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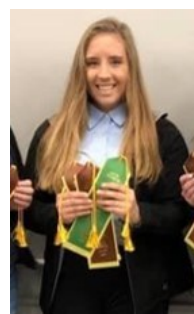
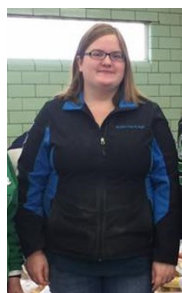
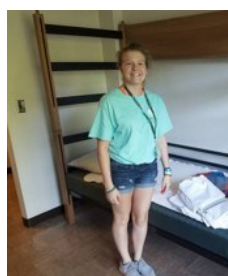
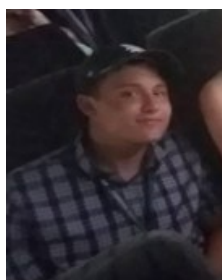
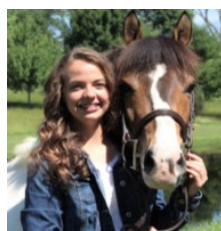
4-H Family News

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*Congratulations to our 2021
4-H Senior Award Recipients!*

Each 4-H Senior Award recipient received a 4-H Cord during the Berrien County 4-H Member and Leader Recognition



Melody Hackett – We Can Ride
 Alexandria Smith – High Spirits
 Ben McKee – Redbud County Goat
 Parker Lyden – Redbud Country Goat
 Sarah Jannings – River Valley Wranglers
 Zachary Smith – Straight Shooters
 Jae Walker – Tryon 4-H Saddle Club

Olivia Borst – Al-Bar 4-H Club
 Jazmin Finch – Backyard Renegades
 Evie Clare – Baroda Bunnies
 Lilly Siewart – Double Bridle
 Elijah Darda – Great Expectations
 Katelyn Glendening—High Spirits
 Madeline Stockman – Tryon 4-H Saddle Club

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Berrien
County
MSU
Extension
Office
Upcoming
Closures

Monday,
September
6, 2021

The Berrien
County MSU
Extension
Office is
currently open
for
appointments.
Please call
ahead to
schedule a
drop off or
pick-up.



Michigan 4-H In-Person Programming Update

Dear Michigan 4-H community,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shift and change, Michigan State University issued new guidance for the MSU community.



Beginning immediately, attendees at any indoor MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H program or event are required to wear a face covering. This includes 4-H meetings and other volunteer-led events. Unless they have a medical exemption, face coverings must be worn by everyone in attendance over age 2 regardless of vaccination status.

For the purpose of MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H events and programs, indoor events are considered those in an enclosed building with limited airflow. Barns and other outbuildings that have multiple doors that can be fully opened to maximize air flow are considered an outdoor, open air facility.

The health and wellbeing of MSU Extension participants, volunteers, professionals and their families remain of utmost importance. For this reason, volunteers and youth are reminded about additional best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- ⇒ Posting signage about indoor mask requirements
- ⇒ Meeting outside when possible
- ⇒ Keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing
- ⇒ Offering hand sanitizer at touch points
- ⇒ Frequently sanitizing surfaces
- ⇒ Keeping a record of attendance with contact information for each in-person engagement, via meeting minutes, registration, attendance logs or other methods.

Like many of you, we were excited to resume face-to-face programming earlier this year and know this news may be disappointing to some. It is our hope that through mitigation steps such as these, we can work together to protect public health while continuing to meet in-person with our 4-H community.

As always, the latest information about in-person event requirements will be posted at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities. Please check this page for future updates.

For questions please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office 269-927-5674.

Attention Club Coordinator/Administrative Leaders:

In order to aid, club's will be receiving a COVID kit that includes signage, hand sanitizer, masks, disinfectant and attendance sheets. If you have not picked up your kit or if you are needing your kit restocked please reach out to the Extension office.

Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan. MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.

Annual 4-H Leader Update—Save the Date!

