BERRIEN COUNTY
4-H SPOTLIGHT
The Newsletter for Berrien County 4-H Families

The Mission of the Berrien County 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.

Your 4-H
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What is the 4-H Revolution of Responsibility? It’s a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment. Visit 4-H.org to see how 4-H has changed the lives of youth just like you!

The revolution of responsibility comes to life everyday through real 4-H’ers who are making a real impact in their communities. Whether you’re a volunteer or member, we want to hear from you. Tell us how 4-H has made a difference in your life. Email your stories to emckee@anr.msu.edu.

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This is the 4-H Leaders Council Family Volunteer Day. It’s a great opportunity for families to participate in various 4-H projects and activities. Join us on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office. We’ll have a variety of projects for all ages, including gardening, cooking, and animal care. RSVP by October 19th to emckee@anr.msu.edu.

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—Noon & 1:00—5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
It is time for the 2011 Leaders Council Election. As in the past, we have enclosed a ballot with this newsletter. Every registered adult leader is encouraged to cast a vote using the Adult ballot and all teens (4-H age of 12-19) are to use the Teen ballot. Room for write-in candidates have been provided on both ballots. Please only vote if you did not do so at Recognition in October.

Adults are to vote for three adults. The three leaders receiving the highest number of votes will fill the three, 3-year terms.

Teen members vote for two teens. The teen that receive the most votes will serve a 2-year term. Return the ballot to the MSU Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2011. There are 3 ways to cast your vote:

- **Mail:** MSU Extension
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  Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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- **Email:** emckee@anr.msu.edu

If you use e-mail, put “election” in the subject line, and then list your choices in the text portion of the message. All votes will be counted during the November Leaders Council meeting. Ballots are included with this newsletter!

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**FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY SET FOR NOVEMBER 19**

Bring your family and help 4-H make a difference during National Family Volunteer Day. From 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Saturday, November 19, Berrien County 4-H families will team up with the Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan at the First Church of God in St. Joseph, as it sponsors activities for National Family Volunteer Day.

We will be assembling personal care packages for those living in area shelters. ANYONE can help, no previous experience necessary! Even if you can’t make it to the event, you or your club can still contribute. **We are seeking donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini deodorant, dental floss, soap and any other toiletries that would be appropriate.** Donations should be made to the MSUE office no later than November 14th.

Let’s put our head, heart, hands, and health together to provide a service to others this holiday season! If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please RSVP to the MSUE Office by November 14, 2011.

**Keep the Health in your family and volunteer together!**

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**REMINDEERS FOR 4-H CLUB COORDINATORS**

Thank you to all the leaders who were able to make it to Leader Update. The Leaders Council and 4-H Youth Staff enjoyed talking with all who attended.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Re-enrollment forms and Participation Fees are due to the MSUE Office by December 31, 2011.
- You may add NEW members any time up to **June 1, 2012**.
- Clubs need to turn in minutes from your club business meetings, also. Minutes may be handwritten or typed, but we must have them on file at the MSUE Office.

Thank you for doing your part to adhere to these deadlines and requirements.
Congratulations to everyone who received awards and honors at this year’s recognition program held at The Howard Performing Arts Center at Andrews University. It was a lovely afternoon for 4-H leaders and members to come together to receive well deserved recognition. Thank you to all who participate and continue to “Make the Best, Better”!

2011 OUTSTANDING 4-H LEADERS

Debbie Bachman has been a leader in Countrysiders 4-H Club for 15 years, and has devoted tireless energy and enthusiasm toward our 4-H program. She is a project leader in the areas of sewing, personalization, arts & crafts, needlepoint, cake decorating, crocheting, and quilting, she volunteers at 4-H spring achievement.

Linda Shannon-Chaillet has been a leader for 15 years, with Best Friends 4-H Club, and has shared her talents with our 4-H youth in the dog project area. Linda has taken a great leadership role in including disabled youth in our 4-H program. She has coordinated 4-H volunteers to assist with reading programs in local schools, and has worked with professors at Andrews University to have students earn class credit while participating with our 4-H youth. Linda also coordinates the dog evaluation and demonstration at 4-H Spring Achievement.

