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June 2020

## Macomb County 4-H News & Events

### Macomb County 4-H welcomes Haley Weber

Hi, everyone! My name is Haley Weber and I am a summer AmeriCorps member serving with 4-H STEAM Corps. I am currently a senior at Michigan State University majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Agribusiness Management, but I am currently applying to veterinary colleges across the country so if you have any questions about veterinary school I am more than happy to talk! Enduring my entire childhood without owning any pets has become one of the main reasons for wanting to pursue veterinary medicine. I love reading and traveling, especially after my study abroad trip to Ireland during the summer of 2018.



I am so excited to be a part of your community and cannot wait for a fantastic summer filled with great programs!

### Macomb County Top 4-Her Competition

4-H might look very different this year, but one thing that hasn't changed is the Macomb County Top 4-Her Competition. We are in search of the 4-Her who has what it takes to rise above the rest and prove themselves best of the best. Do you love participating as a leader in your club? Have you served our community in fun and interesting ways? Are you someone who never lets an opportunity to share 4-H with others pass by? Then we believe you have what it takes to win the title of Macomb County Top 4-Her. As 4-Hers, our motto is to Make the Best Better. We encourage you to take your best to the next level and apply for the Top 4-Her Competition today! Who will it be this year, a King or Queen?

For more information, and to view application instructions please visit the website at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/fairs/armada-fair>. The deadline to apply is July 1st. Contact Superintendent, Maggie Bohm with any questions [margaret.bohm98@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bohm98@gmail.com).

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**\*\* Please note that the application will be posted ASAP, including special instructions regarding this year's competition due to COVID-19 modifications. An email will be sent as soon as the application instructions are posted.\*\***

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## **Virtual 4-H Home Gardening Program**

Have fun while growing your own plants! Youth in Macomb and Wayne counties are invited to participate in MSU Extension's Virtual Home Gardening program. All supplies will be provided for this free self-paced program. Registration is required by mid-June. For more information, contact Lizz Duran, [duraneli@msu.edu](mailto:duraneli@msu.edu), or Milaina Macklin, [macklin3@msu.edu](mailto:macklin3@msu.edu).

## **Cracking the Code to College - June 16-18**

Ever wonder what college is really like? Come learn how to write a great college entrance essay and see what applying to college is all about. Get advice from college admissions advisors and current students to help you in your decision of where to go to college! Registration is required at the latest by June 15th at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/college/>. For [more information](#), contact Haley Weber at [weberhal@msu.edu](mailto:weberhal@msu.edu).

## **Macomb County 4-Her is a Top Scorer of Michigan Show Your Money Smarts Contest**

Brooke Richards of City Slickers 4-H Club is one of five top-scoring participants in the Michigan Show Your Money Smarts Contest. With 126 participants from across the state, this is a worthy achievement! In addition to a certificate and financial bonus, Brooke will get to serve as a Money Smart Youth Ambassador because of her top placement. She will meet with other Ambassadors to brainstorm and plan new opportunities to share money management education and financial knowledge with others. Congratulations, Brooke! Macomb County 4-H is proud of your accomplishment!

## **4-H'ers awarded Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarships**

Garrett Szlachta of Good Times 4-H Club and Rebecca Kitchen of Alarro 4-H Club are recipients of the 2020 Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship.

Garrett is a resident of Allenton and a graduate of Armada High School. He plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall. Of his time with the Macomb County 4-H program, he says, "4-H taught me how hard work equates to success."

Kitchen hails from Romeo and is a graduate of Romeo High School. She plans to attend Ferris State University. She is thankful to have been a part of 4-H for many years.

"My involvement with 4-H has given me a wide range of skills, she said. "It has taught me leadership and to be more self-confident. I have many fond memories of learning and competing, and couldn't imagine life without being involved with 4-H for all these years."



The [Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship](#) is sponsored by the Armada Agricultural Society in memory of former president and board member Bill Hahn and is awarded annually to two graduating high

school seniors. Applicants must have been an employee, volunteer or exhibitor at the Armada Fair.

Congratulations to Garrett and Rebecca!

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Do you have any questions, concerns?

## Let's Talk

**MACOMB COUNTY 4-H OPEN OFFICE HOURS**

**June 9, 2020 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Open to any 4-H club leader, volunteer or member  
to ask questions or just connect  
with the 4-H community.

Email with Zoom link sent via 4-H Online or contact  
Macomb.4h@macombgov.org

## Other Local News & Events

### Armada Fair Update

At this time, the 148th Annual Armada Fair, August 17 - 23, 2020, is on schedule for this coming August. The fair board is following local, state, and federal guidelines. If you have any immediate questions or concerns please email us at [office@armadafair.org](mailto:office@armadafair.org).

**LIVESTOCK TAGGING:** Livestock tagging will take place at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada. Dates and times vary by species.

