



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

4-H Family News

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Dear 4-H Families,

Our new 4-H year is upon us and we are busy planning many exciting opportunities such as Member Recognition, Leader Update, county-wide projects and much more. The Berrien County 4-H Spotlight Newsletter, looks a little different this year, however, inside you will notice the same variety of useful information for leaders, members, and their families. Please take time to read this issue and contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly Stelter
4-H Program Coordinator

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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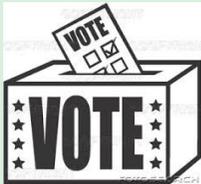
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LEADERS COUNCIL FALL ELECTION

Expand your Leadership!
Learn another side of
Berrien County 4-H.

The 4-H Leaders Council is currently seeking names of teens and adult leaders who would be interested in serving on the Council. Adult leaders serve a term of 3 years, while teen leaders serve a 2-year term.

Leaders Council serves as Board of Directors of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association. It also serves as the counsel to the 4-H Program Coordinator.

The Council usually meets the fourth Monday of each month at the MSUE Office in Benton Harbor.

Interested individuals need to submit a short bio of themselves, no more than 100 words that includes club and active years.

Submissions need to be made to Tracy Baker at:

nolanjames@aol.com

**No later than September 29,
2017**

**For questions contact
Election Chair, Tracy
Baker at 269-588-2851.**

TRACTOR SUPPLY CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The fall 2017 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place

October 5—16, 2017

Shoppers at the Stevensville TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Berrien County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a \$1.00 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in our county. These funds are used to support participation fee scholarships and new resources for our program.

3rd Annual 5K 4-H TRAIL RUN/WALK 4-HEALTH

When: Sunday, October 1, 2017

**Where: MSUE Office & Southwest Michigan Research Center
1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022**

Race Starts at 1:00 PM

This Event provides funding towards Berrien County 4-H who participate in 4-H Exploration Days this coming June 2018. 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program that allows youth to experience first hand college life through interactive sessions and dormitory living.

The annual 5K Trail Run/Walk 4-Health is a qualifying event in the Racers Run Forest Run Off Road Race Series.

The course is a mixed terrain that winds through the MSU Southwest Michigan Research Center's vineyards, orchards and research crops. The terrain is not suitable for strollers.

For more details and how to register online visit:

<https://www.raceplanner.com/registrationinfo/event/4H4K4health>

For questions in regards to the event, contact Leaders Council President Donna Hill at donnajhill@sbcglobal.net.

4-H TRACTOR OPERATOR PROGRAM COMING SOON

Michigan State University Extension offers the Tractor Operator Program (TOP) through the 4-H Youth Development Program. Successful completion of the 4-H TOP provides completion certificates to 13—19 year olds.

Who: Youth 13—19 years of age

(currently, youth must be 14 by the day of the driving test to be eligible to receive federal certificate)

Cost: \$50.00 per person

When: The 9 week course is usually taught on Wednesday evenings, mid-January through March each year, with an occasional Saturday practice driving.

Where: The Program will meet at the Old Baroda Township Hall, Baroda, MI 49101

Topics Include:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| ⇒ Farm/Ranch Hazards and Safety | ⇒ Tractor-powered implements |
| ⇒ Tractor Component basics | ⇒ Self-propelled agricultural equipment |
| ⇒ Pre-operational procedures | ⇒ Basic maintenance and repair |
| ⇒ Operational basics | ⇒ ATV/Utility Vehicle Safety |
| ⇒ Operating on Public Roadways | ⇒ First aid and emergencies |





SAVE THE DATE & RSVP

2017 4-H MEMBER & LEADER RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
DOOR OPEN AT 3:30 PM
PROGRAM STARTS: 4:00 PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW AWARDS PROGRAM

PEBBLEWOOD BANQUET HALL
BRIDGMAN, MI

RSVP'S NEED TO BE MADE TO JENNIFER YOUNG
AT 269-927-5674 OR , YOUNGJ62@ANR.MSU.EDU
OR VIA CLUB COORDINATOR. RSVP'S DEADLINE
IS OCTOBER 6, 2017 TO BE ENTERED INTO
DRAWING!



ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS!!!

Member and
Leader
Recognition
Nomination &
Application
Forms

Deadline

September 22

Please return the
Nominations forms
found in the 2017
Berrien County 4-H
Award & Incentives
Handbook to the
Berrien County
MSUE Office at
1737 Hillandale
Road, Benton
Harbor, MI 49022
Or by e-mail to
gnathesser@gmail.com

For questions and
issues, please
contact the Berrien
County MSUE
Office.

Additional copies
can be mailed or
e-mailed to Club
Coordinators upon
request to the
Berrien County
MSUE Office.

