



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

4-H Family News

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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy National 4-H Week, spread the word on what 4-H means to you with someone new! On that note, October is here and we have lots of exciting events/activities for these next two months that are going on such as Leaders Council Elections, Recognition Banquet, TSC Paper Clover Campaign, the Annual Fall Fundraiser and our first 4-H Connections Event! So check out the details enclosed and mark those calendars!

Don't forget the October/November issue of the Berrien County 4-H Spotlight is a bi-monthly issue. Next 4-H Spotlight issue will arrive in December. If you would like to change your subscription from either mail or email, please contact the Berrien County MSUE office.

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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County-wide Projects Coming Soon in November!

The Berrien County 4-H program is kicking off the County-wide Projects next month in November. Look for more details to follow in the future.

Interested in leading a workshop/activity related to a 4-H project? Have an idea for upcoming county-wide project? Then contact the Berrien County MSUE office at 269-927-5674 or via email at grandtke@anr.msu.edu



4-H Connections: Let's Roll—Roller Skating

When: *November 18, 2017*

Time: *4:00 PM—7:00 PM*

Where: *Ramona Roller Rink
Dowagiac, MI*

Free for Berrien County 4-H Families!

Interested in joining Berrien County 4-H, come on out!

Skate Rental Fees:

\$2.00 for Non-Berrien County 4-H Families

Free for Berrien County 4-H Families

Families may elect to bring their own skates, for no charge.

Snacks will be provided.

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

Participation Fee Increase Reminder

Beginning Sept. 1, 2017, the annual participation fee will be \$20 per youth or \$60 per family, whichever is lowest, for any youth ages 5-19 who participates in any type of on-going or in-depth 4-H program. This is the first increase in 4-H participation fees in 10 years. Even with this increase, I am sure you will continue to find Michigan 4-H is one of the best investments you can make in your child's growth and development as a result of the many diverse opportunities and benefits available to our state's 4-H members.

As always, a portion of the participation fee will remain in the county to support local efforts and the remainder will continue to be managed by the MSU Extension State 4-H Office. The funds that are managed through the State 4-H Office will be used to support the 4-H participation fee grant program (which funds various county and state 4-H programs across Michigan), the purchase of American Income Life supplemental accident insurance for all 4-H youth and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline, resources for centralized and more rigorous Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) background checks, and more. These new and enhanced statewide resources will not only provide county 4-H programs with a time and financial savings – allowing them to redirect those resources to other local 4-H efforts – but will provide parents with an added level of safety and security when their child is engaging in 4-H programs.

It is important to note that with these changes, MSU Extension remains committed to ensuring that participation fees will not be a barrier to 4-H participation for any youth. Scholarship grants are available to families unable to pay the participation fee. Please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 with questions about these scholarships or other matters related to the Berrien County 4-H program.

Thank you for your on-going support of and participation in Michigan 4-H and for understanding the need for these important changes.

Berrien County 4-H: Leaders Council Election

Leaders Council Annual Election



The Leaders Council Annual Elections are now under way! This year, Adult Leaders and teen members are encouraged to practice responsible citizenship by casting their ballot. Adults will vote for three adults and teen members will vote for two teens. Ballots are sent via mail. If you have not received your ballot, please contact the Berrien County MSUE Office. Ballots must be returned by 5:00 PM on November 10, 2017 either via fax, mail or drop off. New this year, each candidate was asked to write a bio to assist in the voting process. This year's 2017 Leaders Council Candidates are:

Adult Ballot Bio's:

Chrissy Bradford

My name is Chrissy Bradford, I am a 4-H Alumna with 13 years of membership as a youth, I participated in the Horse & Pony project as well as Horse Judging. This year, I became a 4-H Leader with High Spirits, we have over 35 youth who participate in the Horse and Pony project and we look forward to expanding into other projects.

Outside of 4-H, I have worked for Whirlpool Corporation for over 10 years, currently in the Global Information Systems Finance Department. My husband, Aaron, and I have three young children and have a small family farm in Buchanan, MI.

Mark Dinges

My name is Mark Dinges. I live in Buchanan on a small farm with my wife (April) and three children (Meredith, Christian, and Katherine). My children have been members of Red Bud 4-H for seven years and show various animals at BCYF: goats, rabbits, and poultry. I am a life-long resident of Berrien County. I grew up in New Troy and was a member of the Center of the World 4-H club. Earlier this year I served as the CCA county counselor at MSU Expo Days. Outside of 4-H, I've been a Bridgman rec coach for baseball, softball, football, and soccer.

Amber Smith

I would be honored to serve as a member of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council. My past experiences as silent auction coordinator for a local private school, and manager of a non-profit organization's affiliate office I feel that I have learned skills that could be helpful to our county's council.

