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November 2019

Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Member enrollment/re-enrollment deadlines

Macomb County MSU Extension accepts 4-H youth member enrollments at any time, however:

- **November 1, 2019** is the Macomb County 4-H member re-enrollment deadline for returning youth who plan to show 4-H projects at the 2020 Armada Fair.
- New youth members who are planning to show 4-H projects at the Armada Fair must be enrolled in 4-H Online by **April 1, 2020**.
- Youth who plan to participate in the 2020 Macomb County 4-H (horse) point shows also need to register with the Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee by **May 1, 2020**.

A youth's 4-H Online enrollment/re-enrollment is considered complete once the County Extension Office receives his or her 4-H Online enrollment/re-enrollment request and his or her Michigan 4-H participation fee (or [scholarship application](#)) has been received.

Volunteers: Complete background checks by Nov. 1

Each adult 4-H volunteer is now required to complete an annual background check online **by Nov. 1st**.

Macomb County 4-H volunteers who are conducting their national check for the first time should use this [link](#).

Macomb County 4-H volunteers who previously created an account in backgroundchecks.com and are completing their check for the 2nd time should use this [link](#).

For more information about the annual background check, assistance with the process, or to request a printed copy of the background check form, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Seth Martin at (586) 783-8163 or mart1885@msu.edu.

Macomb Co. 4-H Horse Program Committee Banquet

The Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee put on another great year-end banquet. Once again, the prizes from the committee were a big hit. Congratulations to all 4-H'ers!

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Macomb County OACC Hike - Nov. 23rd

The next hike is Saturday, November 23 at Columbus County Park. Please R.S.V.P. by November 20.

We will meet at 8:50 at the 23 Mile & Gratiot, Meijer, in the southwest corner of the lot.

We will return at 2 p.m. to the same place.

The hike will focus on fire starting and shelter building. Pack a lunch, dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. A signed permission slip is required.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Joe and Theresa Whitenight

If you are interested, please contact Seth Martin from the MSU Extension Office, 586-783-8163 or mart1885@msu.edu, so you can be connected to the Whitenights.

Volunteers are needed!

4-H is at the [Novi Pet Expo](#), November 15-17, at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Come join us at our 4-H Youth Activities Area. There will be NO COST to 4-H'ers (4-H staff, parents/volunteers or youth) staffing the booth or presenting educational information, demos, etc. This is a great opportunity to support and promote 4-H. Bring your pet and talk about your 4-H project, watch educational demos and have fun! For complete information about the show please visit: <https://www.novipetexpo.com/show-info>

If you are interested in working a shift, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BA5A82BA2FE3-20192>

If you or your club would like to present a demo with your pet (including horses!) or need more info, please contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu.

MSU Extension partners with Oakland University



Saturday Oct. 26th was "Make a Difference Day". For the second year in a row, students from Oakland University came out to help 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran put the garden to rest.

The 35 students painted beds, filled them with fresh soil, weeded the butterfly bed, laid mulch and cleaned and reorganized the program closet. "These kids are amazing" says Duran. "We enjoy and appreciate them so much."





Youth Fun with Finances

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to participate in [Youth Fun with Finances](#), a free, fun financial program at Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, 8204 E. Nine Mile Road, Warren. Participants will meet from 3-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 18: Explore your money personality, values and set SMART goals

Nov. 25: Learn tips and tricks on budgeting and saving

Dec. 2: It is all about credit

Choose one, two or all three. Food will be provided. Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Funfinances/>. Contact 4-H Educator Kathy Jamieson, jamies13@msu.edu or (586) 469-6093, if you have questions or need help registering.

Clinton Valley 4-H'ers put animals and 4-H on display at People, Pets and Vets

Clinton Valley 4-H Club volunteered at People, Pets and Vets at Macomb Community College in Clinton Township on October 26, 2019. The group brought their goats and chickens with them and shared animal and 4-H information with event visitors. The club was even mentioned in a [newspaper article](#) about People, Pets and Vets.

An annual family-friendly event sponsored by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, People, Pets and Vets is designed to give people of all ages an opportunity to learn about a variety of animals, animal care, veterinary science, careers and more. Visit <https://www.michvma.org/people-pets-vets> for more information and watch for details about next year's People, Pets and Vets.

Chicken diapers

Chicken diapers? Yes, they exist. Per 4-H volunteer Bette Nebel, they can be found online from a variety of sources, including www.chickendiapers.com. Try an online search. If you're feeling crafty, there are even instructions online for making your own.

