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October 2019

Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Year-end financial reports due by Oct. 1st

Club and Committee leaders, it's time to turn in your group's [Annual Financial Summary Report](#) for the last 4-H program year (September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019). Each club and committee is required to complete this form, whether it has money and inventory or not.

Please send your group's completed form to Macomb County MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036 or fax it to 586-469-6948 by 5 p.m. on **October 1, 2019**. Questions about the form should be directed to members of the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H program staff at 586-469-6431 or macomb.4h@macombgov.org.

Youth Council Meeting - October 2nd



Interested in expanding your 4-H involvement in the county? Come to the [Macomb County 4-H Youth Council meeting](#) on Wednesday, October 2nd at the MSU Extension office (21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township) at 6:30 p.m.

The Macomb County Youth Council is made up of Macomb 4-H members from various clubs around the county.

The youth are tasked with providing leadership to the 4-H program. The council holds fundraisers to provide scholarships for educational opportunities to both adult volunteers and youth members. They also hold county wide events to engage members and volunteers to strengthen the Macomb County 4-H community.

Elections for officer positions will be held at this meeting. To be eligible, 4-H members must be 4-H age 12, and nominate themselves. This can be done verbally at the meeting, or in writing ahead of time. Council meetings are always open to 4-H members who would like to serve as a delegate for their club. This meeting will also be kicked off with an apple cider taste test! Please RSVP to macomb.4h@macombgov.org to ensure enough cider. We hope to see you there!

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New links for 4-H volunteer background checks

Because some volunteers are having trouble accessing the background check site using the link that was provided earlier, MSU has added another link.

- Macomb County 4-H volunteers who are conducting their national check for the **first time** should use [this link](https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/pVPz): <https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/pVPz>.
- 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](https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/YdW4): <https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/YdW4>.

The links are county-specific. If you are primary in a county other than Macomb, please contact your primary county's 4-H office for the appropriate link.

Background checks must be completed by November 1, 2019.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Seth Martin at (586) 783-8163 or mart1885@msu.edu.

Village of Armada Sesquicentennial

The Village of Armada is looking for 4-H youth who would like to participate in the parade to celebrate the Armada sesquicentennial (150th). On October 12, 2019 will be a parade celebrating the towns history. In addition to looking for old cars and tractors to participate in the parade, they are looking for participants to ride their horses and old buggies, wagons, drays, and horse drawn farm implements. Doing it in period costumes would make the event even better! Please contact 4-H Program Coordinator Seth Martin at (586) 783-8163 if you or your 4-H club is interested.

County Awards Event Cancelled - Oct. 20

This year, Macomb County 4-H awards will be presented in a different way to recipients. Instead of a county gathering, the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council and the Macomb County 4-H staff will be presenting awards to recipients at their 4-H club meetings. We hope that award winners receiving recognition in front of their club will encourage future participation in the Macomb County 4-H Awards Program. Check out our November newsletter to see a list of this year's hard working County Award winners!

Fall 4-H Leader Meet - Oct. 22



Club leaders, project leaders and other interested volunteers: Kick off the 2020 4-H program year at the [4-H Fall Leader Meet](#) at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, 2019 at the VerKuilen Building in Clinton Township. Staff will be sharing updates and important information you need to know to help make your 2020 program year successful. Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran will be making her annual pot of chili for all to enjoy.

Please R.S.V.P. to 586-469-6431 or macomb.4h@macombgov.org. For more information, contact Lizz at (586) 469-6090 or duraneli@msu.edu.

4-H Horse Project Recognition Banquet - Oct. 27th

The [Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Banquet](#)

Join Our List



JOANN

Clovers for Kids

The results from the 2019 [JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign](#) are in, and Macomb County has received \$468.36. Thank you to JOANN and to all who contributed.

If you missed the 2019 campaign, you can still sign up for a [JOANN 4-H Rewards](#) card and save 15% on in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 5% of eligible transactions to 4-H.

County offices, including MSU Extension, will be closed:

October 14, 2019
November 11, 2019
November 28, 2019
November 29, 2019
December 24-25, 2019
December 31, 2019
January 1, 2020

is Sunday, Oct. 27, 2109 at Zuccaro Banquets & Catering, 46601 N. Gratiot, Chesterfield Township. Doors open at 1 p.m. and dinner is at 3 p.m. The cost is \$17 per adult and \$15 each for youth ages 5-19. Order tickets from your 4-H leader by Oct. 11. Late ticket orders will be charged an additional \$5 per ticket. No tickets will be sold after Oct. 22nd. For more information, contact Crystal Pollock at (810) 397-5240.

2019-2020 club enrollment/re-enrollment

Macomb County 4-H Club Leaders:

The new 4-H program year is here, and it's time to enroll/re-enroll your club for 2020! Materials and the information you need to enroll a new club are listed below and are also online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/club-resources/new-club-registration>. Materials and information for re-enrolling a returning club are online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/club-resources/returning-club-registration>. Printed copies of these materials may be requested from the [MSU Extension 4-H office](#).