OUTSTANDING 4-H’ERS

Amanda Tober was named one of this year’s Outstanding 4-H’ers and has been a member for 15 years. She has served as a club officer, and has received county medals in Rabbits and Rabbit science notebook, and has received an all achievement in the dog project. Her project involvement includes: many types of Arts & Crafts, Animal Science, Vet Science, Clothing and Textiles, Dogs, Rabbits, Horticulture, Personalization, Volunteerism, Service Learning, flowers and gardening, bowling, & roller skating. She participates in Spring Achievement, Exploration Days, multiple State 4-H Events, the tractor operator program, and is currently a Teen Representative on the 4-H Leaders Council. Amanda is a member of Countrysiders, Cribbs, Teen Service, Town & Country Paws & Pals, and Twin Harbor Puppy 4-H Clubs and is the daughter Donna and the late David Tober of Benton Harbor.

Jessica Zeiger was also recognized as a 2011 Outstanding 4-H’er and has been a member of River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club for 14 years. Her projects have included horse & pony, foods & nutrition, poultry, arts & crafts, flower arranging, rabbits, community service, llamas, sheep and goats. She has served as a club officer and is a teen leader for four projects. She has participated in 4-H Spring Achievement, 4-H Versatility, and Hippology and has received a county medal for the horse and pony project. Jessica is the daughter of Rich and Shelley Zeiger of Three Oaks.

I DARE YOU AWARD

Miranda Bachman was named one of this year’s I Dare You Award recipients and has been a member for 9 years in Countrysiders 4-H Club. In addition to her many projects, she participates in spring achievement, 4-H Exploration Days, served as a club officer, teen leader and currently serves as a teen representative on the 4-H Leaders Council. Miranda is the daughter of Dennis and Debbie Bachman of Coloma.

Sarah Kettlehut is also a recipient of the 2011 I Dare You Award and has been a member of Great Expectations 4-H Club for 11 years. She has focused her 4-H project work in the area of horses, and has represented Berrien County at the state and national level in Horse Bowl and Hippology. Sarah is the teen representative for Berrien County 4-H Foundation and is a teen leader and officer in her club. Sarah is the daughter of Dale and Tammy Kettlehut of Benton Harbor.

Congratulations to all award recipients, and keep up the good work!
HOLIDAY WREATH PROJECT
WHAT: Make a festive wreath to decorate with this holiday season!
WHO: All members and leaders are welcome. Parents of Cloverbuds must attend with their child.
WHEN: Saturday, November 19, 2011, 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.
WHERE: MSU Extension Office on Hillandale Road in Benton Harbor.
COST: FREE—project costs are being covered by our county Participation Fee Fund. Just bring your creativity and imagination!
DEADLINE: Space is limited to 20 members, so be sure to register with the MSU Extension Office at 269-944-4126, by November 14, 2011.

JEWELRY MAKING
WHAT: Participants will make two types of bracelets. Each one will show sample techniques you can apply to a wide variety of projects.
WHO: Members age 14 & up.
WHEN: Sunday, December 4, 2011, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
WHERE: MSU Extension Office on Hillandale Road in Benton Harbor.
COST: FREE—project costs are being covered by our county Participation Fee Fund. Beads, wire and clasps will be provided. But feel free to bring your own, too. If you have jewelry pliers—please bring them.
DEADLINE: Register with the MSU Extension Office at 269-944-4126, by November 29, 2011.

SOAP MAKING
WHAT: Try your hand at making soap and discovering the science behind the process. Members will make soap and fragrance it.
WHO: Members age 9-19.
WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2011 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
WHERE: MSU Extension Office on Hillandale Road in Benton Harbor.
COST: FREE—project costs are being covered by our county Participation Fee Fund.
TO BRING: All materials will be provided.
DEADLINE: A maximum of 24 members may be accommodated. Please register with your age to the MSU Extension Office at 269-944-4126, by November 7, 2011.

Remember- All projects completed as a countywide activity should be evaluated at Spring Achievement!
2011 BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H LEADER’S COUNCIL

ADULT BALLOT
Deadline:  November 25, 2011, 5:00 p.m.
Vote for three.

MARGIE JIM
Club: Countrysiders 4-H Club
Projects: Arts & Crafts

TAMMY KETTLEHUT
Club: Great Expectations
Projects: Horse & Pony, Horse Quiz Bowl

HEIDI KRUEGER
Club: Galien Chanters 4-H Club
Projects: Photography, Cats

BOBBIE LAWSON
Club: Galien Chanters 4-H Club
Projects: Ceramics, Community Service, Personalization

SUE TOLSMA
Club: Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club
Projects: Rabbits, Rabbit Quiz Bowl

TIM SIELER
Club: Galien Chanters 4-H Club
Projects: Woodworking

WRITE IN________________
You may wish to put in someone who you know is committed to seeing Berrien County 4-H grow and who has Monday evenings available for Leaders Council meetings.