- Swine: Sunday, June 7th, 8:00-10:30 a.m.
- Goats, Sheep & Prospect Beef: Sunday, June 7th, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Poultry & Rabbits: Sunday, July 19th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**MISS ARMADA UPDATE:** The Armada Agricultural Society will not host a Miss Armada pageant this year. If events or parades are held this season, the 2019 Miss Armada and Court members will step in.

*Source: May 2020 AAS Newsletter*

### Lamb found near Armada

If you are missing a lamb in the Armada area, please contact Macomb County Animal Control at 586-469-5115. A resident found a lamb on May 24th in the area of Holmes Road.

## Statewide 4-H News & Events

### Virtual 4-H programming guidelines for volunteers



When face-to-face programming is not possible due to social distancing, virtual 4-H experiences are opportunities for 4-H groups to continue engaging together. Though virtual programs may never fully replace the relationships built by meeting in-person, they can also

supplement face-to-face programming.

But how can you make sure virtual programs are successful?

MSU Extension recently released a helpful document that can guide 4-H volunteers in using technology to the fullest potential. This resource provides volunteers with expectations for leading virtual programs with youth and best practices for success.

Access "Virtual 4-H Programming Guidelines for Volunteers" online at [canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers](https://canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers).

## The Art and Science of Communication:

### Learn why we buy the stuff we buy

If you're a high schooler in grades 10-12 and are interested in the business of advertising, public relations, communication, media or journalism, the [Art and Science of Communication](#) webinar from June 22-24, 2020 is for you. The program is free and includes a virtual tour of our country's first college of communication, tips of the trade from experts and more. Participants will find out about careers from MSU faculty and students and work in teams to build and present a pitch. For more information, contact Kathy Jamieson, [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu), or Haley Weber, [weberhal@msu.edu](mailto:weberhal@msu.edu). Space is limited. Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Communication/>.

## MSU Extension offers at-home hands-on learning for youth



To support families and caregivers with youth at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU Extension has put together a weekly list of DIY activities and online events. Choose from daily childhood development, career exploration, STEM, healthy living and leadership activities - or choose them all!

There are even two quick resources to support parents and caregivers during these unprecedented times.

We hope this helpful resource will provide a weekly dose of fun and learning while staying safe at home. View the resources at [extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities](https://extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities).

## 4-H Spartan Coding Camp goes virtual!



Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program-virtually! Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM summer camp being hosted online from June 22-25.

Virtual 4-H Spartan Coding Camp campers will enjoy experiences such as:

- Developing your own tech ideas; designing and coding an application from scratch; and attracting users to your product!
- Learning the fundamentals of launching a product.
- Discovering the essentials of web design and development.
- Practicing coding skills in HTML, CSS, JS, Ruby, Rails and Github.



- Enhancing your passion for technology and growing real-world skills.
- Exploring career opportunities available at MSU!

After the camp is over, youth will continue to learn and practice at their own pace with nearly 60 hours of self-paced online lessons that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is open to youth entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2020. Attendees should have a computer with internet and the ability to video conference (microphone and webcam).

Registration is now open. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index).

The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$320 and includes tech support, post-camp support, and program fees. Current Michigan 4-H members receive a \$20 discount.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu). 4-H Spartan Coding Camp is offered in collaboration with CodeNow.

### Resources for marketing 4-H animal projects

New resources have been developed to help 4-H youth market, establish pricing, find a processor, keep records, and evaluate transportation considerations for their animal projects. Find the resources listed here as well as freezer meat pricing guidelines and worksheets online at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/meat\\_marketing\\_processing/resources](https://www.canr.msu.edu/meat_marketing_processing/resources).

- [Recommendations for Marketing Animal Projects - Beef](#)
- [Recommendations for Marketing Animal Projects - Poultry & Rabbits](#)
- [Recommendations for Marketing Animal Projects - Sheep & Goats](#)
- [Recommendations for Marketing Animal Projects - Swine](#)

### Creatures of the Deep - June 1-17

Explore oceans, lakes and other bodies of water and learn about marine wildlife with the Creatures of the Deep 4-H SPIN Club from June 1-17, 2020. Youth participants should be 9 years or older, or paired with an adult or older sibling. For more information or to register, visit [bit.ly/4-HOceans](http://bit.ly/4-HOceans).

### Michigan 4-H'ers pledge their hands to larger service in a time of need



Across the state, county and globe, COVID-19 has upended everyday life in nearly every way. In Michigan, families and communities struggle to adapt to closed schools and businesses while working to preserve their own health, well-being and sense of normalcy.

For many Michigan 4-H'ers, lending a helping hand is part of that normal, and many have sprung into action to help their communities during this unprecedented time.