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 2021—2022 and will include:

- Resource & Curriculum Activity Stations
- Annual Compliance & Enrollment
- Policy Updates
- 4-H Participation Fees
- Candy Bar Pick Up
- Question & Answers
- Door prizes

2021 Dates:

- September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- September 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual accommodations are available and can be requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Requests must be made no later than one (1) day before the session you are wishing to attend.

Berrien County 4-H Clubs must send at least one (1) representative to the meeting. Please pick a date and RSVP to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674, so that we have enough materials for each session.

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Enrollment Reminders!

If you have not enrolled yet for the 2020 –2021 4-H Year please do so immediately!

4-H Online is scheduled to close on August 30, 2021 and will reopen for the new 4-H year on September 14, 2021!

[https://
v2.4honline.com/
#/user/sign-in](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in)



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**Take part in the
4-H Mail-In Match
for shooting
sports!**



In lieu of a 2021 State Shoot, shooting sports competitors are encouraged to take part in the Michigan 4-H Mail-In Match! This statewide event features competition at the home club, saving time and money. Events will be offered in all shooting disciplines, including air pistol, and members can compete in multiple experiences all for free!

The Match may help clubs to meet the pre-requisite of local competition prior to entry into the State Shooting Championships. Scores must be reported by September 26.

Learn more and find rules and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/tournaments.

Join the 4-H Summer of Service and dare to serve in your community!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This summer, you're invited to join Michigan 4-H and Learning to Give for the #4HDARETOSERVE project and the 4-H Summer of Service. 4-H DARES you to give back to your community and unite with other 4-H'ers to make a collective impact.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more! Through the partnership with Learning to Give, youth can gain access to all the tools needed for simple, safe service. Find a project that fits your desire to serve. The summer of service runs through August 30 and Michigan 4-H hopes to obtain 100% participation from all 83 counties. Learn more and register your project at https://www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge.

National 4-H Congress Trip Scholarship Recipients

Each year 20 youth in Michigan 4-H are selected to represent the state during National 4-H Congress. In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event held in Atlanta, Georgia, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. This year three youth were selected from Berrien County and will receive scholarships, they are as follows:

Lillian Moore of the River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club

Katriana Meyer of the Al-Bar 4-H Club

D.J. Freehling of the River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club

Each youth will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1350.00 to go towards the registration fee of the trip. National 4-H Congress Trip scholarships are provided by the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

4-H Candy Bar Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, is the Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Candy Bars. 4-H Clubs are able to sell candy bars for \$1.25. 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. Please note the following 2021 deadlines for ordering:

Friday, September 1, 2021:	1st Order Submission Forms Due
September 16—23, 2021:	Candy Bars expected to arrive
Thursday, October 14, 2021:	2nd Order Submission Forms Due
Monday, December 6, 2021:	All Money Due

For questions, issues or concerns related to the candy bar sale, please contact Fundraising Chair, Chelsey Sobraliski at sobraliski.c@gmail.com or via phone at 269-487-8279.

Evie Clare Announced as a State 4-H Award Winner

Evie Clare, a 4-H member from the Great Expectations 4-H Club and Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club in Berrien County, was selected as the winner of the 2021 Michigan 4-H State Award in Senior Equine Science. The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program took place in June 2021. While 4-H members were unable to gather at Michigan State University (MSU) as in past years, the Recognition Celebration was able to be held via a zoom webinar allowing 4-H members along with their family and friends to attend the program.



A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members. The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H members to receive recognition while developing their leadership skills and personal portfolio. The program features a Junior and Senior division in 20 project areas as well as a group award category.