County offices will be closed

County offices, including MSU Extension, will be closed:

November 11, 2019	December 24-25, 2019
November 28, 2019	December 31, 2019
November 29, 2019	January 1, 2020

Other Local News & Events

Armada Fair selling livestock gates

The Armada Fair has some livestock gates to clear out and is giving the first opportunity to purchase them to 4-H families. They will be selling

large gate panels for \$10 each and small gate panels for \$5 each. Gates will be available to purchase at the Armada Fairgrounds near Barn 15 on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Quantities are limited, so first come first served. For more information, contact the Armada Fair Office at (586) 784-5488.

Livestock Sale thank you letters required for payment

There are a handful of 4-H members who have not yet turned in their buyer thank you letters and picked up their checks from the Livestock Sale. Please make arrangements to do this as soon as possible. You will not receive your check unless a buyer thank you is received. If you have any questions, please call Kathe Nelson 586-531-5327 or Matt Konarski 313-805-2084.

Armada Fair Youth Livestock Sale Elections are January 27

Elections for the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee will take place on Monday, January 27, 2020. There are both adult and youth positions that are open. Every club that participates in the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Auction and/or Silent Auction is strongly encouraged to have representation on the committee. Elections will take place at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall located on the Armada Fair Grounds in Armada.

Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Register now for the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show!



The [State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show](#) will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GiveGreenDay on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.

Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's

Leadership Institute to energize women leaders



Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute \(WLI\)](#). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.

A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14-19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources \(CANR\)](#) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

After the keynote presentations, the youth interacted with the speakers, CANR and MSU Extension staff and each other to share their leadership stories. Following the reception, youth attended a WLI panel discussion at the Wharton Center, which featured world leaders Carolyn Woo, Tiffany L. Jones and Anne Whelan. Youth also participated in a pre-session in advance of the reception that discussed the themes of the evening and how to share their own leadership stories.

"The WLI was an awesome opportunity that challenged everyone, regardless of their stage in life, to be a better leader and develop their leadership skills," said Grace Schmidt, a 4-H'er from Livingston County. "I left the WLI feeling inspired to embrace authenticity in my own leadership," said another 4-H'er, Addy Battel of Huron County. "That experience is having lasting effects on my personal life."

Plans are already underway for another youth-focused event to be held in collaboration with the 2020 WLI.

Building Early Emotional Skills for Parents

[Building Early Emotional Skills](#) is a free eight-week course that helps parents and caregivers of children ages 0-3 to develop the skills needed

to support the social and emotional development of their child. This course is online and self-paced. It is expected to take approximately one hour per week to complete the course content. Fall course begins on October 28th. Registration will close on Nov. 4th. For more information or to register, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/building_early_emotional_skills_in_young_children/online-program-for-parents

Building Early Emotional Skills for Early Childhood Professionals

[Building Early Emotional Skills \(BEES\) for Early Childhood professionals](#) is an opportunity to learn more about how children develop important social emotional skills, and how you can help them learn to understand and express their emotions appropriately. This course is online and self-paced. It is expected to take approximately one hour per week to complete the course content. This training is approved in MiRegistry for 8 hours. Fall course begins on October 28th. Registration will close on November 4th. Registration information: https://www.canr.msu.edu/building_early_emotional_skills_in_young_children/online-program-for-professionals

Michigan Farm Bureau communications contest open to 4-H and FFA youth

Did you know that Michigan Farm Bureau offers a communication contest that is open to 4-H members and FFA members who are in high school? The Youth Discussion Meet contest is an opportunity for young leaders to develop their skills in communication, leadership, critical thinking, and cooperation through a conversation with peers about current agricultural issues. Find complete information about this opportunity and register online at <https://www.michfb.com/MI/YFDiscussionMeet/> by Nov. 6th. The Youth Discussion Meet Guide is available at <https://bit.ly/2ovV2RH>.

Sanilac Spooktacular - Nov. 2 & 3

Sanilac Spooktacular

November 2nd & 3rd 2019

Sanilac County Fairgrounds
210 Dawson Street, Sandusky, MI 48471

THIS IS AN OPEN BEEF SHOW

Show barn will be open. You must clean up all bedding after the show and place in bunker.

Prizes will be cash and banners awarded to
Top 5 Market Animals, Top 5 Breeding Heifers
\$250, \$175, \$125, \$75, \$50

\$30 a night camping (30 amp, no water at site).

Bath house will be open

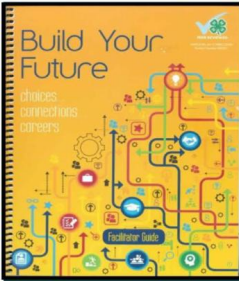
There will be designated camping and cattle trailer parking areas.

Show supplies will be available for purchase on site.

Food will be available for purchase.