I have been a resident of Berrien County for nearly thirty years and although I am not a 4-H Alumna, my children are on their third year as 4-H participants and I have been a project leader for a new club 'The Backyard Renegades' for about 6 months now. I have lead and will be leading arts and crafts projects as well as some projects in horticulture and animal science. The Backyard

Renegades is a budding club that consists mostly of Cloverbuds and junior members, but is open to all ages and will participate in a variety of projects and activities. I'm looking forward to a great 4-H year!

Teen Ballot Bio's:

Sierra Anstey

I am Sierra Anstey I'm 16 years old. I attend St. Joseph High School. 4-H plays a huge roll in my life. The Galien Chanters is the 4-H club I have been a part of for 3 years. They welcomed me with open arms and taught me what 4-H is all about. We give back to our community every chance we get. The skills I learn in 4-H apply to everyday life. 4-H opens many new doors for me. I hope to keep bettering the 4-H community, recruit new members, and continue the traditions to pass on to future generations.

Darlene Mattson

I am 17 years old in 4-h years. I have been in 4-h for 10 years now. The clubs that I am involved with are straight shooters, town and country paws and pals, best friends, and county siders. I have held office position four years in a row for straight shooters, I am a team instructor for best friends 4-h club for two years now.

Reese McKee

Hello, my name is Reese McKee- I'm 16 and attend Brandywine High School. I am a sophomore and play Football, Wrestle, and Golf. I have been in 4-H since I was 5 as a member Redbud Country Goat 4-h Club, where I currently serve as Treasurer. I have also been a member of Straight Shooters 4-H Club. My Projects have included Goats, poultry, sheep, swine, sewing, arts and crafts, and shooting sports. I participate in Exploration days, Spring Achievement, and other 4-H State events.

Raven Sanford

Member of Rainbow Tracks for 7 years and Point of Impact. I am 13 years old. I enjoy participating in all 4-H events, attended Exploration days in 2017 for the first time. I enjoy baking, cooking, many crafts. I have shown rabbits, poultry and dairy goats for the past 7 years. I live in Three Oaks.

Berrien County 4-H: Upcoming Events

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Tractor Operator Program

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



Who: 13—19 years of age
(currently, youth must be 14 years by the day of the driving test to be eligible to receive federal certificates)

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.

If interested, contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

Topics Include:

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

Holiday Bash

When: *Friday, December 1*

Time: *6:00 PM—8:00 PM*

Where: *Berrien County Youth Memorial Building
Berrien Springs, MI*



Activities provided Include:

- Crafts
- Games
- Dancing & Music
- Door Prizes
- Refreshments

Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will go to a local food pantry in Berrien County.

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



Upcoming Reminder Deadlines:

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.

Annual Fall Fundraiser kick-off:

This year the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council is providing two fantastic opportunities for clubs to partake in for the Annual Fall Fundraiser. The Annual Fall Fundraiser will be selling either Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Candy Bars or Berrien County 4-H Spirit Apparel. Clubs have the choice to take part in both or just one fundraiser.

Deadlines to remember:

Sunday, October 1	Online Apparel Sale is open
Friday, October 20	Paper Apparel Order Forms due with Money
Friday, October 20	Final Candy Bar Order Due * Must pay for 1st candy order first in order to submit a second order*
Wednesday, October 25	Online Apparel Sale Ends
Wednesday November 29	All Candy bar Money Due—No Exceptions

Candy Bar Sale



Back by popular demand, is the Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Candy Bars. 4-H Club are able to sell candy bars for \$1.00. With each candy bar sold clubs are able to make 40%. Candy bars come in a variety of flavors such as Mint Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Peanut Butter, White Chocolate Truffle, Caramel, Raspberry, Crispy, Almond and more. There will be a second order for candy bars on Friday, October 20 for clubs that need more or wish to participate that missed the 1st order. For questions, issues or concerns related to the candy bar sale, please contact Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Representative—Natasha Hesser at gathesser@gmail.com or via phone at 269-357-9559.

Apparel Sale

New, this year is the Berrien County 4-H Spirit Apparel sale. Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council is offering spirit apparel in the form of sweatshirts, sweatpants, cinch bags and t-shirts. Orders can be submitted online or via paper, please see page 6 & 7 of the 4-H Spotlight for designs and paper ordering form. Apparel can be customizable on the back as well. When ordering online or via paper, please make sure for when asked for Organization Name please list Club Name, so we can make sure clubs get credited correctly. For questions or issues related to the Berrien County 4-H Spirit Apparel, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H ORDER ONLINE AT:

FORM

<https://lazergraphicsinc.com/sale/50261.html>

Any item with this symbol can be personalized with your name and player number!

The letter in the Item Code specifies which item you're ordering, the number specifies the color. Fill out the ordering sheet on the back to place your order.



