



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Thank your local TSC for supporting 4-H

By 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Spring Paper Clover campaign took place from April 18-May 5, 2025, and MSU Extension 4-H staff would like to thank the 4-H REBELS for representing Macomb County at our county's newest TSC store location in Sterling Heights.



Pictured above with the Sterling Heights TSC store manager, 4-H REBELS members promoted 4-H during the store's 2025 Spring 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. The campaign ran April 18-May 5.

Paper Clover is a twice a year national fundraiser. This exciting opportunity raises much needed funds for Macomb County 4-H and brings awareness to the 4-H program in a geographical area that is mainly urban. It is also a life skill building opportunity for the youth.

Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran was able to join the 4-H REBELS club as they hosted a table at the new Sterling Heights TSC location. During their club meetings youth created a promotional club poster, made rubber band bracelets and practiced their elevator pitches. At first, they were apprehensive and shy but by the end of the day they were seasoned pros in promoting 4-H. It was a fun team building day for the small club. One member brought her mini lop-eared rabbit, Mango, to answer questions and demonstrate her rabbit to TSC customers and staff.

As they visit their local TSC stores, MSU Extension encourages members of the 4-H community to thank TSC staff for their support of 4-H. We are fortunate to have four locations in Macomb County: Sterling Heights, New Haven, Richmond, and Washington Township.

We have received the results of TSC's Fall 2024 4-H Paper Clover Campaign from TSC National. Thanks to donations received during the Fall 2024 campaign, Macomb County 4-H will receive \$1,171.77 to be used primarily for scholarships for 4-H members to attend 4-H programs, workshops and events. The TSC Campaign raised a total of \$66,778.58 for Michigan. Of this amount, \$40,067.14 is distributed for support of county 4-H programs, \$6,677.86 for state 4-H programs, \$6,677.86 for 4-H statewide learning experiences, \$6,677.86 for 4-H foundation, and \$6,677.86 is maintained by National 4-H Council for their administration of the TSC campaign. This distribution represents 60% of total revenues generated within your local TSC stores.

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★ Sky Zone 4-H Spirit Night ★

Join us for a Spirit Night at Sky Zone, 50810 Sabrina Drive, Shelby Township on July 21st. Choose 90- or 120-minute jump times from 4-8 p.m. Bring your friends and family to jump to help Macomb County 4-H earn up to 40% of all ticket sales. Waivers and Sky Socks are required for all jumpers.
[Purchase tickets and Sky Socks](#) in advance.



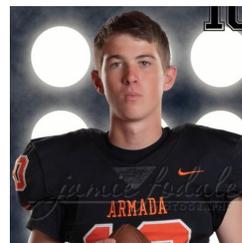
Macomb County 4-H News & Events (continued)

Congratulations to Macomb County 4-H graduating seniors

- ◆ Abbie H. (Macomb County - General 4-H Experience)
- ◆ Aubrie K. (Alarro 4-H Club)
- ◆ Austin M. (Alarro 4-H Club)
- ◆ Brooke R. (Macomb County - General 4-H Experience)
- ◆ Chloe W. (School Section 4-H Club)
- ◆ Claire D. (North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club)
- ◆ Colten Schwark (Alarro 4-H Club)
- ◆ Danika F. (Thompson 4-H Garden Club)
- ◆ Ean S. (Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center 4-H Small Animal Club)
- ◆ Hannah F. (Riley Raiders 4-H Club)
- ◆ Juliana G. (Alarro 4-H Club)
- ◆ Kaleb V. (Good Times 4-H Club)
- ◆ Logan V. (Good Times 4-H Club)
- ◆ Lucas P. (School Section 4-H Club)
- ◆ Malina R. (Alarro 4-H Club)
- ◆ Morgan B. (Alarro 4-H Club)
- ◆ Nicholas W. (Macomb County - General 4-H Experience)
- ◆ Oliver L. (Untamed 4-H Club)
- ◆ Olivia E. (Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Club)
- ◆ Olivia S. (Untamed 4-H Club)
- ◆ Ruth S. (North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club)
- ◆ Zakery T. (School Section 4-H Club)

Macomb County 4-H'ers awarded Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarships

Congratulations to Macomb County 4-H members Lucas P. of School Section 4-H Club and Olivia E. of Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Club. They are the recipients of the 2025 [Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship](#). The scholarship is sponsored by the Armada Agricultural Society and is awarded to two graduating high school seniors who have been a volunteer, employee, Open Class exhibitor, or Youth Organizations exhibitor at the Armada Fair.