WANTED OUTSTANDING LEADER NOMINATIONS

The Berrien County 4-H Outstanding Leaders Committee is seeking nominations for the 2017 Outstanding 4-H Leader Award. 4-H Families and Members are encouraged to identify leaders to be nominated, but nominations must be submitted by a registered 4-H volunteer leader.

Award Criteria:

- ◆ Must be a leader for at least 10 years
- ◆ Other Awards Received
- ◆ 4-H Committees Involvement
- ◆ Continued interest in 4-H
- ◆ Meeting attendance
- ◆ Willingness to help
- ◆ Effectiveness as a leader
- ◆ other

Nomination Forms are found in the 2017 Berrien County 4-H Awards and Incentives Handbook at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/43470/Recognition_Handbook_-_2017_updated.pdf

Nomination Forms are due to the Berrien County MSUE office at 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, or faxed to 269-944-4128 no later than September 22, 2017. Forms can also be left in drop mail-box for after hours-delivery.

Countywide
Projects
Coming
Soon!!

Tell us what new projects you want to learn!

Are you a leader that needs more members in your project area?

Contact Kelly Stelter at the MSUE Office or Amanda Pullins—Leaders Council 4-H Connections for information planning the next countywide project.



2017 4-H Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Sunday evening at the 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event we had the privilege of awarding two different 4-H Alumni Scholarships. Each applicant went through the scholarship process that consisted of:

- Completing 5 years in 4-H including their senior year in High School
- Maintaining a college GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Providing 3 letters of recommendation including 1 from a 4-H Leader
- Interview with the Selection Committee

The recipient of the **Joseph Cerny and Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship** is Aubrey Perrone of Berrien Springs formerly of the Derbyshire 4-H Club. Aubrey is attending Ferris State University for Accounting. The **Berrien County 4-H Alumni Scholarship** recipient is Francine Barchett of Benton Harbor, a member of the Countrysiders 4-H Club. Francine is attending Cornell University majoring in International Agriculture and Rural Development. Each recipient was presented with a scholarship for \$1,000 to go towards their education.



Pictured (L to R)
Debbie Bachman, Laurie Cerny
& Aubrey Perrone



Pictured (L to R) Back Row: Heather Roney, Kristofer Crowders
Front Row: Katie Schmidt, Kennedy Melton, Lillian Jillson,
Celeste Golland, Victoria Dumke



Pictured: Rhonda Barchett
accepting Francine's award on
her behalf.

2017 Senior Plaque Award Winners

Senior Plaque Awards were presented on Sunday, August 13 to Senior 4-H members at the 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event. Seniors are nominated each fall since 1965 by their Club Coordinator in recognition to their devotion and loyalty to the Berrien County 4-H program. Senior Plaque Awards are nominated based on criteria that members have been active for at least 5 years and remain active through graduation from high school. This year's 2017 Senior Plaque Award Recipients include:

Adrianna Barber—South Lakers

Elise Barber—South Lakers

Sara Collum—River Valley Wranglers

Kristofer Crowder—River Valley Wranglers

Victoria Dumke—River Valley Wranglers

Ethan Forray—Rainbow Tracks

Ryan Foster—Countrysiders

Celeste Golland—River Valley Wranglers

Lillian Jillson—Double Bridle

Katlin Kunde—River Valley Wranglers

Kennedy Melton—Galien Chanters

Heather Roney—Great Expectations

Katie Schmidt—Tumbleweeds

Jeremy Tolsma—Countrysiders

4-H Senior Plaque Awards are sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council, Inc. and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

**Don't forget
4-H
Curriculum
&
Resources
Available for
Checkout!!**

The Berrien County MSUE Office is filled with lots of curriculum and resources for Project Leader's to check-out for club usage.

Call the extension office for availability first.

Items can be checked-out on a 2 week basis.

Items include:

- ◆ Buzzers
- ◆ OSU Lab kits
- ◆ Manuals
- ◆ DVD's
- ◆ Horse Bingo
- ◆ And much more.....



Berrien County 4-H Foundation Presents: 2017 Autumn Theatre Event:

“Always....Patsy Cline”

When: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Where: The Acorn Theater in Three Oaks, MI

Performance Time: 7:15 PM

Social Hour & Silent Auction Time: 6:00—7:00 PM

Event Ticket Cost: \$35.00 each (until sold out)

“Always....Patsy Cline” is more than a tribute to the legendary country singer who died tragically at age 30 in a plane crash in 1963. The show is based on a true story about Cline’s friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961.

The musical play, is complete with down home country humor, true emotion and even some audience participation, includes many of Patsy’s unforgettable hits.

Tickets can be purchased at the Berrien County MSUE Office in Benton Harbor or by contacting a Berrien County 4-H Foundation Director/Advisor.

