

Berrien County MSU Extension Office County Closed Dates:

October 28, 2019 at Noon—5:00 p.m.
October 29 and 30, 2019
November 11, 2019
November 28 and 29, 2019

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.

Upcoming Workshops & Deadlines:

| October 4 | Leaders Council Election Nominations Due |
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| October 11 | Extended Deadline for Award Applications Due |
| November I | Annual Financial Summary Report Forms Due |
| November I | 4-H Clubs June 30 Bank Statements Due |
| November 10 | Leader & Member Recognition Banquet |
| November 15 | Leaders Council Election Ballots Due |
| November 23 | Thanks 4 Giving Dinner Assembly Day |
| November 30 | All Volunteers & Leaders National Background Check Due |

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Your 4-H Youth
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Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

The fall 2019 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place this year from October 6—19, 2019. Shoppers at the Stevensville TSC and Niles TSC store 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 program activities in our county.

NEW this year, 4-H is proudly partnering with DeGroot to support youth and encourage communities to Plant with Purpose. Visit any participating Tractor Supply Company stores to purchase DeGroot bulbs between Sept. 13 and Oct. 31, 2019. 50 cents of each box sold goes to National

4-H Council.

Annual Fall Candy Bar Fundraiser:

The Annual Fall Fundraiser is in full swing. Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in selling Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars.

Reminder to clubs that sold Gertrude Hawk Candy

Bars, that the deadline for ALL money to be turned in by December 2, 2019. Checks can be either mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022; dropped off during office hours or through the after hours mailbox. A Club's portion of the candy bars profits cannot be distributed until all money owed by the club is submitted. Checks should be made payable to Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.

Additionally, any club wishing to place a second order or have not participated yet and would like to need to submit an order form no later than October 17, 2019. Order forms can be submitted to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office via drop box or in person. Please note, clubs must submit payment for their first order prior to placing a second order.

For questions ,issues, or concerns, please contact the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Fundraising Chair, Chelsey Sobralski at sobralski.c@gamil.com.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Club Coordinator—Annual Financial Summary Report Forms

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Annual Financial Report Forms is November 1, 2019. If your club still needs to submit these forms please do so ASAP to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor. 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. If you have any questions, contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

Leaders Council Fall Elections

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 Leaders Council Election Chair, Tracie Baker at nolanjames1214@aol.com



2019 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each country are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2019, 37 4-H members from 26 counties were selected as the 2019 Mark of Excellence county winners. The following youth were selected from Berrien County:

Derrick Freehling of the River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club Isabelle Hunn of the Backyard Renegades 4-H Club

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. In addition, each youth selected from Berrien County will be presented with a certificate and a scholarship in the amount of \$40.00 to attend the 2020 4-H Exploration Days during the 2019 Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition Banquet on November 10, 2019.

Congratulations to our winners!

2019 Berrien County 4-H Senior Award Recipients

On Sunday, August 11, 2019 4-H Senior Plaque Awards were presented to 4-H members that are graduating from the Berrien County 4-H Youth Program. Seniors are nominated each fall since 1965 by their Club Coordinator to recognize their devotion and loyalty as members to the 4-H program. Senior Plaques are awarded based on criteria that includes a member must be active for at least 5 years and remain active through graduation from high school. This year's 2019 Senior Plaque Award Recipients are as follows:

- ♦ Maggie Avery of the Straight Shooters 4-H Club
- ♦ Marissa Testini of the We Can Ride 4-H Club
- ♦ Arthur Jillson of the Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club
- ♦ Sydney Melton of the Baroda Bunnies, 4-H Club, Galien Chanters 4-H Club & Fuzzy Friends 4-H Club
- ♦ Clarissa Reckline of the Galien Chanters 4-H Club
- ♦ Karen Smith of the Galien Chanters 4-H Club
- ♦ Isabel Widdis of the Best Friends 4-H Club & Galien Chanters 4-H Club
- ♦ Micah Metz of the Town and Country Paws & Pals 4-H Club

Please note, for the future that starting in the 2019—2020 program year, 4-H Senior Awards will be handed out at the 4-H Member and Leader Recognition Banquet that is held in the fall of each year.