**** To accommodate recent purchases:** Please bring the sale catalog and receipt from the purchase. You will enter with as much information on your animal AND then your Registration Papers. Show is being hosted by the Sanilac County 4-H Volunteers. All profits will go to the Sanilac County 4-H Junior Livestock Committee.

[Flyer and registration information](#)



Build Your Future is:

- ♦ Adaptable
- ♦ Flexible
- ♦ Research Based
- ♦ Pilot Tested
- ♦ Peer Reviewed
- ♦ Written by MSU Extension Educators
- ♦ Used Nationally
- ♦ Interactive
- ♦ Fun!!



Build Your Future Curriculum Training

Choices...Connections...Careers...

Why attend?

This FREE and interactive webinar will explore the "Build your Future" National 4-H curriculum. This career exploration and workforce preparation curriculum can be used in your club, school or community group. The "Build Your Future" curriculum helps teens investigate career interests, identify goals, develop employability skills and explore post-secondary education options and sources of funding. Nine engaging units can be used individually or collectively. They provide a fun structure to help teens learn about their choices, make important connections and plan successful, meaningful careers.

Who should attend?

- Teachers and Counselors
- Parents
- Volunteers
- Youth Development Workers

Webinar* Dates and Time:

**Each webinar contains the same content. Choose the date that works best for your schedule.*

Monday, November 18, 2019	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST
Thursday, November 21, 2019	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST


To register for a training:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/BuildYourFutureWebinar/>

The webinar link will be sent out prior to the webinar.

For more information :

Laurie Rivetto, RivettoL@msu.edu, or 734-727-7234



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[Flyer](#)

Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Teen Program

Are you in leadership at your fair or festival? Do you want to learn more about the Michigan fair/festival industry? Are you between the ages of 13-19?

If you answered yes to these questions, then register for the 2020 [Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Teen Program](#) !

This program is Saturday, January 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids MI. The Teen Program is free of charge for the first 75 registrants, including lunch.

The Teen Program is a hands-on training with learning and fun. Here are some of the sessions included in the day.

Kick off Session with an Ice Breaker - Get a chance to meet your fellow teens

Teen Fair/Festival Project - Have you ever wanted to run your own event? This session is your chance! Participants will work with trade show vendors and industry professionals to explore different aspects of running a fair/festival. We will break into groups and create fair plans in areas such as daily entertainment, carnivals, and grandstand events. You will even have a chance to present your projects to industry professionals.

Media Training - Are you prepared to talk to the media? This program

will give you the tips and tools to think on your feet when talking to the media or the public. This experience can go beyond media, to prepare you for interviews or to keep your cool under pressure. Some of you will even have the chance to be live interviewed.

Trivia - Test your knowledge with a bit of competitive trivia. How many people attend fairs in Michigan? What festival has the highest attendance in the state? Breaking into groups to compete for prizes and the chance to be champion smarty pants.

Talk to your local fairboard or festival management to find out more. You can also contact the MAFE office at mifairs@gmail.com or 517-317-4544. Register by November 30, 2019.

Calendars of Events

Macomb County 4-H Calendar of Events

November 1

4-H member re-enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members who plan to show 4-H projects at the 2020 Armada Fair

November 1

Online background checks due for returning Macomb County 4-H volunteers.

November 11

Macomb County offices closed

November 18

[Youth Fun with Finances](#)

3-4:30 p.m., Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

November 23

Macomb County OACC Hike
Columbus County Park

November 25

[Youth Fun with Finances](#)

3-4:30 p.m., Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

November 28-29

Macomb County offices closed

December 2

[Youth Fun with Finances](#)

3-4:30 p.m., Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

Other Local Calendar of Events

November 3

Armada Fair Livestock gates for sale
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

January 27

Armada Fair Livestock Sale Elections
7 p.m., Grange Hall, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

State & National Calendar of Events

November 2-3

Sanilac Spooktacular
Sanilac County Fairgrounds, Sandusky

November 8

[Gladwin County 4-H Fish Fry Fundraiser](#)

Knights of Columbus, Gladwin
(Gladwin County 4-H in partnership with the Gladwin Knights Of Columbus will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Come

enjoy fish and support 4-H!)

November 18

[Build Your Future Curriculum Training Webinar](#)

3-4 p.m., Online

November 21

[Build Your Future Curriculum Training Webinar](#)

12-1 p.m., Online

December 3

[Give Green Day](#)

Statewide

(Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.)

December 3

[Giving Tuesday](#)

Statewide

December 5

[Family Holiday Open house](#)

Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing

(This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.)

January 11

MAFE Teen Program

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids

January 25

[State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show](#)

MSU

Save the Date!

January 31-February 1

4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1

4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22

4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7

4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15

4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

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