Lucas P.



Olivia E.

Sources: AAS Newsletter and <https://www.armadafair.org/scholarship>

4-H Large Animal Livestock Clinics & Shows

Exciting News! Macomb County 4-H is holding its first Large Animal Livestock Clinics and Shows. The clinics and shows are open to 4-H members who are ages 8-19 as of January 1, 2025. Join us for a fun and educational day where participants will learn everything they need to know about preparing for show day. Clinics will cover helpful tips and tricks to make sure everyone feels confident and ready when it's time to step into the show ring.

The livestock shows will give participants the opportunity to show off their new skills, practice being in the ring, and gain valuable experience in front of a judge. Youth participants are responsible for providing their own animal to participate in the show. The cost to participate is only \$5 per event.

Dates:

- Cattle: Saturday, June 21st, 2025
- Lambs/Goats: Sunday, June 22nd, 2025
- Swine: Saturday, June 28th, 2025

Clinic Times:

9-11 a.m. (on the day of each species)

Show Times:

3 p.m. (on the same day as each species clinic)

Location:

Armada Fair Grounds, Barn 15
74280 Fair Street
Armada, MI 48005

For more information or to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/LargeAnimalLivestockClinic/>. Questions? Please contact 4-H Program Coordinator Rebecca Konarski at 586-783-8163 or konars13@msu.edu.



County's Finest 4-H'er: County's Finest 4-H'er projects are due to the MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township by June 30th. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator [Rebecca Konarski](#) at 586-783-8163 or konars13@msu.edu.



Macomb County News & Events (continued)

Macomb County 4-H Woodworking Workshop - June 27

Macomb County 4-H Woodworking Workshop is June 27 at the VerKuielen Building in Clinton Township. Choose a half-hour time slot between 6-8 p.m. Open to Macomb County 4-H youth ages 5-19. Cost is \$8 per person. Participants will be working on a coaster woodworking project. Limited spots are available, so don't wait to [sign up](#).

A Day in the Garden - June 24-August 26

MSU Extension's A Day in the Garden program for youth ages 5-12 is June 24-August 26, 2025 at Thompson Community Center in Warren. Participants will meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to have fun while learning about gardening, basic tools, crafts, reading, yoga, mindfulness and more. The cost is \$15 per session. [Learn more and register here](#). Questions? Contact Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu.

Macomb County 4-H Follow-Up Rabbit Clinic - June 8

There will be a Follow-Up 4-H Rabbit Clinic offering more rabbit showmanship practice on June 8th in the Rabbit Barn at the Armada Fairgrounds, 74280 Fair Street, Armada. This clinic will also demonstrate rabbit tattooing and can assist anyone who wants to learn the process. If you own a tattoo kit, please bring it along. Any show rabbits needing a tattoo can come to this clinic to be done. NO MARKET ANIMALS. Open to Macomb County 4-H members. Showmanship is from 1-2:30 p.m. Bringing your rabbit is encouraged but is not required. Tattooing is from 2:30-4 p.m.

Please [register online](#) by Wednesday, June 4th. Questions? Contact 4-H Rabbit Superintendent Kathy Matthews at 586-419-9968.

Macomb County 4-H Craft Day - July 8

Join the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council for 4-H Craft Day on July 8th from 10 a.m.-2pm at the VerKuielen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Assembly Rooms A and B, Clinton Township. Projects to choose from include Cupcake Decorating, Hand-Sewn Christmas Tree Ornament, Rock Painting, Paper Circuits, Wood Burning, a Jam Making Demo or a No-Sew Fleece Blanket Service Project.

