Berrien County MSU Extension Office Upcoming closed date:

July 4, 2018 September 3, 2018

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

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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Berrien County 4-H Youth Development

Your 4-H Youth
Development Staff

Kelly Stelter 4-H Program Coordinator grandtke@anr.msu.edu





Deadlines Reminder:

Annual Financial Report Forms PAST DUE

December 1, 2017

Re-enrollment PAST DUE

January 1, 2018

New Member/Final Enrollment Deadline

June 1, 2018

If you have missed a deadline, please submit forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

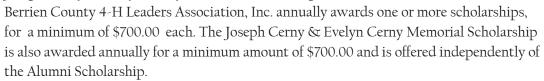
All Leaders must go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to being approved in 4-H Online.

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



Alumni Scholarship & Joseph Cerny and Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship

The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. announces two scholarship opportunities—the Alumni Scholarship and the Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship. The



Although both scholarships are not awarded to one recipient in the same year, an eligible applicant may be awarded the Cerny Memorial scholarship one year and the Alumni Scholarship another year. If you are planning to continue your education, we encourage you to review the requirements and if eligible, apply for these scholarships.

Applications are available at the MSU Extension office, by emailing Kelly Stelter at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/berrien/
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269-927-5674.

NEW 4-H Age Participation Policy—Cloverbud

Beginning September 1, 2018, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy will change to reflect a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members will be 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of the program year (September 1 – August 31) as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5–7. This means that 8 year olds will now be elgible to participate in competitive programming, starting with the new program year.

This policy change is being implemented after careful consideration of research regarding youth and competitive, evaluation of policies at other land-grant universities and National 4-H, as well as lengthy consultation with early childhood and Michigan 4-H Youth Development staff.

As always, age appropriateness and safety will remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H will continue to support minimum age limits for certain learning environments that may not be appropriate for children 8 years of age. Additionally, individual county 4-H programs with MSU Extension will also retain their right to determine the beginning age for 4-H involvement within that county.

For resources and information on the New Michigan 4-H participant Age policy go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resourcesmichigan_4_h_cloverbud_frequently_asked_questions. For questions, contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

Senior Plaque Awards

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program recognizes graduating seniors for the dedication and support to the program over the years. 2018 Senior Plaque Award Recipients are:

Darlene Mattson Matthew Carpenter Matthew Cholewa Joshua Payne Kirsten Baerwald Alexis Street Kassidy Koenigshof

Congratulations Seniors and best of luck in your future endeavors!

Senior Plaques will be awarded in a ceremony and reception prior to the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at the Berrien County Youth Fair. The presentation will start at 2:00 p.m. sharp with light refreshments to be provided. Senior Plaque recipients that are unable to attend are encouraged to send a family member to accept their award on their behalf. RSVP's for the reception can be made by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674.

MI 4-H Goat Expo Results

On April 14, 2018 members of the Berrien County 4-H youth program participated in the 2018 Michigan 4-H Goat Expo. 4-H'ers competed in various educational contests that focused around the goat project. Youth that competed included: Roman Clapsaddle, Grace Bachman, Andrew McKee, Reese McKee, Ben McKee, Daniel McKee, Cailyn Young, Dylan Young, Toby Young, and Taya Young. Results of the contests are as follows:

Junior Craft—Other
3rd Place—Roman Clapsaddle
8th Place—Grace Bachman
Junior Photography
7th Place—Taya Young
Senior Photography
1st Place—Caitlyn Young
Junior Judging
7th Place—Grace Bachman
Junior Art—Regular
1st Place—Toby Young
4th Place—Toby Young
5th Place—Dylan Young
6th Place—Roman Clapsaddle

Senior Judging

1st Place—Caitlyn Young
3rd Place—Reese McKee

Senior Skill-A-Thon
8th Place—Dylan Young
10th Place—Ben McKee

Senior Quiz Bowl
4th Place—Berrien County 4-H
Members included:
Caitlyn Young, Reese McKee,
Dylan Young, & Ben McKee



4-H Booth Help Needed during Fair

It's that time of year again, the Berrien County 4-H Youth Development Program will be having its annual promotional and educational booth during the Berrien County Youth Fair.

This year, the educational booth will include:

Tuesday Science and Craft

Wednesday
Food Science &
Smoothie Bike

Friday
4-H Commodity
Carnival

We need volunteers both Teen and Adult to assist during these fun activities. In addition to promoting the program. Sign Up for a slot by contacting Kelly Stelter at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or via phone at 269-927-5674.

