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### **The Tradition Continues: 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father's Day Open Horse Show**

Berrien Springs, MI, June 8, 2017 — Tryon 4-H Saddle Club will host the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father's Day Horse Show on June 18, 2017. The show will be held at the Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and is open to all ages and riding abilities. The show will be held rain or shine starting at 8:30 a.m., with registration opening at 7:45 a.m.

Tryon 4-H Saddle Club has sponsored this Father's Day Horse Show for 53 years and the show is thought to be the longest continuously running horse show in Southwest Michigan. The show has been in memory of the 4-H club's founding leader, Harry Kolberg, for the past 33 years.

This horse show aims to advance the skills of participating equestrians and their horse(s). The show is open to every age group from beginners to seasoned riders and there is a class for everyone. Halter, Fitting and Showmanship, 6 place ribbons and a first place trophy will be given for each class; while the *Sweepstakes* classes will have a monetary payback awarded the first 4 place equestrians. The 2017 Father's Day Horse Show is a pre-qualifying opportunity for the upcoming Berrien County Youth Fair equine classes.

The Judge for the day will be Marc DeLisle from Paw Paw, MI. Trail Judge, Amy Franks from Paw Paw, MI will run the Trail Classes from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Show Announcer will be Scott Fischburn from Berrien Springs, MI.

For bragging rights, there will be a class offered especially for Fathers and Grandfathers with compliments of the Club (no entry fee). No show clothes will be required for this class, but cheering and fun is expected from the audience.

This annual show is an opportunity for spectators to enjoy viewing beautiful horses with equestrians in show clothes at the Equine Complex on the Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds. Classes include Mare, Gelding and Pony Halter which is judged on the confirmation of the Equine. Fitting and Showmanship judged on Horse/Pony cleanliness and preparedness for a show ring and on the Handlers ability and expertise in "showing" the animal to the Judge. There will be a driving class and Walk/Trot classes. Riding classes will include English and Western tack and show attire for Equitation, Horsemanship and Pleasure riding as well as bareback riding, and game classes of egg and spoon. The day will end with contesting/ gymkhana classes judged on speed and accuracy of executing the required class pattern.

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