This event is open to Macomb County 4-H members. The \$10 per youth includes a pizza lunch. [Register here](#) by June 24th. Registration fees are due prior to the event to confirm your spot. Make checks payable to Macomb County 4-H Youth Council and mail them to 314 Huntington Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.

Other Local News & Events

Armada Fair News

Armada Fair Clean-Up: Mark your calendars! The 153rd Armada Fair Clean Up days for Youth Organizations, including 4-H, are Sunday, June 1 and Sunday, August 3 at 10 a.m. at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada. Please sign in at Barn 11. Families may want to bring gloves, rakes, brooms and hand trowels.

Put your 4-H project in the spotlight: Now is your chance to highlight your 4-H livestock project! If you would like your project or anything 4-H related posted on the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee's new Instagram page, send it to armadalivestock@gmail.com.

Animal tagging: Livestock tagging is at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada on the dates listed below. Visit <https://www.armadafair.org/livestock-sale> for the most updated tagging information. Please reach out to Livestock Sale President Andy Roosa at (586) 665-0928 with any questions.

- ▶ Swine (1st Sunday in June from 8-10:30 a.m.)
- ▶ Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef (1st Sunday in June from 10:30 a.m.-Noon)
- ▶ All Poultry & Rabbits (3rd Sunday in July from 10 a.m.-Noon).

Summer support for high school graduates

Elms Family & Community Services is offering Macomb/Wayne County high school graduates summer support. Need employment, college or certificate program planning support? The organization offers:

- Job search and resume services.
- College application & essay help
- Application for Federal Student Aid
- Food and hygiene products
- Health/wellness and other referrals

Visit Elms Family & Community Services [on the web](#) for more information, call 313-398-9445 or email programs@elmsfamilyandcommunityservices.org.



Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Showcase photography, videography & graphic design skills at 4-H Dairy Days

New for 2025, Michigan Dairy Days will feature three new contests! These contests are open to any Michigan 4-H youth ages 8-19, regardless of their enrolled project area. Showcase your creative skills by submitting your entries for Photography, Graphic Design, or Videography. Grab your cameras, get those creative juices flowing and show us what you've got! Submissions are due June 5. [Learn more here.](#)

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

The [2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament](#) is August 2 at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club. A Pistol Slow Fire event and a Silent Auction have been added. Every registered participant will receive a complimentary patch. T-shirts are optional and may be ordered when you register as a participant.

One volunteer is needed for every four participants, and each county must have someone designated as a County Coordinator. Volunteers need to register in advance.

[Find more information and register here.](#) Contact Joe Krieder at kreider4@msu.edu if you have any questions.

Registration closes July 13, 2025.

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest - June 25

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of Jan. 1 who are competing in the Michigan Livestock Expo but are not 4-H or FFA members.
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award!. Registration is due by June 12. Find registration information [here](#).

Ten Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service in 2025

For the fifth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“Simply put, our Michigan 4-H programs would not be possible without the help of caring volunteers who give their time and talent,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “MSU Extension is grateful for every volunteer in every program, but these ten individuals deserve special recognition. They have given so much to 4-H over their five decades of service and we offer our heartfelt thanks for all they have given to support 4-H youth.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2025 are:

- Cheryl Barton, Shiawassee County
- Linda Bogue, Cass County
- Lisa Coe, Barry County,
- Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Ingham County
- Sharon Mitchell, St. Joseph County
- Vanessa Powell, Jackson County
- Diane Shepherd, Sanilac County
- Paul Shoup, Mason County
- Bernadette Strahl, Menominee County
- Marla Wedge, Allegan County

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Adulting 101 sessions help prepare young people for life on their own

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful? Michigan State University Extension's [Adulting 101 programs](#) help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an adult through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently.

International Travel on a Budget:

June 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Anticipating future travel plans abroad? Tap into strategies for international traveling on a budget to ensure you reach your next destination overseas.

