



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

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**Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Holiday & County Closed Dates:**

December 25 & 26, 2017

January 1 & 2, 2018

January 15, 2018

The Berrien County MSU Extension Office will open at its regular hours, the next open business day. Please, make sure to plan ahead to accommodate the above closed dates..

The **Mission** of our 4-H Youth Development Program is to provide personal growth opportunities for youth in Berrien County through educational programs and activities which utilize quality volunteers, trained staff, and community partners.

Our **Vision** is to make a positive difference in the lives of Berrien County youth.

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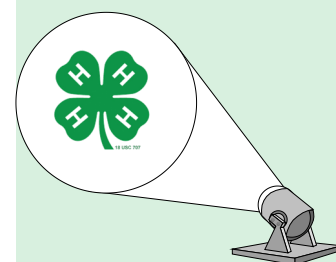
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Berrien County 4-H
Youth Development

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Save the Date!

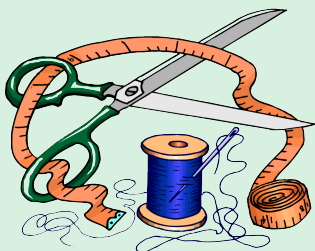
2018 Seasonal Expo formerly, known as Spring Achievement dates have been set!

Friday, May 18
&
Saturday, May 19

Early Evaluation will be offered—
Date is TBD

Look for more information to follow.

Don't wait! Talk to your Club Coordinator and Project Leaders about what projects qualify!

**2017 Leaders Council Election Results:**

The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Annual Election is now closed and results are in! Ballots were mailed to Teen Members that were 13 and over as well as Adult Leaders in order to cast their vote. Ballots were due back to the Extension office by November 10, 2017. The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council would like to thank the teens and adults that returned ballots. This year's 2017 Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Election results are as follows:

Teen Representatives will serve a 2-year term

Darlene Mattson
*Straight Shooters 4-H Club,
Town & Country Paws and Pals,
Countrysiders 4-H Club & Best Friends 4-H Club*

Reese McKee
Redbud Country Goats 4-H Club

Adult Director will serve a 3-year term

Chrissy Bradford
High Spirits 4-H Club

Mark Dinges
Redbud Country Goats 4-H Club

Amber Smith
Backyard Renegades 4-H Club

Newly, elected Directors & Representatives will be seated at the Monday, January 22, 2018 Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council meeting held at the Berrien County MSUE Office in Benton Harbor. Council Members still serving terms include: Amanda Pullins, Bobbi Lawson, Natasha Hesser, Roxy Cochran, Tracie Baker, Emily Melton and Sydney Melton (Teen Rep.)

Annual Fall Fundraisers:

The Annual Fall Fundraiser is coming to a close! Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in either selling the Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars and/or the Spirit Apparel!

Reminder to clubs that sold Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars, that the deadline for ALL money to be turned in was November 29. This deadline has passed. If you still have money to submit, please do so ASAP to the Berrien County MSUE Office. Money can be either mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022; dropping off during office hours or through the after hours mailbox. A Club's portion of the candy bars profits cannot be distributed until all money owed by the club is submitted.

For questions issues or concerns, please contact the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council

Don't forget about the Annual Spring Fundraiser.

Representative Natasha **Information coming SOON!** Hesser at

2017 Berrien County Member & Leader Recognition

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Program proudly presented the 2017 Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the Pebblewood Banquet Hall in Bridgman. This year, the program provided award recipients and their families with a buffet style dinner following the awards presentation. We would like to make everyone aware of the top awards given out. The program and awards were sponsored by both the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H'er Award

The Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H'er Award is the highest honor a 4-H'er can receive and is partially sponsored by the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Exchange Club. Selection is made encompassing a member's whole 4-H career.

Darlene Mattson Kennedy Melton
Straight Shooters 4-H Club Galien Chanters 4-H Club

"I Dare You" Award

The I Dare You Award recognizes youth that have been selected as the runner up to the Outstanding 4-H'er. Recipients are selected through submission for the Outstanding 4-H award.

Ciara Kibby
Great Expectations 4-H Club

All-Achievement Award

The All-Achievement Award recognizes member's leadership and experience within a project area that they have completed for at least four years. Youth are only able to receive one All-Achievement in a project in their 4-H career.

Matthew Carpenter—Dogs
Kennedy Melton—Llamas
Kennedy Melton—Clothing & Textiles

County Project Medals

The County Project Medals recognizes member's within a project area that they have completed for at least three years. Youth are only able to receive one project medal in a project area in their 4-H career.