County-wide Projects

Interested in leading a workshop/ activity related to a

4-H project?

Have an idea for upcoming county-wide project?

Contact:

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4-H Program
Coordinator at
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ext. 4015 or via
email at
grandtke@anr.
msu.edu

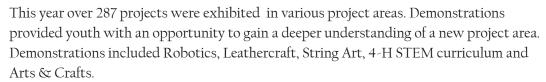


2018 Berrien County 4-H Spring Achievement

On May 18 & 19, 2018 the Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program hosted its annual 4-H Spring Achievement event. 4-H Spring Achievement is the only ALL 4-H exhibition in Berrien County where 4-H'ers showcase their project achievements over the last year. The objectives of the 4-H Spring Achievement program are to:



- ◆ Bring the Head—Heart—Hands & Health of 4-H to life!
- Provide opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate project-learned skills while building their portfolio.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to publicly display their accomplishments.
- Provide 4-H members a supportive evaluation for each of their projects.
- Provide the community an opportunity to see the quality and quantity of work being done by 4-H'ers.
- Provide 4-H members, leaders, and parents an opportunity to meet other 4-H families.



Check out all the amazing projects and demonstrations that happened throughout the 4-H Spring Achievement in the pictures on the next page.

A big THANK YOU is in order for all of our amazing 4-H Leaders and volunteers who

helped make 4-H Spring Achievement a success. Without their time and dedication to the program 4-H Spring Achievement would not be possible. Another special THANK YOU to the various 4-H Clubs that provided demonstrations and Live Animal Demonstrations.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the Benton Harbor Family Farm & Home that provided all the Live Animal Demonstrations with shavings and water buckets during the event. 4-H Spring Achievement is sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc and the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.































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2018 Recognition Banquet

The 2018 Berrien
County 4-H
Member & Leader
Recognition
Banquet will be
held on Sunday,
November 4, 2018
at the Pebblewood
Banquet Hall in
Bridgman, MI.

This year, Alumni & Cerny Memorial Scholarship Recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the Recognition Banquet.

Recognition Award
Applications and
Nominations
Forms are due by
September 20,
2018. Forms can
be dropped off
during the Annual
Leader Update
Training.

Look for more information in the next edition of the 4-H Spotlight.

Club Coordinator/Admin. Leader 4-H Online Training

The Berrien County 4-H will offer a training for Club Coordinators and Administrative Leaders on 4-H Online. Club Coordinators/Admin. Leaders will learn how to generate reports, approve members, ask questions and gain a better understanding of the 4-H Online enrollment system. Please note dates have changed due to the Annual Leaders meeting and National 4-H Week.

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM—7:30 PM

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Cost: FREE

Who: Open to 4-H Club Coordinators and Administrative Leaders

Register at: By Email to Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674

Participants are asked to bring their laptops with as well as already have access to their 4-H Online Club section.

Deadline to register for a session is one week before the event. For questions, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

2018 Annual Leader Update Training

The Berrien County 4-H Annual Leader Update Training dates have been set. Don't waste time and mark those calendars. 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 is a valuable opportunity. Leaders only need to attend one time.

September 17 6:00—8:00 PM

September 20 9:00—11:00 AM

September 20 6:00—8:00 PM



All sessions will be at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

Please pick a date and RSVP to Jennifer or Jamie at 269-927-5674 by September 10, 2018 in order to assist us with having enough materials at each session. For questions, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

SOLD!!

Making the Most out of your Market Animal Project.

The SOLD!! Making the most of your Market Animal project workshop is designed to assist youth with getting ready for their local Market Animal Auction. Grow the potential profit of your 4-H Livestock projects through a variety of marketing and communication strategies that will give you a leg up on your competition. You will learn how to create a buyer's letter, the 7-steps to creating a good thank you, and how to avoid a communication catastrophe. Open to youth ages 9—19 years old. No cost for the workshop. Resources and materials will be provided.

Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Niles District Library 620 East Main, Niles, MI 49120

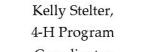
RSVP by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or online at:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4h\$OLDworkshop/

RSVP online starting on July 1, 2018. Deadline to RSVP is July 16, 2018. Limit to 25 youth.







For questions contact:

Coordinator grandtke@anr.msu.edu

Phone: 269-927-5674 ext. 4015

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

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gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.