Across the state, 4-H'ers have found many ways to serve their communities while practicing social distancing. Among them were:

- Kalkaska County 4-H member Amy Saxton issued a 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge for other 4-H'ers to join in her Cards for a Cause efforts, encouraging youth to send cards to individuals living in adult foster care homes not able to receive visitors at this time.
- Similarly, 4-H'ers in Lapeer and Schoolcraft counties wrote letters and cards of kindness to residents of local senior centers and nursing homes.
- Alger County 4-H'ers volunteered to shop for seniors who didn't feel safe traveling to the store to purchase their groceries and other supplies.
- 4-H'ers across the state sewed masks at home to donate to people in need.
- The Sebasons, a 4-H family in St. Clair Co., re-purposed a fair billboard thanking essential workers.

"I continue to be impressed by the overwhelming generosity and creativity of our 4-H members, volunteers and staff across the state to continue the 4-H mission," said Jacob DeDecker, Michigan 4-H state leader. "Our 4-H community remains committed to helping one another."

### **Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions - June 17-23**

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed our lives. Many young people may be experiencing a range of thoughts and emotions. During this time when our lives and routines may be changed, one way to help support each other is to come together to reflect and connect. Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions (June 17-23, 2020) bring together Michigan 4-H youth members (ages 13-19) with 4-H staff, in a Zoom conversation, to do the following:

- Check-in with others
- Build and share stories of individual and community challenges and resiliency
- Work together to identify how we can navigate our individual and community health

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/youthreflectandconnect/>. Space is limited.

### **MI 4-H Virtual Horse Judging & Hippology Contests**

Find out more about the all-new MI 4-H Virtual Horse Judging & Hippology Contests at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/virtualhorsejudging/>. The contests are June 9 (Judging) and June 10 (Hippology). Register by June 5th.

### **State Awards Preparation Virtual Workshop (Networking) - June 11 or June 15**

MSU Extension is offering online learning opportunities exclusively for 4-H State Award delegates. These learning opportunities are open to junior, senior, and group award delegates. Two sessions are open for networking. They will include interactive opportunities to practice. Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAwardPrep>.

### **Games Over Zoom**

Join MSU Extension 4-H for Games Over Zoom! Youth participants will meet from 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 11 to enjoy a variety of games like Heads Up, Price is Right, Liars Dice, Scattergories, and more! For more information and to register, please

visit: <https://bit.ly/4-HGames>.

## Other Statewide and National Events

### Kids Baking Championship auditions

Casting Call! [Kids Baking Championship](#) is a fun baking competition show where kids compete in a series of baking challenges such as creating a specific type of dessert. They are casting for the upcoming Seasons 9 and 10 of the show, and are searching nationwide for kids ages 8-13 who love to bake!

More information on the show can be found here:

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/shows/kids-baking-championship>

The entire casting process is done online and for a chance to audition, parents can fill out an application for their child here:

<https://bakingchampionshipcasting.castingcrane.com/>.

For more information, contact Casting Associate Jasmine Garcia at 424-207-2340.

## Calendars of Events

### Macomb County 4-H Events

#### June 9

4-H Open Office Hours  
6-7 p.m., online

#### June-August

Virtual 4-H Home Gardening Program  
Online, supplies provided

### Other Local Events

#### June 7

Swine Tagging  
8-10:30 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

#### June 7

Goat, Sheep & Prospect Beef Tagging  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

#### July 19

Poultry & Rabbit Tagging  
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

### State & National 4-H Events

#### June 1-17

Creatures of the Deep 4-H SPIN Club

#### June 2

[4-H Teen Tuesday-Meet the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#)  
Zoom webinar  
(Current 4-H members can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.)

#### June 4

[4-H at 4 on Thursdays](#)

Zoom webinar  
(These weekly 45 minute sessions are designed to provide an overview of a variety of 4-H programs and activities for 8 to 12 year-old youth.)

#### June 4

[Ocean Explorers](#)

Zoom webinar  
(Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix on a virtual discovery of sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats, and stewardship issues surrounding ocean ecosystems. )

#### June 4

[Adulting 101 Series- Household Tasks](#)

Zoom webinar

*(This event will help youth navigate life and college. In this session, learn the right way to iron, make a bed, sew a button, set a table and more.)*

**June 9**

[4-H Teen Tuesday-Making Money at Home This Summer](#)

Zoom webinar

*(Current 4-H members can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.)*

**June 11**

[State Awards Virtual Preparation Workshop - Networking](#)

Online

**June 15**

[State Awards Virtual Preparation Workshop - Networking](#)

Online

**June 16-18**

[Cracking the Code to College](#)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily, online

**June 17-23**

[Youth Reflect and Connect](#)

Time varies, online

**June 20**

[Missaukee 4-H Summer Classic Virtual No-Fit Heifer & Steer Show](#)

Zoom webinar

*(Join this opportunity to build confidence and hear feedback from judge Randy Barnes. This show is open to all Michigan 4-H members.)*

**June 22-24**

[The Art and Science of Communication](#)

1-3 p.m. daily, online

View more virtual events at [canr.msu.edu/Online4MI](https://canr.msu.edu/Online4MI).