Our congratulations go out to Evie Clare who is one of this year's winners. Evie Clare resides in Sodus, Michigan. She joined a rabbit 4-H club at the age of five and became a member of the Great Expectations equine 4-H club when she was eight years old. She was an instant fan of showing animals, especially her horses. Over the years, she has shown several different horses that have all contributed to her growth as a showman. She has served as both vice president and president of Great Expectations horse 4-H club. She joined the Berrien County 4-H Horse Judging team in late 2017 and has been a team member ever since. Her favorite part of the state judging competition is giving verbal reasons behind her placings. Evie competed in the 4-H Versatility competition for two years, receiving Reserve Champion in 2018 and Grand Champion in 2019. She earned the Peer Sportsmanship Award both times as well. She also shows cats and rabbits and does cake decorating and scrapbooking. She has been volunteering at the Therapeutic Equestrian Center for two years. Soccer and robotics fill up the remainder of her time. Some of her favorite 4-H memories are representing Berrien County at MSU Exploration Days and 4-H National Congress.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to all 4-H members ages 13-19. For more information, [visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-scholarships-and-recognition-program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition)

Welcome Clara, our new 4-H Urban Program Coordinator

Hi my name is Clara Jungermann, I am from Moscow Mills, Missouri. I grew up on a row crop and cattle farm. I was a member of Missouri 4-H for 10 years and a member of FFA in high school. I completed my bachelor of science in agricultural communications at Missouri State University. I then went on to Oklahoma State University completing my masters of agriculture in international agriculture with a focus on extension outreach and education. My hobbies include photography, sewing and running after my puppy Benny. I look forward to meeting everyone and I am excited to see the great things Berrien County 4-H has to offer.



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Club Coordinator— Annual Financial Summary Report Forms

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Annual Financial Report Forms is November 1, 2021.

Forms can be mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, dropped off at the after hours drop mailbox out front or faxed to 269-944-4128.

Forms that need to be submitted include the Annual Financial Report, Civil Rights Statement, Club Profile and Inventory Record.

Forms can be found online at:

[https://
www.canr.msu.edu/
berrien/
berrien-county-4-h/
leader-resources/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien-county-4-h/leader-resources/)

Annual County Curriculum Order

Taking new projects!

Need a Member Record Book!

Leveling Up in your project!

Need a new project book!

Don't waste time, reach out to your local 4-H Project Leader on what resource books you need as we look towards kicking off the new 4-H year!

This year's countywide curriculum order is scheduled to be placed on October 1, 2021.

Club Coordinator & Project Leaders can submit their requests for member & leader resources by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office

When requesting please include Club Name, Resource Name (s), & # needed.

Leaders Council Fall Election Nominations Expand your Leadership!

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 Coordinators. 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 can be made by emailing Deanna Sobraliski at sobraliskimd@gmail.com. Deadline for interest is September 1, 2021. For questions contact Deanna Sobraliski at sobraliskimd@gmail.com.

MI 4-H Horse Judging Contest Results

Congratulations to the Berrien County 4-H Horse Judging Team on a successful state contest! Results is as follows:

4th Place Overall	Evie Clare
9th Place Overall	Sarah Jannings
12th Place Overall	Haileigh Badtke
2nd Place Overall Team	Berrien County

MI 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge Results

The final results are in for the Michigan 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge! This year's challenge included over 50 youth and 20 adults! Participants were able to "travel" to and learn about more than 10 Michigan landmarks all while spending time with their equine friends! More than 2,500 miles were tracked and logged over the seven weeks!

Prizes were awarded to the Top 3 in the youth category, adult category and team category! Congratulations to the following individuals for placing in Berrien County:

Youth Category:

6th Place Overall—D.J. Freehling of River Valley Wranglers logging 70.4 miles
10th Place Overall—Sarah Hackett of the We Can Ride 4-H Club logging 61.56 miles

Adult/Leader Category:

2nd Place Overall—Erica Rae Pinett of the River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club logging 115.16 miles
6th Place Overall—Heather Morse of the We Can Ride 4-H Club logging 54.06 miles
7th Place Overall—Charity Hackett of the We Can Ride 4-H Club logging 52.56 miles

Team Category:

4th Place Overall—Team Shenanigans logging 177.58 miles that included:
Charity Hackett, Sarah Hackett, Heather Morse, Karey Sebasty, Eve Layman

Upcoming Countywide Projects & Kits

Registration is now open for countywide projects and project exploration kits. Registration can be done through 4-H Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and logging into your family profile. Once logged in you can find all workshops and kits in the event section of your profile!