Jazmin Finch—Expressive Arts	Karen Smith—Rabbits
Darlene Mattson—Animal Science	Darlene Mattson—Shooting Sports
Ben McKee—Goats	Evie Clare—Horse & Pony
Reese McKee—Leadership	Sydney Melton—Photography
Jazmin Finch—Rabbits	Karen Smith—Horticulture

Outstanding 4-H Leader Award

The Outstanding 4-H Leader Award recognizes 4-H leaders for their volunteer service and leadership within their 4-H clubs as well as their leadership on county programs, committees, and activities that benefit the more than 500 youth and their families enrolled in Berrien County 4-H.

Rob Lausch Janice Gruss
Stewart 4-H Club Countrysiders 4-H Club

County-wide Project Update:



Drier Vent Pumpkins

Wow! The amazing things you can make out of normal household materials.

Participants made some awesome looking pumpkins out of a dryer vent tubing. They glued them to form, spray-painted them, used gathered sticks from outside for the stem, and then decorated with tree moss. In addition to adding a touch of silk flowers and raffia or sheer ribbon for the leaves.

They all turned out amazing and can be used for fall decoration!

Look for more county-wide projects to come

Berrien County Tack Swap

Hosted by the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association.

When:
March 17, 2018

Time:
1:00—4:00 PM

Where:
Shadow Trailer
World Michigan
8716 US 31N
Berrien Springs, MI

Admission:
\$1.00
5 & Under—FREE
DEALERS ARE
WELCOME

For information on the Berrien County Tack Swap contact Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association Tack Swap Chair, Pam McCaleb at we_luv_paints@yahoo.com or via phone at 269-362-3252.



Berrien County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshops

Hosted by the Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club

The Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club will be offering two Rabbit & Cavy workshops that will concentrate on educating youth in preparation for the county Rabbit & Cavy Expo (more information can be found on the Expo on page 5). Youth will learn the fundamentals and gain skills in Breed I.D., Quiz Bowl, Skill-A-Thon and Written Quiz. Youth do not need to own a rabbit or a cavy to participate. Open to all 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age.

When: Monday, January 29, 2018

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM—7:30 PM (Both Sessions)

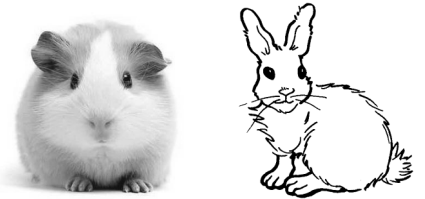
Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI

Cost: FREE

Register by phone: Berrien County MSUE Office at 269-927-5674

Deadline to register is January 19, 2018. Youth do not need to attend a workshop to take part in the county Rabbit & Cavy Expo.

For questions, contact the Berrien County MSUE Office at 269-927-5674.



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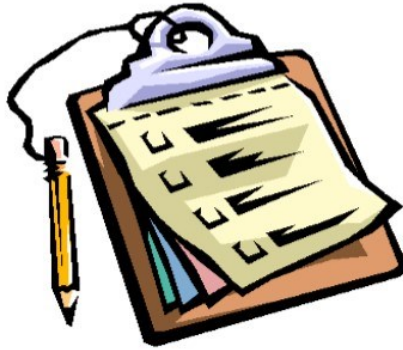
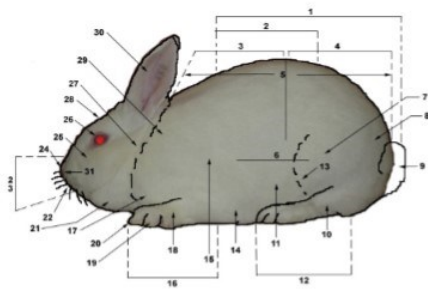
Who? Michigan 4-H Youth ages 14-19

When? June 23-June 30, 2018. The Michigan 4-H Delegation leaves by bus on Saturday, June 23 and stay Saturday night in Gettysburg, PA. On Sunday the group will tour the battlegrounds and then travel on to D.C.

Where? The group will stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD; one mile from Washington D.C.

Cost? The total cost is \$1,450.00 (includes transportation, all lodging, conference costs and most meals) plus 7 meals and spending money. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 by January 3, 2018. Berrien County 4-H offers members a limited quantity of scholarships provided through funds sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

How do I sign up? Contact your Michigan State University Extension 4-H Program Coordinator, Kelly Stelter at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or via phone at 269-927-5674 ext. 4015.



BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H RABBIT & CAVY EXPO

Fun & Educational! Ribbons awarded! Free!

The Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club is hosting an educational rabbit & cavy contest event for Berrien County 4-H youth ages 5—19 years of age.

Sign up for as few or as many classes as you'd like. Divisions consist of Senior (14—19 years old), Junior (9—13 years old) & Cloverbud (5—8 years old).