We Can Ride 4-H Club Open Fun Show

4-H (V)

Saturday September 15, 2018 Buchanan Westerners Riding Club Grounds 14665 Mead Road, Buchanan, MI

Entries start at 8:00 a.m.; show starts at 9:00 a.m.

Negative Coggins papers required (valid test dates within the past 12 months) for all horses brought on grounds.

Class Fees: \$5 each or unlimited classes for \$35

- Showmanship All ages
- Bribe Your Horse supply your own bribe
- 3. Bareback Equitation WT
- 4. Bareback Equitation
- 5. Ride a Cloverleaf
- 10 min. break
- 6. Lead Line Equitation any discipline
- English Equitation WT
- 8. English Equitation Exhibitor Aged 15 & Under
- English Equitation Exhibitor Aged 16+
- 10 min. break
- 10. Egg and Spoon WT
- Egg and Spoon
- 12. Simon Says
- Western Equitation WT
- Western Equitation Exhibitor Aged 15 & Under
 - *Must register w/partner prior to start of class

- Western Equitation Exhibitor Aged 16+
- 16. Egg Break walk only
- Steady Hand WT
- 18. Steady Hand
- Walk Race
- Costume supply your own costume
- 30 Min. break-gaming classes not to start before 2p.m.
 - 21. Ribbon Races*
 - Down and Back WT
 - Down and Back
 - 24. Key Hole
 - 25. Kegs
 - 26. Poles
 - 27. Barrels
 - 28. Flags
 - Two-Person Relay*

- 4-H rules apply, including helmets.
 - If you are age 18 and under on January 1st, 2018 You are required to wear an ASTM/SEI riding helmet in all: hunt seat, over fences, driving, gymkhana, and bareback classes.
 - All youth 9 & under are required to wear an ASTM/SEI helmet at all times when mounted.
- Exhibitor's age is determined as of January 1, 2018.
- In accordance with Michigan 4-H Cloverbud rules and policy, all exhibitors aged 5-7 years old will receive participation awards only.
- Walk-Trot riders may only show in WT classes.
- Decisions are final.
- Fun Fair begins at Noon Join us in a great time during our show! We will have a variety of fun
 games for children of all ages! Come join in our games and prizes!
- **WARNING** Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from the inherent risk of the equine activity. Berrien County 4-H and We Can Ride 4-H Club, and or members will not be held responsible for loss or injury to livestock, exhibitors or spectators.
- Any questions please call Show Chair Karey Sebasty 269-240-8261



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Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association 2018 Versatility Scholarship Event

Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Berrien County Youth Fair



Eligibility: Open to any Berrien County 4-H member who is 14—19 years of age and has completed the ninth grade. Maximum years of participating in the event is not to exceed five. Age/grade is determined as of January 1, 2018. Exhibitors must be enrolled in Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project by June 1, 2018.

Purpose: The Purpose of the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event is to identify and recognize the most versatile 4-H teen-member and horse team in the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project. The scholarship recognizes the outstanding 4-H horse and rider versatility combination at the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Event.

2018 Gymkhana will be Cloverleaf Barrels Race

Amount of Scholarship: \$500.00 to Champion and \$250.00 to Reserve Champion.

Member and horse must be pre-registered or post marked for the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Event by Friday, July 6, 2018.

For eligibility, rules, requirements and application can be found at:

By calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674

Online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/berrien/berrien_county_4_h

For questions related to the Versatility Scholarship Event, contact Chrissy Bradford, Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association Versatility Scholarship Event Chair, at canterloper@aol.com or via phone at 269-362-2915.

Save the Date Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association Open Fun Show

Date: Sunday, August 5, 2018 Location: Berrien County Youth Fair



More details to follow in the future.

MI 4-H State Horse Judging Contest Results

Recently, members of the Berrien County 4-H program competed in the Michigan 4-H State Horse Judging Contest on March 25, 2018. 4-H'ers were able to compete both individually and as a team. Youth received honors during the event. Congratulations on your success!

Senior Regular

4th Place Team in Reason Mallorie Griffith Serynn Nowlin Heileigh Bodtke Kailey Koebel

5th Place in Individual Reasons Serynn Nowlin

Senior Novice lst Place in Individual Reasons Evie Claire

> 11th Place Overall Evie Clare

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4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



Test your shooting sports skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from across the state at the 2018 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament on August 4.

4-H members can participate in BB gun, air rifle, skeet, target archery and more. New to 2018, members can also compete in the hunting and wildlife division.