Item Code	Colors Available	Sizes Available	Prices
A 1	Black	Youth Small- Adult XL:	\$15
A 2	Forest	Adult 2XL:	\$17
A 3	Navy	Adult 3XL:	\$19



Item Code	Colors Available	Sizes Available	Prices
C 1	Black	Ladies' SM Ladies' XL:	\$17
C 2	Forest	Ladies' 2XL:	\$19
C 3	Navy	Ladies' 3XL:	\$21



Item Code	Colors Available	Sizes Available	Prices
E 1	Black	Youth Small- Adult XL:	\$26
E 2	Forest*	Adult 2XL:	\$27
E 3	Navy	Adult 3XL:	\$28



Item Code	Colors Available	Sizes Available	Prices
B 1	Black	Youth Small- Adult XL:	\$18
B 2	Forest	Adult 2XL:	\$20
B 3	Navy	Adult 3XL:	\$22



Item Code	Colors Available	Sizes Available	Prices
D 1	Black	Youth S - Adult XL:	\$29
D 2	Forest	Adult 2XL:	\$32
D 3	Navy	Adult 3XL:	\$35



Item Code	Colors Available	Sizes Available	Price
F 1	Black	One Size	\$19
F 2	Forest		
F 3	Navy		

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 For pick up details, contact Amanda Pullins
 Order Forms with **Payment** must be turned in by **FRI, OCTOBER 20**

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ORDERING SHEET
 Enter the item codes and sizes you want on back

*All sales are final. No exchanges or returns. Exact colors and brands may vary between different items.
 All items subject to supplier stock availability - some items may be substituted or back ordered.

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

SAMPLE ORDER

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Berrien County 4-H Youth Development Member & Leader Recognition



Please join us to celebrate 4-H youth development and volunteerism as we honor the accomplishments of our talented members and leaders at this year's recognition.

WHEN: *Sunday, November 5, 2017
Check-in @ 3:30 p.m. Program begins @ 4:00 p.m.
Dinner to follow completion of awards program*

WHERE: *Pebblewood Banquet Hall
Bridgman, Michigan*

WHAT: *Awards, Buffet style Dinner, and Door Prizes*

COST: *No charge to attendees. This program is provided by the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council and 4-H Foundation, Inc.,*

RSVP: *Please RSVP by returning the attached form by October 13, 2017.*

ATTIRE: *Dress is "4-H appropriate/business casual". No jeans please, and be ready for pictures!*

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2017 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MEMBER & LEADER RECOGNITION RSVP

Your name: _____ # of seats reserved: _____

Please check all that apply:

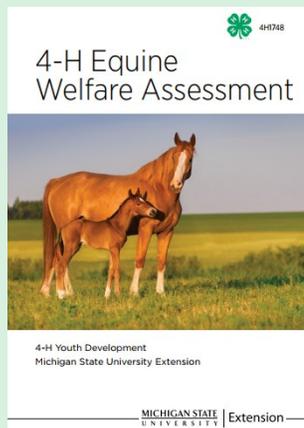
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity/Resource Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Advisor or Director | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Past-Outstanding Leader |

Additional names of those included in your reservation: _____

Reservations must be received by October 13, 2017.

Please mail, fax (269-944-4128), e-mail: youngj62@anr.msu.edu, phone (269)927-5674, or deliver to: Berrien County MSUE, 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-9630, **remember our drop box too!** New this year, reservations can be submitted to Club Coordinators as well.

4-H Equine Welfare Assessment Guide



Equine welfare science is an emerging discipline. The guide will help youth learn equine welfare principles as well as how to better care for their horses. It is designed to assist horse leaders in providing a way to teach and improve important skills for life such as clear oral communication, information gathering, analytical thinking and observation. There are also sample scenarios as a supplement to the welfare assessment.

Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_equine_welfare_assessment_4h1748 to find the guide and more information including the link to the sample scenarios.

4-H Workshops

October 12 : 4-H Club 201—Building Bridges

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training

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

Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/>

[events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training)

Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training

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

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

Other 4-H Events

October 4 : MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

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

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

October 6 : Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge

Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program

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

Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

November 14: 4-H Robotic Series

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1

Delta Township District Library, Lansing

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
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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 Recognition RSVP Deadline	14
TSC Paper Clover Campaign						
15	16	17 Outstanding Leader Selection Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM	18	19	20 2nd Order Due for Candy Bars	21
22	23	24	25 Online Apparel Sale Ends	26	27	28
29	30	31 <u>Halloween!</u>				

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 4-H Member & Leader Recognition @ 4:00 PM at Pebblewood	6	7 Horse Leaders Association Mtg. 7:00 PM	8	9	10 Leaders Council Ballots Deadline	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 4-H Connection: Roller Skating @ 4-7 PM
19	20	21	22	23 MSUE Office Closed	24 MSUE Office Closed	25
26	27 4-H Leaders Council Mtg. @ 7:00 PM MSUE	28	29 4-H Foundation Mtg. @ 4:30 PM MSUE Office	30	December 1 Holiday Bash @ 6—8 PM	

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Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

The fall 2017 TSC Paper Clover Campaign has begun! Shoppers at the Stevensville and now Niles TSC stores will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Berrien County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for \$1.00 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development programs activities in our county.