Test your knowledge in classes that include:

- ◆ Written Quiz
- ◆ Breed I.D.
- ◆ Skill-A-Thon
- ◆ Quiz Bowl

Cloverbuds are welcome to attend and participate, noncompetitively in the written quiz. Placing will be awarded for Junior & Senior divisions, while Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons. Ages are determined by 4-H age which is as of January 1, 2018.

Pre-registration is required via online or by contacting the local MSU Extension Office. For questions or assistance, contact the Berrien County MSUE Office at 269-927-5674.

Note: Two practices will be held prior to the event. The dates are January 29th and 31st from 6 to 7:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor.

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**Saturday, February 3rd,
2018 at 9:00 AM**

**MSU Extension Office in
Berrien County**

**1737 Hillandale Road
Benton Harbor, MI
49022**

**Open to Berrien
County 4-H Members**

**Online Registration
available at**

**[https://
events.anr.msu.edu/
Berrien4hrab-
bitcavyexpo/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4hrabbitcavyexpo/)**

**Deadline to Register is
January 12, 2018.**

**Registration can also be
made via the
MSU Extension Office at
269-927-5674.**



**Hosted by the
Baroda Bunnies
4-H Club**

4-H Officer Training

Emphasis will be on the treasurer's role and importance of funds management for all officers.

WHEN:

January 4, 2018
6:00—8:30 p.m.

Or

January 6, 2018
9:30 a.m. to Noon

WHERE:

MSU Extension
1737 Hillandale Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

COST:

Free

TO REGISTER:

Registration by **December 28, 2017** is required to prepare for snacks and materials. Use this online link <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4officertraining2018/> or contact:

Kelly Stelter
4-H Program Coordinator
269-927-5674, x 4015

SPONSOR:

This training is provided with generous funding from Chemical Bank to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Inc.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Young people who **are** serving as a 4-H treasurer
- Young people who **want** to be a 4-H treasurer in the future
- 4-H volunteers **working with youth** that are 4-H treasurers



DESCRIPTION:

This workshop will help participants understand the roles of 4-H officers and benefits of developing useful life skills for their future, including— decision-making, communication, responsibility, leadership, attention to detail and record-keeping.

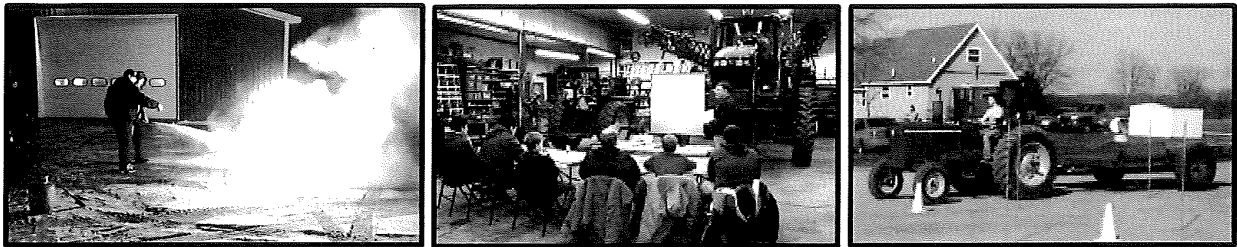
The treasurer's role will be emphasized along with the importance of working together as a team. Treasurer responsibilities have become increasingly important. Because 4-H is a public group, a 4-H treasurer's tasks are quite different from those of a private company's treasurer or an individual. A 4-H group treasurer is responsible to other officers, members, adult volunteers, Michigan State University and to the public.

By attending this workshop, participants will learn about:

- The roles of officers
- Running a meeting; complete with practice!
- Connecting the role of treasurer with other officers, adult 4-H leaders and MSU Extension staff members.
- Money handling expectations including the use of receipts, timely deposits and timely bill payments.
- The importance of budgeting.
- Appropriate use of funds and fund-raising do's and don'ts.
- Check-writing and reconciling accounts.
- Tips for creating treasurer reports and annual financial statements.

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

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2018 4-H TRACTOR OPERATOR PROGRAM

LEARN JOB AND LIFE SKILLS**BE PREPARED AND SAFE

Topics covered include:

- Farm/ranch hazards and safety
- Tractor component basics
- Pre-operational procedures
- Operation basics
- Tractor-powered Implements
- Self-propelled agricultural equipment
- Operating on public roadways
- Basic maintenance and repair
- ATV/Utility vehicle safety
- First aid and emergencies

The U.S. Department of Labor's Fair Labor Standards Act restricts what children can legally do as employees, in and around agricultural equipment and tractors that are more than 20 PTO HP, whether working in the landscape or production agricultural industry.

Michigan State University Extension offers the Tractor Operator Program (TOP) through the 4-H Youth Development Program. Successful completion of 4-H TOP provides completion certificates to 13-19 year olds. 14-15 year old youth may be eligible to receive a certificate of training from the U.S. Department of Labor required for operation of a 20 PTO HP or greater, garden or agricultural tractor, by 14 and 15 year old youth employed on property not owned, leased or operated by a parent/legal guardian.