Adulting 101: Mastering Meal Planning

July 9, 2025 from 4-5 p.m.

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars.

Sessions are held via Zoom. [Register here](#) to receive the meeting link(s). For more information, contact 4-H Educator Kathy Jamieson at 586-469-6094 or jamies13@msu.edu.

Summer of Savings



Summer of Savings 2025 is here! Michigan youth ages 9-19 can earn a \$20 gift card this summer just by completing a 4-H financial education lesson on savings now through August 15, 2025. Choose how you learn: Live via Zoom, watch a recording, or complete a self-guided course through Nearpod with parent/guardian permission. The incentive is limited to the first 100 participants, so don't wait to register. Details on learning options will be sent after registration. [Register now](#) and start saving smart.



Michigan 4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showing
Member Guide

4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showing Guide updated

The Michigan 4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showing Member Guide has been updated. The file is now [available online](#).

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Calendar of Events

Now-August 15

[Summer of Savings](#)

Online

June 1

[Michigan 4-H Foundation Grant](#) applications due

June 1

Armada Fair Clean-Up

10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 1

Armada Fair Animal Tagging

8-10:30 a.m.- [Swine](#); 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.- [Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef](#), Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 2

[Adulting 101: International Travel on a Budget](#)

6:30 p.m., online

June 6

[Fairy Garden Workshop](#)

Britton

June 7

[Garden Geocache Event](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

June 7

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 8

[Follow-Up 4-H Rabbit Clinic](#)

1-4 p.m., Rabbit Barn, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 13

[4-H Terrarium Workshop](#)

Britton

June 14

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)

Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 19

Juneteenth

Macomb County offices, including MSU Extension, closed.

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Calendar of Events (continued)

June 20

[Garden to Table Summer Workshop Series](#)
Taylor Community Library, Taylor

June 21

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Light Horses-Double Judge)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

June 21

[Macomb County 4-H Large Animal Livestock Clinic & Shows - Cattle](#)
9-11 a.m. - Clinic, 3 p.m. - Show
Armada Fairgrounds, Barn 15, Armada

June 22

[Macomb County 4-H Large Animal Livestock Clinic & Shows - Lambs/Goats](#)
9-11 a.m. - Clinic, 3 p.m. - Show
Armada Fairgrounds, Barn 15, Armada

June 24

[Digger Day](#)
Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

June 24-August 26

[A Day in the Garden](#)
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays, Thompson Center, Warren

June 25

[Michigan 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest](#)
MSU, East Lansing

June 27

[Macomb County 4-H Woodworking Workshop](#)
6-8 p.m. (half-hour time slot), VerKuijen Building, Clinton Township

June 28

[Macomb County 4-H Large Animal Livestock Clinic & Shows - Swine](#)
9-11 a.m. - Clinic, 3 p.m. - Show
Armada Fairgrounds, Barn 15, Armada

June 28, 2025

[2025 MI 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl](#)
10 a.m. Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing
Register by June 15th.

June 30

County's Finest 4-H'er projects due
MSU Extension 4-H, Clinton Township

July 8

[Macomb County 4-H Craft Day](#)
10 a.m.-2 p.m., VerKuijen Building, Clinton Township

July 9

[Adulting 101: Mastering Meal Planning](#)
4 p.m., online

July 20

[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

July 21

[Sky Zone Spirit Night](#)
4-8 p.m., Sky Zone, Shelby Township

July 27-August 2

[Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#)
Presque Isle, MI

July 28

Macomb County 4-H Horse Show (Mini/Draft Horses)
Camp Rotary, Ray Township

August 2

4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
Saginaw Field & Stream Club, Saginaw

August 3

Armada Fair Clean-Up
10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 14-17

[Michigan 4-H State Horse Show](#)
MSU, East Lansing

Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide

Read the [June 2025 issue](#) of the Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide to find out about upcoming MSU Extension programs in your area! **Subscribe today!**

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