Club enrollment/re-enrollment:

[Returning clubs](#) should turn in the following to Macomb County MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036; email them to macomb.4h@macombgov.org; or fax them to 586-469-6948, Attn: 4-H, so that we may update your club information in the 4-H Online enrollment system:

- [Club Information Sheet](#)
- [Civil Rights Compliance Statement](#)
- Club Bylaws or Club Rules (use [Bylaws Guidelines](#), [Bylaws Worksheet](#), and [Bylaws Worksheet for Cloverbud Groups](#) as guides)
- [Club Officer Information Sheet](#) (turn in when officers are elected)
- [Club Roster](#)

[New clubs](#) should turn in items listed above AND those listed below:

- [Request for Official Approval to Establish a Michigan 4-H Youth Group](#)
- [4-H Group Tax Exemption Authorization & Request for a Charter](#)
- [4-H Club Constitution](#)

Member and volunteer enrollment/re-enrollment: Members and volunteers must also enroll or re-enroll online at <https://mi.4honline.com> and pay a \$20 per youth/max. \$60 per family Michigan 4-H participation fee. Cash, check or credit card [payments](#) are accepted. Please make checks out to MSU. Credit card payments are accepted by phone (586-469-6431) or in person at the MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. In lieu of payment, a [scholarship application](#) should be turned for each youth who is requesting a scholarship to cover the State 4-H Participation Fee.

Enrollment/re-enrollment deadlines: Remember that youth can enroll in 4-H at any time, however, returning members planning to show 4-H projects at the 2020 Armada Fair must be enrolled by Nov. 1, 2019 and new members by April 1, 2020. Horse project members planning to participate in the County 4-H Point Shows also need to be registered with the Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee by May 1, 2020.

Club disbandment: If your club is not returning for the 2019-20 4-H program year, please contact the Macomb County 4-H program staff for important information about the required [club disbandment](#) process.

Questions about the Macomb County 4-H club enrollment/re-enrollment process or 4-H Online member and volunteer enrollment? Feel free to contact Macomb County 4-H staff at 586-469-6431 or macomb.4h@macombgov.org. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

4-H invited to exhibit at People, Pets & Vets - October 26



Veterinary United is partnering with the Macomb Community College Vet Tech program to host [People, Pets and Vets \(PP&V\)](#) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on October 26th at Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Building E, Clinton Township. [PP&V](#) is a free community event that showcases all things pet/animal related. It's well attended and always a lot of fun.

The 4-H community is invited to be an exhibitor. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Richmond, DVM, at Macomb Center Veterinary Hospital: 586-781-8770.

TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign - Oct. 9-20



Mark your calendar! [The Fall Tractor Supply Company \(TSC\) 4-H Paper Clover Campaign](#) is October 9-20, 2019. Visit any of the TSC locations listed below during that time and support Macomb County 4-H by purchasing a 4-H paper clover at the checkout:

- 57155 Gratiot Ave, New Haven, MI 48048
- 67500 Main St, Richmond, MI 48062
- 66143 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48095

Because proceeds benefit 4-H programs where each store is located, 70% of the funds raised at these locations will stay in Macomb County to be used as scholarships for youth for 4-H camps and leadership experiences.

Can't make it to the store? Donate online at checkout when making a purchase on tractorsupply.com. Donations will be assigned to states based on the shipping location. Or, donate by phone when you call TSC Customer Solutions at 877-718-6750 and specify that you want your donation to benefit youth in Macomb County, Michigan.

4-H clubs can support 4-H during the [TSC 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser](#) by promoting 4-H, promoting a club fundraiser, or providing a 4-H project demonstration in-store between Oct. 9-20. Contact Macomb County MSU Extension at 586-469-6431 or macomb.4h@macombgov.org or visit https://www.tractorsupply.com/landing-pages_4-h_4h-tsc to learn more.

Horse Judging & Hippology teams, horse learning opportunities

Horse Judging and Hippology teams are currently open to any 4-H member in St. Clair and Macomb counties. Contact Lucy Brown at 586-855-3215 or lamckier@yahoo.com or Heather Vuylsteke at 810-434-4359 for more information. See the [flyer](#) to find out how you can help the senior horse judging and hippology teams represent Michigan at national competitions.

Aside from the competition teams, there is also a "just learning" group led by Marianne Moskal, who you can reach at 810-305-9834. Meetings will be held at the Goodells County Park Community Building from 6:30 to 8:30 on the following dates:

Monday, October 7th
Monday, November 4th
Monday, December 2nd
Monday, January 6th
(January 31st-Feb 1st, Horse Judging clinic/practice contest at MSU)
Monday, February 3rd
Monday, March 2nd
(Sunday, March 22nd, [State Horse Judging Contest](#) at MSU)
Monday, April 6th
*Hippology contest date not yet known.

4-H Lake to Table featured on Michigan Out of Doors

Not only was the [4-H Lake to Table](#) event a huge success in August, but it was also featured in Michigan Out-of-Doors. Check out the [clip](#) at 16:40 to see local 4-Hers from Macomb and St. Clair counties. 4-H Lake to Table is a program that teaches youth about fishing. Participants learned hands-on how to fish and then clean, cook and eat their catch. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this program happen. And, a special thank you to Ron and Donna Stahl for sharing their beautiful [property](#) and big hearts with 4-H!