For questions, please contact Chairs: Gayle Borst-P: 269-683-1162, E: al-bar@att.net, Marilyn Hurre-P:269-985-3838 or Earlene Whorton-P:269-944-1731, E: elwhorton@hotmail.com.

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit tax exempt corporation created to provide regular income to finance 4-H programs and special activities throughout Berrien County, MI.

For More information on the “Always...Patsy Cline” visit: www.tedswindleyproductions.com
To learn more about the performers visit: www.ensembletheatrecompany.org

Countywide T-Shirts

Countywide T-shirts are available for pick-up at the Berrien County MSUE Office. Club t-shirt boxes can only be picked up by Club Coordinators or Administrative Leaders unless otherwise prior arrangements have been made. Berrien County 4-H countywide t-shirts are sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council, Inc.



If you have not received your FREE Berrien County 4-H t-shirt, please contact your PRIMARY Club Coordinator. Members are to only receive one t-shirt.

Extras can be purchased for \$10.00 beginning September 8, 2017. Sizes are on a limited basis and change on a daily basis, so please call ahead to reserve. All extra t-shirts must be paid for prior to picking-up either by club or individual. No exceptions.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact Kelly Stelter at the Berrien County MSUE office at 269-927-5674 ext. 4015 or via email at grandtke@anr.msu.edu.



Berrien County 4-H Leader Update

Club coordinators, project, and resource leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. It is important that each 4-H club/group is represented. Volunteers that are working on becoming new club leaders are also welcome.

This valuable opportunity will get your club started on the right track for 2018 and will include:

- * Curriculum and Resources Available
- * New Centralized Volunteer Selection Process
- * 4-H Financial Management Policies and Procedures
- * 4-H Online and 4-H Participation Fees
- * New Insurance Policy and Procedure
- * Opportunity to ask questions
- * Door prizes

Monday
September 18
6:30—8:30 p.m.

Thursday
September 21
6:30—8:30 p.m.

Thursday
September 21
9:00—11:00 a.m.

Saturday
September 23
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

We only need you to attend ONE SESSION.

*Please pick a date and RSVP to Jennifer at 269-927-5674) by **September 15** so that we have enough materials for each session.*

For questions, contact Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or 269-927-5674 ext. 4015.



UPCOMING DEADLINES REMINDER:

Annual Financial Report Forms Deadline

December 1, 2017

Re-enrollment Deadline

January 1, 2018

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 and issues, please contact the Berrien County MSUE Office.

4-H Versatility Scholarship Event Results:

The 2017 Berrien County 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event was held on Sunday, August 13 during the Berrien County Youth Fair. The Berrien County 4-H Versatility Event is a scholarship event that recognizes the most outstanding 4-H teen member and horse team in the Berrien County 4-H horse and pony project. The event is open to any Berrien County 4-H member who is 14—19 years of age that has completed the ninth grade.

Each participant was scored in the following classes:

- ◆ Hunter Hack
- ◆ English Equitation
- ◆ Western Horsemanship
- ◆ Gymkhana: Speed & Action
- ◆ Trail

Placing	Exhibitor
1st Place	Erin Berni
2nd Place	Jordan Dynes
3rd Place	Janis Young
4th Place	McKayla Sites
5th Place	Samantha Strauss
6th Place	Olivia Brewer
7th Place	Kristian Dalton
8th Place	Rachelle LaVelle
9th Place	Abigail Luther
10th Place	Lillian Jillson

The Versatility Event Champion was awarded a scholarship for \$500.00 as well as the Reserve Champion awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to use towards their education. This year's 2017 Versatility Scholarship Event Winners were:

Champion

Erin Berni

Great Expectations 4-H Club

Reserve Champion

Jordan Dynes

We Can Ride 4-H Club

In addition, each year participants exhibiting in the Versatility event vote on a fellow exhibitor who is the most positive and exhibits appropriate sportsmanlike behavior throughout the event. For the second year in a row, two individuals received the Sportsmanship award. Each recipient received a plaque recognizing their accomplishment. The 2017 Versatility Scholarship Event Sportsmanship Award recipients are:

Erin Berni

Great Expectations 4-H Club

Samantha Strauss

River Valley Wranglers 4-H

4-H Versatility Event provided by:

The Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

For questions, contact Versatility Chair, Jeannie Fogarty at
Jeanniefogarty@att.net



We Can Ride

4-H Club

Open Fun

Show

When:
Saturday,
September 9, 2017

Location:
Buchanan
Westerners Riding
Club—Buchanan,
MI

Show Starts at 9:00
AM
Registration Starts
at 8:00 AM

**Showbill and rules
can be found at:**

[http://
msue.anr.msu.edu/
uploads/234/43470
/
WCR_Fun_Show_20
17_Final.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/43470/WCR_Fun_Show_2017_Final.pdf)

Or "Like" the event
on the Berrien
County
4-H Facebook
Page.