Pre-registration is required and workshops are limited to 25 youth on a first come, first serve basis until full regardless of participation via virtually or in-person. All supplies are included unless noted during the registration process. Zoom Links for virtual projects will be sent in the email confirmation.

4-H Fairy Garden Workshop

Date: September 26, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by September 15, 2021

4-H Sugary Treats Adventure

Participants will learn about the various sugary treats all the while making their very own!

Date: December 12, 2021 & December 19, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by December 1, 2021

4-H Day at the SPA Workshop

Participants will learn how to make their very own Sugar Scrubs, lip balms, and

Date: November 14, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by December 1, 2021

4-H Paracord Survival Bracelet Kit

Participants will make their own survival bracelet.

Who: Open to youth ages 8—19 years as of January 1, 2021
Location: Self-paced Kit with pre-recorded videos
Deadline: Registration due by September 15, 2021

4-H Crafts Around the World Kit

Take a trip around the world while learning and making crafts from China, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and South America.

Who: Open to youth ages 8—19 years as of January 1, 2021
Location: Self-paced Kit with pre-recorded videos
Deadline: Registration due by September 15, 2021

Stay tuned for more workshops and kits!

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Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens

4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free

myWalgreens membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards.

It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at: <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.

TRACTOR SUPPLY CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The fall 2021 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place

October 3—17

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.

4-H Member & Leader Recognition

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program proudly recognizes each year 4-H member and leaders on their achievements during the program year! Don't miss out, talk to your local 4-H Leader to learn more! Deadline for applications and nominations are due no later than September 23, 2021. Applications and nominations can be found online at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/scholarships-awards/awards. Award applications and nominations breakdown is as follows:

Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H'ers Award

The Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H'er Award is the highest honor a 4-H'er can receive and is sponsored by the Southwest Exchange Club of Michigan. Selection is made encompassing a member's whole 4-H career. This award is an application.

"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.

County Project Medals

The county project medals recognizes members 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. This award is an application.

All—Achievement Award

Presented to members in recognition of their leadership and experience within a project area that they have completed for at least four years. This award is an application.

Outstanding 4-H Leader

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.

Clover Years of Service Awards

Presented to 4-H Leaders for achieving milestones for years of service.

Citizenship Award

This award is for all members and is nominated by the Club Coordinator. Given to individuals who foster leadership and enthusiasm amongst 4-H members.

1st Year Member Award

This is open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years that have just finished their first year. This award is nominated by the Club Coordinator.

Cloverbud Completion Certificate

Presented to all Cloverbuds transitioning to full-fledged 4-H members between the 4-H ages of 7 – 8. This award is nominated by the Club Coordinator.

2022 4-H Senior Award Cords Nominations Due

October 1, 2021

Each year Berrien County 4-H Senior Awards are presented to Berrien County 4-H members who have been a member for five or more years and have plans to graduate from high school during the current 4-H year.

4-H Senior Awards Cords are presented during the Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition Banquet that is held in the fall of each year.

If you are eligible for a 4-H Senior Award Cord, please talk to your local 4-H Club Coordinator. Club Coordinator and Administrative Leader verification/nominations are due back no later than October 1, 2021. Nominations/Verifications can be submitted online at: <https://bit.ly/2022seniorawardform>

Why is taking attendance an important practice for 4-H clubs?

Adapted from an article authored by Roxanne Turner, MSU Extension. Read the complete article at www.canr.msu.edu/news/why-is-taking-attendance-an-important-best-practice-for-4-h-clubs.