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4-H Day at the Lions

Once again this year, the Detroit Lions will be offering a 4-H Day at the Lions. 4-H Members, Families and Friends are invited to cheer on the Lions while supporting Michigan 4-H!

Each ticket purchased includes \$10.00 donation back to your county's 4-H program and a special gift!

Detroit Lions Vs. Minnesota Vikings

Sunday, October 20, 2019

1:00 p.m. Kickoff

Ford Field 200 Brush Street Ford Field, MI 48226

Learn more and purchase tickets online at https://www.detroitlions.com/tickets/partners/4-h



Provided by Berrien County Farm Bureau, Berrien County 4-H Clubs and Southwestern Michigan Collegiate Farm Bureau.

WHAT: Partner with Berrien County Farm Bureau and Southwestern Michigan Collegiate Farm Bureau to provide Thanksgiving Dinner ingredients in a box for a needy family. Each box will be packed with the following ingredients which will be provided by Berrien County Farm Bureau and Southwestern Michigan Collegiate Farm Bureau:

- 1 Turkey
- · 1 Package of dinner rolls
- · 1 Pumpkin Pie
- 1 customized box

- fresh salad greens & herbs (grown by Collegiate Farm Bureau members)
- · locally grown apples

We ask each participating 4-H Club to supply the following for each box:

- · 1-3 lb bag of potatoes
- 1- 15 oz. can of sweet potatoes
- 1- 15 oz. can of either green beans or corn
- · 1-14 oz. can of cranberries sauce

- 1-6 oz. box of stuffing
- 1-.87 oz. packet of dried gravy mix
- 1- Ib of REAL butter
 - · 1- gallon of milk

Each 4-H club will have the opportunity to select the family or families that will receive their box or boxes. *If your club needs help in identifying a needy family, the 4-H Program Coordinator can help.

WHEN: The collection and assembly day will be Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10AM. Please bring your donated food items with you that day and plan to help assemble the boxes. You will then take your box or boxes with you to deliver to the family or families you have chosen to receive them.

WHERE: At the Berrien County Youth Memorial Building located at 9122 US Hwy 31, Berrien Springs.

RSVP your intent to participate to Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator by Monday, November 8, 2019 by calling 269.927.5674 ext. 4015.

Each 4-H club that participates will be entered in a drawing to receive one of three \$100 cash prizes to be used for your club activities.



Help Berrien County Farmers share the bounty with those in need!

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program will be sponsoring the milk and butter portion of the 4-H Club Supplies for each basket. Due to this clubs are not responsible for these perishable items.

VIP TICKET

Your are cordially invited to the 2019 BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H
MEMBER & LEADER
RECOGNITION BANQUET

Pebblewood Banquet Hall

9794 Jericho Road Bridgman, MI 49106 **Nov. 10**

2019

Doors open at 3:30 PM
Awards start at 4:00 PM
Dinner to follow
completion of awards
program



Some of the Awards being honored include, but not limited to:

County Project Medals
All-Achievement
Outstanding 4-H Member
Outstanding 4-H Leader
Clover Years of Service
4-H Scholarship Recipients
State Award & Mark of Excellence
1st Year Members
Cloverbud Completion Certificates
Citizenship Awards

RSVP to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or via email to Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu. 6

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 2019
meeting.

Officers were inducted and transitioned into their roles starting at the October 2019 meeting.

Newly appointed Officers are as follows:

President Tom Rossman River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club

Vice President Tami Gear Tumbleweeds 4-H Club

Secretary
Pam McCalebb
Al-Bar 4-H Club

Treasurer Chrissy Bradford High Spirits 4-H Club

Each officer will serve a one year term.