Who: Youth 13 – 19 years of age (currently, youth must be 14 by the day of the driving test to be eligible to receive the federal certificate of completion).

Cost: \$50.00/person.

When: The 9-week course is taught on **Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, January 18 through March 22, 2018 (*March 22 is held as a make-up date if needed*). Schedule includes educational sessions, some driving practice, final written and driving tests, and graduation program. Study and practice time is also required outside of session time to complete the 24-hours of certification training



Where: The program will meet at the Old Baroda Township Hall, 9091 First St., Baroda, Michigan, 49101.

Registration: Contact the Berrien County MSUE Office, 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-9630; phone: 269-927-5674, or email Deb Barrett at smithde6@anr.msu.edu. A minimum of six participants are required to offer the class, maximum of 20. **Participants must register and have their \$50.00 fee paid by 5:00 p.m., January 11, 2018.** Checks are to be made out to Michigan State University.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you'll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: <https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>.



SHOP 4-H Online is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H with every purchase.

2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!



2017 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development. State award applications are divided into four categories:

Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO> and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu. The Berrien County 4-H Youth Program will be hosting a MI 4-H State Awards Workshop on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Workshop will be held at the Berrien County MSUE office in Benton Harbor, MI.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available!

Free tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception.



Michigan 4-H'ers recite the American and 4-H pledges during the halftime show.

**4-H Pledge
Posters now
available!**

THE 4-H PLEDGE
I pledge...
my HEAD to clearer thinking.
my HEART to greater loyalty.
my HANDS to larger service.
my HEALTH to better living.
For my club, my community, my country and my world.

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Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@anr.msu.edu.

**Save the date
for Challenge U
4-H Funfest**



Challenge U 4-H Funfest, held at the Kettunen Center, offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to participate in hands-on sessions that will engage youth in learning about themselves, food and being active.

Targeted to youth ages 9 to 13, the Challenge U 4-H Funfest provides an opportunity for younger 4-H youth to become familiar with the Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting.

Look for registration to open in January 2018.

For more information about this event, contact Michelle Neff at hydrmich@msu.edu.

4-H Workshops

December 12: 4-H Alumni Engagement Training

Northstar Cooperative Building, East Lansing

This session will highlight meaningful ways to maintain relationships and steward 4-H alumni. Topics will include: 4-H alumni as 4-H volunteers, 4-H donors and 4-H advocates.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/alumni_engagement_training

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop

MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/ready_to_go_volunteer_training_toolkit_train_the_trainer_workshop

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County

Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--bay_county

4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their careers.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, breakout sessions will include livestock and meat evaluation, animal management and more.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin

Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing

Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

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

STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW



Classes:

Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

Other events during the show:

- » Breed ID Contest
- » Educational Poster Contest
- » Judging Seminars
- » Club Informational Booths
- » Supply Vendors
- » Scholarship Silent Auction

Cost:

\$3.00 per class

Who can participate:

Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2018). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...

For more information, event catalog, and online pre-registration, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitshow18/>



January 27, 2018

**MSU Pavilion,
East Lansing, MI**

**On-site registration
begins at 6:30 a.m.**

**Online Pre-Registration
available at [https://
events.anr.msu.edu/
rabbitshow18/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitshow18/)**

**The Michigan 4-H Rabbit
and Cavy Show is
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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Holiday Bash @ 6:00—8:00 PM	2 Point of Impact Club Open House
3	4	5 Horse Leaders Association Mtg. 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 MSUE Office Closed	26 MSUE Office Closed	27	28	29	30
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January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MSUE Office Closed Re-enrollment DUE	2 MSUE Office Closed	3	4 Officer Training @ 6:00 PM	5	6 Office Training @ 9:30 AM
7	8	9	10	11	12 County Rabbit & Cavy Expo Registration Due	13
14	15 MSUE Office Closed for County Holiday	16	17	18 MI 4-H State Award Workshop @ 6:00 PM	19 Rabbit & Cavy Workshop Registration Due	20
21	22 Leaders Council Mtg. @ 7:00 PM	23	24	25	26 MI 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show	27
28	29 Rabbit & Cavy Work- shop @ 6:30 PM	30	31 Rabbit & Cavy Work- shop @ 6:30 PM	February 1 MI 4-H State Awards DUE	February 2	February 3 County Rabbit & Cavy Expo

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DEADLINE REMINDERS

Annual Financial Report Forms Deadline

December 1, 2017

Re-enrollment Deadline

January 1, 2018

New Member/Final Enrollment Deadline

June 1, 2018

All Leaders must go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to being approved in 4-H Online. For questions or issues, please contact the Berrien County MSUE Office.