2011 BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H LEADER’S COUNCIL

TEEN BALLOT
Deadline:  November 25, 2011, 5:00 p.m.
Vote for two

MIRANDA BACHMAN
Club: Countrysiders 4-H Club
Projects: Clothing & Textiles, Foods & Nutrition, Arts & Crafts,

SARAH JIM
Club: Countrysiders 4-H Club
Projects: Arts & Crafts, Rabbits

ALLIE WOODS
Club: Redbud Country Goat, Teen Service and Working Wiggles 4-H Clubs
Projects: Goats, Poultry, Sewing, Arts Crafts, Vermi Composting,

JANIS YOUNG
Club: Tyron 4-H Saddle Club
Projects: Horse & Pony

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2011 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Join other 4-H Volunteers in your community to learn cutting edge information from experts across the North Central Region. Gain new knowledge you can share with your 4-H members throughout the year!

OFFERED AT TWO LOCATIONS!
BERRIEN COUNTY MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
& BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL– RM 101

Each session will be two hours in length, beginning at 7:30
All 4-H Leaders are encouraged to attend one or all of these sessions.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
For more information, visit: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/ncrvd/NCRVF2011.cfm

Positive Youth Development (Monday, November 7) Offered only at MSUE Office
♦ Quality Matters: In Chocolate and 4-H Programs—Brenda Shafer, University of Minnesota
♦ The Teen Brain: A Work in Progress—Annette Haas, University of Wisconsin-Extension
♦ Tools and Techniques for Growing Youth/Adult Partnerships—Brenda Allen, Iowa State University

4-H Program Management (Thursday, November 17) Offered at both locations
♦ 4-H Club Basics—Mary Jo Williams, University of Missouri
♦ Keeping Your Cool While Working with Youth—Pat McGlaughlin, Sheri Seibold, University of Illinois
♦ Reducing the Risks of 4-H Club Meetings—Vicki Schwartz, Ohio State University

New & Emerging Curriculum (Tuesday, November 22) Offered at both locations
♦ 4-H Science—Dixie Sandborn, Michigan State University
♦ Get Connected in Your 4-H World—Rachelle Vettern, North Dakota State University
♦ Community Service Learning—Steve McKinley, Purdue University

To register for the e-Forum, contact Elaine McKee at 269-944-4126 or emckee@anr.msu.edu, by November 2, 2011.

The 4-H Volunteer e-Forum has been developed and provided by the 12 states of the North Central region.
BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB'S

CANINE THERAPY PROGRAM

Best Friends 4-H Club (the 4-H club for 4-H'ers with disability) needs adult volunteers and volunteer AKC CGC CERTIFIED CANINES!

Twice a month adult volunteers and his/her CGC canine pair up with students at Blossomland Learning Center (711 St. Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, 49103: 269-473-2600) in Mrs. Kathy Zaraw’s Gym Class for Canine Therapy.

**Dates:**
- Tuesday, September 20, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 04, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 01, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 15, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 06, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 20, 2011 - Time 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Students learn**
- Socialization for canine and student
- Coordination in body and mind
- How to hold a leash
- How to approach a dog
- How to walk a dog
- And for fun...a few agility obstacles can be accomplished.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and your canine, please contact Linda Shannon-Chaillet, Best Friends 4-H Club Coordinator at 269-934-0462 or email at shannollet@sbcglobal.net.
Newly elected club officers, and teen leaders are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Members will develop their skills by:

1. Learning the role of all club officers.
2. Learning how a general business meeting is facilitated and the roles of the audience and members.
3. Participating in a mock meeting.

Thursday, December 8, 2011
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Berrien County MSUE Office
1737 Hillandale Rd. in Benton Harbor

Saturday, December 10, 2011
10:00–11:30 a.m.
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All members who are interested need to register by Friday, December 2, 2011. Please call the MSUE Office at 269-944-4126 or e-mail Elaine McKee at: emckee@anr.msu.edu

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I pledge…
My HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service
My HEALTH to better living.
For my club, my community, my country and my world.