Berrien County 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event Results:

The 2019 Berrien County 4-H
Versatility Scholarship Event was
held on Sunday, August 11 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:

- ♦ Showmanship
- ♦ English Equitation
- ♦ Western Horsemanship
- ◆ Gymkhana: Speed & Action

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 2019 Versatility Scholarship Event Winners were:

Champion Evie Clare Great Expectations 4-H Club

| 2019 4-H Versatility Event Exhibitors | | |
|--|---|--|
| Jacklyn Alsbro | Rachel Lavelle | |
| Double Bridle 4-H | Rainbow Tracks 4-H | |
| Club | Club | |
| Olivia Borst | Abigail Luther | |
| Al-Bar 4-H Club | High Spirits 4-H Club | |
| Leah Barlow High Spirits 4-H Club | Olivia McLaughlin Great Expectations 4-H Club | |
| Kali Burks Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club | Katriana Meyer Al-Bar 4–H Club | |
| Morgan Carle | Riley Ruelle | |
| High Spirits 4-H Club | High Spirits 4-H Club | |
| Billie Marie Carter | Ellie Purchase | |
| We Can Ride 4-H Club | High Spirits 4-H Club | |
| Evie Clare Great Expectations 4-H Club | Samantha Rydwelski High Spirits 4-H Club | |
| Emma Fanslau | Lilly Siewart | |
| Great Expectations | Double Bridle 4-H | |
| 4-H Club | Club | |
| Katelyn Glendening | Alexandria Smith | |
| High Spritis 4-H Club | High Spirits 4-H Club | |
| Lauren Kemp | Caitlyn Tucker | |
| Rivery Valley Wran- | Rainbow Tracks 4-H | |
| glers 4-H Club | Club | |
| Emily Kuespert | Elizabeth Whitehead | |
| High Spirits 4-H Club | Al-Bar 4-H Club | |

2019 4-H Versatility Event Exhibitors

Reserve Champion Abigail Luther High Spirits 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. One individual received the Sportsmanship award. Each recipient received a plaque recognizing their accomplishment. The 2018 Versatility Scholarship Event Sportsmanship Award recipient is:

Evie Clare
Great Expectations 4-H Club



<u>2020 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus</u> participants learn about our nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring of historical sites in Washington, D.C. 4-H CWF is scheduled for June 20-27, 2020. Michigan 4-H CWF Participants will travel by charter bus to Washington D.C. visiting the 911 Memorial in PA and stopping overnight in Gettysburg, PA. While in Gettysburg, youth will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War.

4-H CWF groups stay at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington D.C. and travel to all of the sites of the area including Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Capitol, Iwo Jima Memorial, National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum. Participants will also visit the Smithsonian Museums, Toby's Dinner Theatre, and the Armed Forces music program, Twilight Tattoo. Participants will tour the Capitol and meet with legislators and visit hearings on Capitol Hill Day.

4-H CWF participants join committees such as legislative and communications to help conduct the program. Participants also attend leadership workshops and work as a group to write and pass bills.

Michigan 4-H CWF is limited to 45 participants. Please contact your local MSU Extension Office if you are interested in attending the program. The cost of the 2020 4-H CWF program is \$1,500.00 which includes all meals (except 7 meals in transit), lodging and transportation.

2020 4-H CWF Payment Schedule

Check with your county MSU Extension Office for scholarship opportunities before completing the registration.

Payments must be made with credit card online or paid by check to Michigan State University and returned to your county MSU Extension Office by deadlines below. Payments must include information: 4-H CWF, county name, names of participants and amount for each participant. Send check payments to Connie Lange, Branch County MSU Extension at 570 Marshall Road, Suite C, Coldwater, MI 49036.

The total cost for CWF is \$1,5000.00.

- Jan. 6 2020: Online registration with a \$500.00 payment is due.
- Feb. 6, 2020: Additional \$500.00 of payment is due. Cancellations received after Feb. 6, 2019 will not be refunded, unless a substitute is found. The completed 4-H CWF Form packet is due to Connie Lange, MSU Extension Branch County, 570 Marshall Road, Coldwater, MI 49036 or emailed to <a href="mailed-mailed
- March 13, 2020: Final \$500.00 final payment due.