MSU Extension believes best practice for 4-H clubs is to take attendance at all meetings. Although Roberts Rules of Order, 12th edition doesn't talk about requiring attendance, it does share some reasons why attendance is important. In addition, there are many other benefits to clubs that provide support and strength in many ways. This includes:

- It allows members to feel a sense of value. Members will see that their attendance matters and they are noticed when they are at a meeting.
- It provides the members with a sense of belonging. Starting a meeting off with something as simple as attendance allows everyone to participate and have a voice.
- It holds people accountable.
- It allows leadership of the group to know who to share information with after the meeting. The leadership will be able to quickly see who was not able to attend and can reach out to them to keep everyone current on the club happenings.
- It helps leadership plan better for the future. They can see if certain meetings were less attended and consider changing the schedule.
- It can help leadership see if the meetings are relevant and on point. If many meetings are poorly attended, then changes might be in order for the group.
- It provides a record for meeting quorum. Taking attendance will allow the president to see if a quorum is actually present before proceeding with the meeting and will show proof of this after the minutes are placed on record.

The process for taking attendance can be done in many ways. It can be fun, quick or you can use it as a way to help youth connect or get more familiar with each other. The important part is to take the attendance prior to every meeting. The formal steps to taking attendance can be found in the resource, "Congratulations! You Are Secretary of Your 4-H Club."

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Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association elects New Officers



The Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association held their annual election officers at the August 2021 meeting. Officers were inducted and transitioned into their roles starting at the October 2021 meeting. Newly appointed Officers are as follows:

President

Chrissy Bradford
High Spirits 4-H Club

Vice President

Tami Gear
Tumbleweeds 4-H
Club

Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

Suzette
Hendershott
On the Rail 4-H Club

Each officer will
serve a one year
term.

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State 4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Equine Educational Activity Scholarship

The Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association would like to present a scholarship opportunity. The scholarship was created to encourage active participation in the Berrien County 4-H Equine Project. Horse ownerships and or equine related major/minor is not required for eligibility. Scholarship is awarded to at least two individuals for a minimum of \$500.00.

- ◆ Applicants must be a high school graduate and have been a member of the Berrien County 4-H Horse & Pony Project for a minimum of two years.
- ◆ Applicant must have completed their first year of college or trade school.
- ◆ Applicant may apply and be awarded the scholarship up to 3 times provided they have not reached their 21st birthday by January 1 of the application year. The scholarship will not apply for graduate school.

Applications deadline has been extended to September 1, 2021. All applications must be submitted to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

Applications can be found online at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/scholarships-awards/scholarships

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is excited to partner again in 2021 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 23! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more. There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting [project photos and videos](#). Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 2-6.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

Upcoming Statewide 4-H Events and Workshops

August 11: Adulting 101—Credit and Why it Matters

Online

Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This session will teach participants about credit and why it is important.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-credit

August 14: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time, or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series. This session will focus on companion planting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-aug-14

August 18: Adulting 101—Choose Your Future

Online

Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. Join this session to explore how to choose a career path that is compatible with your interests, skills, values, and personality.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-future

August 24: Summer Money Management SPIN Club

Online

Learn about the art of saving, investing, budgeting and everything related through lessons, activities and games with the Money Management SPIN Club.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-summer-money-management-spin-club>

August 29: Tri-County Archery Tournament

Washtenaw Sportsman's Club—Ypsilanti Township, MI

Shooting sports competition for archery.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-tri-county-archery-tournament>

September 1: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time, or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series. This session will focus on companion planting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-aug-14

October 6—October 17: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 6-17, 2021 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

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

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**State Youth Leadership
Council Applications
Due in October!**

LEADERSHIP



4-H members age 15-19 are invited to apply for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council.



This group serves as advocates, spokespeople, leaders, and advisors for Michigan 4-H programs statewide. Serving on SYLC is a great way to meet youth from across the state, expand your understanding of Michigan 4-H, and build your resume and leadership skills.

Applications are due at the end of October!

More information, including the application and information sessions, is available online at:

[https://
www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/)

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