The 4-H Creative Arts Celebration Workshop



This workshop will be held at **Kettunen Center** (<http://bit.ly/2lHuDdk>) from **November 18 to 19, 2017**.



The committee that is organizing the workshop is **accepting session proposals** for clothing and textile, visual and performing arts. For more information about the workshop or to obtain the session proposal form, **contact Connie Lange** (langec@anr.msu.edu) in the Branch County 4-H (<http://bit.ly/2u3kxba>) Office.



4-H Workshops

September 10: Open Speed Horse Show

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/open_speed_horse_show_2

Barry Expo Center, 5778 N M-37 HWY, Hastings, MI 49058

September 12: Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4_h_club_leaders

Online Webinar

September 22-24 : Backpacking, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2

<http://bit.ly/2nAwdxN>

Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area, Free Soil

September 23—24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop

Kettunen Center, 14907 4H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

November 18-19: The 4-H Creative Arts Celebration Workshop

Website information coming soon

Kettunen Center, 14907 4H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

February 17-18, 2018: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop

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

February 17, 2018: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop_2

Kettunen Center, 14907 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Other 4-H Events

September 2: Michigan State 4-H Poultry Show

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

Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

January 27, 2018: 2018 Rabbit and Cavy Expo

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

MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI 48910

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to:

<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>



2017 RIDE & WALK-A-THON Registration Form

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Russ Forest County Park

20379 Marcellus Highway Decatur, MI 49045

(Eight miles east of Dowagiac)



On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the We Can Ride 4-H Club will be hosting its annual Ride & Walk-A-Thon at Russ Forest County Park in Dowagiac, which is the Club's largest fundraiser of the year! You will benefit by riding your horse or by walking on the many beautiful trails at Russ Forest, and the Club will benefit from pledges and donations. All funds raised will be used solely for the benefit of the Club and are tax deductible.

Checks should be made payable to the **We Can Ride 4-H Club** and returned with this form. If you are unable to attend the Ride & Walk-A-Thon, this completed form may be turned in to any WCR Board member or mailed to We Can Ride 4-H Club; C/O Barbara Lenhardt, 2441 Rebecca Lane, Niles, MI 49120. For more information call Christina Knapp at 269-369-1969.

Registration/Sign-in: 9:00 – 12:00 – **West** entrance
(All participants must sign in at the registration table)
Parking: Horse trailers & others – **East** entrance

There will be lunch and refreshments!
Fun activities will be planned throughout the day for non-riders
Free T-shirts will be given to those collecting \$35 or more in pledges!
(On a first-come, first serve basis.)

REGISTRATION FORM

In consideration of the We Can Ride 4-H Club Ride-A-Thon committee's permission to participate in this special event, I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against the committee, the location at which the event will take place, as well as any other person connected with the event, their heirs, executors, successors, administrators and assigns for any and all injuries, personal or property damages or losses, which I may suffer for taking part in the event or as a result thereof. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian signature to participate. (By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and consent to the foregoing waiver/release.)

Participant Name _____ Shirt Size _____

Address _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

E-Mail Address _____

Total Pledges \$ _____ Donation (If not soliciting pledges)



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Persons with disabilities may request accommodations by calling Christina Knapp at 269-369-1969 by September 22, 2017, to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS!!!	2 MI 4-H Poultry Show
3	4 MSUE Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 4-H Club Coordinator & Leader Update	19	20	21 4-H Club Coordinator & Leader Update	22 Awards & Incentives Nominations Due	23 4-H Club Coordinator & Leader Update Festival of Families
24	25 4-H Leaders Council Mtg. @ 7:00 PM MSUE	26	27 4-H Foundation Mtg. @ 4:30 PM MSUE Office	28	29 4-H Leaders Council Election Nomination Due	30

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Leaders Council 5K Run/ Walk 4-Health	2	3	4	5	6	7 WCR Ride-A-Thon @ Russ Forest
National 4-H Week						
8	9	10	11	12 4-H Foundation Fall Theatre Event	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <u>Halloween!</u>				

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4-Her's show your pride during National 4-H Week on October 1—7, 2017. This year we are proud to celebrate the True Leaders that make the Berrien County 4-H program great!

We are asking Berrien County 4-H Youth to show your pride during National 4-H week by sharing photos of how you are stepping up as #TrueLeaders in Berrien County. True Leaders lead by example, powering their peers and inspiring their communities.

Don't forget for up to the minute activities happening in Berrien County 4-H "Like" us on Facebook at:

Berrien County 4-H Youth Development