<u>Staff:</u> Staff should reserve space by emailing Connie Lange, <u>langec@msu.edu</u>. Payments must be made with credit card online or paid by check payable to Michigan State University and sent to 4-H CWF, Connie Lange, Branch County MSU Extension, 570 Marshall Road, Suite C, Coldwater, MI 49036. Payments can be made from MSU Accounts also. Please include the "2020 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Payment Form with check or account payments.

Accommodations

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact at the time of registraton. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

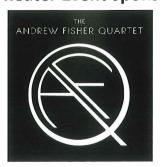
Contact Information

For program information please visit the <u>Michigan State University 4-H Leadership and Citizenship page</u> or contact Connie Lange at <u>langec@msu.edu</u> or at the Branch County MSU Extension Office, 517-279-4311.

Berrien County 4-H is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to a member to attend the 2020 CWF trip. Applications for the scholarship can be requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Applications are due by January 4, 2020 no later than 5:00 p.m. If youth are chosen for the scholarship a deposit of \$250.00 must be made no later than January 6, 2020 to reserve a spot.



Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc. 2019 Autumn Theater Event Sponsor Opportunity



Thursday, October 24

Hidden Pointe, 1062 Nickerson, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc. is delighted to bring you the music of the Andrew Fisher Quartet for our Autumn Theater Event!

The Andrew Fisher Quartet is a neo-soul jazz group from Michigan. They specialize in bending traditional genres such as soul, funk, R&B, Motown, and more while using the language of improvisation and jazz description. They truly feel that no genre is off limit and use any tool they have to create memorable music.

For more information on the Andrew Fisher Quartet check out:

andrewfisherquartet.com

Tickets can be purchased through a local Berrien County 4-H Foundation Member or at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor.

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation created to provide a regular income to finance 4-H programs and special activities throughout Berrien County, MI. A Board of Directors, representing a cross section of people and businesses in Berrien County, manages Foundation assets.

Event Tickets are available for \$35 each (until sold out).

Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction 5:45-7:00 p.m. Performance 7:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to the following: Paul Landeck (269)470-8891, or plandeck@yahoo.com, Karen Kietzer (269)465-7112, or karenkaykietzer@gmail.com, or karenkaykietzer@gmail.com.

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
- » Supply Vendors
- » Scholarship Silent Auction

Cost:

\$3.00 per class

Who can participate:

Open to all Michigan 4-H members 8-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2020). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-7 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/rabbitcavyshow2020/



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January 25, 2020

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

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

Online Pre-Registration available at https:// events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitcavyshow2020/

The Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$16.00 per a member who attends. Scholarships are available by contacting the Berrien County MSU Exdtension Office at 269-927-5674. Scholarships are on a reimbursement process. Scholarships are provided through funds from the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Annual Volunteer National Background Check

Beginning September 1, 2019, MSU Extension is now requiring all of its volunteers to complete background checks annually. A national background check, performed by backgroundcheck.com will help streamline this process for MSU Extension. Please complete your national background check by visiting: https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/vDVW. This secure link will allow you to complete the process.

A few important notes:

- This link is unique to Berrien County; if you are a volunteer in more than one county, please complete the check using the link from your primary county.
- There is no charge to you as a volunteer for these background checks.
- You will be asked to complete this simple process every year as long as you remain a volunteer.
- You can only use one unique email address per check (so a family sharing an email for 4-H Online would need to use separate emails for each volunteer completing this check).
- If you have previously completed your background check at this site and have forgotten your password please use the forgot password feature to have it reset. MSU Extension staff can not reset your password for this site.

If you need any assistance with the background check or would like to request a paper form, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Please complete the background check by November 30, 2019 along with your 4-H Online re-enrollment.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover

October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update

October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field. Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-l

For more 4-H events, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events.

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Apply now for the Michigan 4-H

State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of Michigan 4-H Youth Development. In 2015, the Michigan

<u>4-H State Youth Leadership Council</u> was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders



from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

<u>Applications</u> are now available for the <u>2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council</u>. 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly Squat Resources

The "Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit https://
www.canr.msu.edu/
resources/
teaching science when
you_dont_know_diddly_s
quat_series.



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Michigan 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.