The tournament takes place at Blue Water Sportsman's Association of St. Clair County.

Registration is available until July 15 at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_stat e_shooting_sports_tournament/.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 12: Michigan 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Enhance your livestock evaluation and selection skills along with improving your communication skills as you judge eight classes at this judging contest. Register by July 2. http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan 4 h ffa livestock judging contest

July 18: The Great Dairy Adventure

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Learn about the dairy industry in Michigan while enjoying free ice cream! Registration is not required for this family-friendly event.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/the great dairy adventure

July 31: 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training

Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Spend a day learning dining etiquette and improving your public speaking, interviewing skills and social media voice. Register by July 20.

https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenSpokesperson18/

August 4: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

Blue Water Sportsman's Association of St. Clair County, Kimball

This tournament gives youth the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with 4-H members across the state. Registration closes July 15.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4 h state shooting sports tournament/

August 1: Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

Michigan State University Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

This statewide event is now a one-day experience that will teach youth about food science, nursing, mental health and physical health. Register by July 13.

https://events.anr.msu.edu/healthcamp2018/

August 11: 2018 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Compete in agility, obedience, rally, brace, team and showmanship classes at this annual dog show. Cloverbud classes are also available. Register by July 25.

https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HDogShow18/

August 17-19: 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For youth over the age of 13, the 4-H State Horse Show lets 4-H members compete in gymkhana, dressage, trail, showmanship and more. Register by July 12.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-horse-show

August 25: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participate in driving, showmanship, pleasure, in-hand poles and more at the State 4-H Miniature Horse Show. Registration must be postmarked by July 12.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-miniature-horse-show

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

Michigan Youth Institute: Building Young Food Leaders

Author: Alex Tekip



There's no minimum age for making a difference. The Michigan Youth Institute, a yearly event held at Michigan State University (MSU), encourages students in grades 8–12 to research and share solutions to global food security issues, giving them the skills and confidence so that they can influence resolutions for such problems. "The idea of it is to engage Michigan youth as active global citizens in understanding and solving critical global challenges, especially as they relate to food security, and

to provide opportunities for young people to explore academic and career pathways to end global hunger, poverty and other interrelated challenges," said Brian Wibby, MSU Extension educator and co-director of the Michigan Youth Institute.

This year's Michigan Youth Institute took place on May 10. A total of 54 students from around the state participated in the event, which, for the first time, was split between two sites: MSU's main campus in East Lansing and the MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Students, MSU experts and facilitators at the two sites communicated via video conference. The MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, MSU International Studies and Programs, MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H and Michigan FFA sponsored the event.

Participants in the Michigan Youth Institute are asked to select a food security issue and developing country from a predetermined list. The students write an essay about how their chosen issue affects citizens in that country. They discuss their essays in roundtable format, where they engage in conversation designed to help them think deeper about their topic.

The Michigan Youth Institute is part of the World Food Prize's Global Youth Institute, a three-day summit that occurs every October in Des Moines, Iowa. Selected students from the Michigan Youth Institute are chosen as delegates for the Global Youth Institute based on essay scores given by the World Food Prize board of reviewers, feedback from MSU experts during the event and their level of interest.

Although it's an honor and achievement to represent Michigan at the Global Youth Institute, the goal isn't to foster competition — it's to teach the value of meaningful, purpose-driven conversation. "What we hope that they get out of the experience is some communication, critical thinking, and learning from other people, but in the end, being able to have a conversation with other people around topics that are important, and really delving into how can they make a difference in this whole picture of global food," said Betty Io Krosnicki, an MSU Extension educator who co-directed the 2018 event along with Wibby.



Michigan 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training



Build your public speaking skills, learn dining etiquette and practice interviewing at the Michigan 4-H Teen Spokesperson Training on July 31.

This communications workshop is designed for 4-H members, teen leaders, ambassadors and community issue advocates that want to better themselves.

The training will be at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Michigan. Registration is required by July 20 and available at https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenSpokesperson18/.

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SEPTEMBER COUNTYWIDE PROJECT

Berrien County 4-H will be hosting a countywide project in September focusing on the Personalization project. Registration is now open. Youth will get to design and create their own personalized tote bag.

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Buchanan Westerners—Buchanan, MI

Who: Open to 4-H youth ages 5—19 years Cost: FREE - Supplies will be provided Register by September 17, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

Limit of 25 youth.

Register by:

Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674

Online at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/BerrienCountyProjectPersonalization2018/

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.