YOUTH FUN WITH FINANCES

WHO:

Teens 13-19

DATES:

Monday, November 18, 25 and
December 2

TIME

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 pm

WHERE:

Harvest Time Christian
Fellowship
8204 E 9 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48089

COST:

FREE! No cost to attend
due to our generous sponsors



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A FEW OF THE FUN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ November 18 - Money personality, financial free-throw, and money goals
- ◆ November 25 - Spartan dollars and cents and budget busters
- ◆ December 2- Credit card craze and buckets of interest

Come to one, two, or all three workshops

HOW TO REGISTER:

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

Registration is required so we have enough materials and food. **Food will be provided!**

CONTACT:

Kathy Jamieson, jamies13@msu.edu 586-469-6093

If you have questions or need help registering.

Other Local News & Events

Armada Holly Days Parade

The [2019 Armada Holly Days Christmas Parade](#) will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please download and fill out the application. Applicants may email or mail their applications by Friday, November 22, 2019. Information is needed by the deadline to complete the lineup, prep narrative for announcers, and purchase food. Your timely submission helps volunteers avoid taking time off work.

The Christmas Parade is run and organized by the Armada Lioness Club and the Parade Chairman can be reached at (586) 612-1352 or sarahmsu@sbcglobal.net.

Source: Armada Agricultural Society Newsletter, September 2019

Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.

4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience. A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials

at http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly Squat Resources



The "Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers. Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series,

visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching_science_when_you_dont_know_diddly_squat_series.

4-H STEM Lab has activities for kids

Take a look! The [4-H STEM Lab](#) has fun STEM activities to do with your 4-H club or group!

Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council



Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of Michigan 4-H Youth Development. In 2015, the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

Applications are now available for the 2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13



For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.



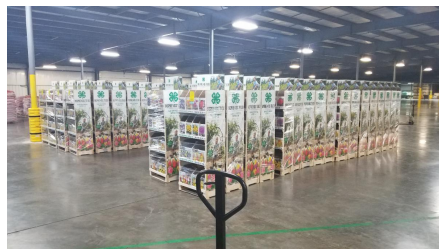
Attend a Detroit Lions game Oct. 20, support 4-H

Enjoy a specially-priced [Detroit Lions game](#) on Oct. 20, 2019 and support 4-H! Purchase tickets online at www.detroitlions.com/4-h.

Please ensure the county field is completed on the form during the checkout process. This is where the donations will be directed to support your county 4-H program.

Questions? Email kyle.kleiman@lions.nfl.net.

New Partnership: DeGroot Bulbs at TSC stores Sept. 13-Oct. 31



DeGroot is proud to partner with 4-H this fall to support youth and encourage communities to Plant with Purpose. Visit any participating Tractor Supply Company stores to purchase DeGroot bulbs between Sept. 13 and Oct. 31, 2019. 50 cents of each box sold goes to National 4-H Council. There is nothing required of local 4-H programs with this partnership, but we wanted to make sure local staff are aware.

Although the displays aren't in every store nationwide, they are in 87 Michigan TSC stores, and this promotion overlaps with TSC Paper Clover which means 4-H will have a strong 4-H presence in the stores. DeGroot bulb displays started popping up in TSC stores nationwide earlier this month. See the attached spreadsheet of participating TSC stores that should have DeGroot displays. Also attached is a warehouse photo of what the displays look like so you know what to look for in stores. Learn more about this opportunity.

Calendars of Events

Macomb County 4-H Calendar of Events

October 1

[4-H Annual Financial Summary Reports](#) due from clubs and committees

October 2

[Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meeting](#)

6:30 p.m., MSU Extension, Clinton Township

October 22

[Fall 4-H Leader Meet](#)

6:30 p.m., MSU Extension, Clinton Township

October 27

[Macomb County 4-H Horse Project Recognition Banquet](#)

1 p.m., [Zuccaro Banquets and Catering](#), Chesterfield Township

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 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

October 12

Armada Sesquicentennial
Armada

October 26

[People, Pets & Vets](#)

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Macomb Community College, Building E, Clinton Township (Garfield & M-59)

State & National 4-H Calendar of Events

September 13-October 31

TSC's DeGroot Bulb sales benefit 4-H
Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores

October 4

[Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting](#)

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

(All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.)

October 5

[4-H Community Harvest Fest](#)

Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham

(Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!)

October 5

[Wayne County 4-H Open House](#)

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

(Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a

youth or a volunteer.)

October 6

[Montcalm County Bake-Off](#)

Frugthaven Farm, Greenville

(Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.)

October 7-13

National 4-H Week

Nationwide

October 9-20

[TSC Paper Clover Campaign](#)

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

(Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.)

October 19

[Teen Chopped Competition](#)

Harrison City Market, Harrison

(This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.)

October 19

[4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update](#)

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

(Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.)

October 20

[4-H Day at the Lions](#)

Ford Field, Detroit

(4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.)

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