to our competitions,” said Jason Gehrke, Career Center Agriscience instructor. “Last year our students raised 46 large animals for the county fair and with this new trailer we will be able to reduce the amount of trips it will take to transport all of the animals and their supplies for our students.”

The Career Center’s Agriscience class covers the study of both plants and animals. Students choose classes as an elective to their high school schedule through their local school counselor. The first year provides exploration of all facets of agriculture. Second year students begin to refine their choices in either the plant or animal field.

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Caption: Jackson Area Career Center's Agriscience class to receive livestock trailer through community donations honoring two students.

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