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April 2020

Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Horse Program Rules & Regulations updated

Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations have been updated for 2020. They're available online at <https://bit.ly/2HGVLF5>

Be a Mystery Reader for 4-H Military Programs and Families

The U.S. military operates child development centers and school age centers to care for children from six weeks old to age 18. We'd love to have your support of military-connected children and youth by serving as a mystery reader. Youth and adults are encouraged to support a national effort which can be done from your handheld device or computer. Video recordings will be shared and used at child development centers and school age centers along with youth at home with their parents. This is a great opportunity to support our military community and also help others learn about 4-H.

Please contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Katelyn Burns, at burnska9@msu.edu if you are interested in participating as a mystery reader.

Grace Rowley submits a Junior State Mark of Excellence Essay

Grace Rowley of School Section 4-H Club submitted a Junior State Mark of Excellence Essay. Read her essay here:

4-H has taught me many new and unique ways to look at things. It has allowed me to explore different hobbies that I never thought I'd be interested in, and has definitely helped me get better at socializing, with both other people and my pets.

I have been able to meet a variety of new people and be introduced to new personalities. As a moderately shy person, I have grown much more confident in presenting myself in front of everyone. Over the last two and a half years I have become a lot better at talking to other club members.

During my time in 4-H, I have learned how to do a number of useful things. This includes handling a rabbit, using different painting techniques, simple cross-stitching, and much more. I believe that the

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skills that you are able to learn will one day become something rare and remarkable to find in a person. That is why I strongly value everything I have learned.

Along with meeting people, I have been able to meet everyone's pets. Watching how older kids care for their pets helps me to take care of my own more efficiently. I have seen what to do and what not to do, which is quite helpful in keeping my pets healthy.

Because of 4-H, I have made acquaintances with many kind people. I have made slight friends with some, and became just a mutual with others. In summary, I am glad that I met these people.

Overall, 4-H has had an extremely positive affect on my life. It encourages such a number of people to explore their interests and to get outside and be involved. I highly recommend joining 4-H as it is an extraordinary experience.

Fair clean-up & set-up

Armada Fair Clean Up Day is July 12, 2020 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Set-Up Day is August 9th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Other Local News & Events

Livestock tagging dates

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

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

Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship

Have you been a volunteer, employee, open class exhibitor or Youth Organizations exhibitor at the Armada Fair, and are a graduating high school senior? If so, you are eligible to apply for the Bill Hahn Scholarship. Two scholarships will be awarded and may be used at any institution of higher learning, including a trade school, college or university. Applications must be returned to the Armada Fair Office no later than April 15, 2020.

The Armada Agricultural Society sponsors this scholarship in memory of former president and longtime board member, Bill Hahn. For more information, visit <https://armadafair.org/scholarship> or contact the Armada Fair Office at (586) 784-5488.

2020 Armada Fair Open & 4-H Youth entries

Effective as of 2020, The Armada Agricultural Society will no longer accept paper applications for 4-H Youth Exhibitors and Open Exhibitors. Exhibitors are encouraged to transition to the online system in the coming year. The online system will be up and running at the beginning of May 2020. In 2017, the system was integrated with great success. Computers or tablets will be available in the Armada Fair Office for those requiring assistance with the system. If you have any questions please contact the Armada Fair Office at office@armadafair.org.

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Wolcott Mill Metropark seeks applicants for Interpreter/Teamster position

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Financial manuals updated

The 4-H financial manuals for 4-H treasurers and 4-H volunteers have been updated. Both are now available online at <https://bit.ly/2wRiQU4>.

TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign postponed

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) 4-H Paper Clover Campaign has been postponed. The new date will be announced when it becomes available. Meanwhile, mark your calendar for the Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign: October 7-18, 2020!

The Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm and Historic Center is seeking applicants for its part time, year-round position of Interpreter/Teamster to work with its draft horse program and to conduct agricultural education programs at the Farm and Historic Center. A full job description can be obtained by contacting Human Resources at hr@metroparks.com or online at www.metroparks.com/jobs. Apply [online](#).

Statewide 4-H News & Events

Celebrate Money Smart Week with Show Your Money Smarts Contest

Money Smart Week is April 4-11 and to celebrate, you can win cash for you and your county 4-H program! Youth ages 13-19 have the opportunity to participate in the second annual [Show Your Money Smarts](#)



[Contest](#). From April 1-30, contest participants will learn how to use credit wisely through an online challenge. High-scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing for themselves and counties with 10 or more youth participants will be eligible to receive \$50 for their county 4-H program. Make sure to register by April 16! To learn more, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

Credit Craze: Basics of Credit for Youth Webinar

Youth ages 13-19, sign up for Credit Craze: Basics of Credit for Youth webinar and increase your knowledge of credit and avoid the the craze of debt. Attend April 1, 7, 8, or 14. This webinar is free and open to the public. Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CreditCraze/>.

Virtual Interviewing Tips



Virtual interviewing is becoming common. Learn from MSU Extension about some tips and tricks to having a successful virtual interview. Tuesday, March 31st at 11:00 am and April 7th, at 1:30 pm. Here is the zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/9821196586>.

Share your photo and support 4-H with Manna Pro!



From February 1-April 30, Manna Pro is hosting a contest to build a 4-H picture mosaic online. Those pictures are integrated into tiny pieces to make a larger photo.

At the conclusion of the contest, Manna Pro will be providing the top three state 4-H programs with prizes of \$6,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000.

Winners will be determined based on the number of photos uploaded in relation to the state's total population.

4-H members, supporters, and friends can upload pictures of their pet or animal to Manna Pro's contest site. In return, they will receive \$50 in coupons and help increase their state's chances at taking home a cash prize!

To learn more or participate, visit www.mannapro.com/4h.

Save the date for 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp



The 2020 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp will be held August 2-8 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. Youth ages 13-15 will explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The cost for this camp is \$410 for current 4-H youth. Registration will be available soon. Learn more at canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

Cottage Food Law Training - on demand



Macomb County MSU Extension is offering an online training on starting a home based food business. Training includes modules on business planning, formation, marketing and packaging. This is an ideal opportunity at a low cost to create and realize how to use your cooking talents and ideas to start a business. Bon Appetit!

For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3bG4GVc>.

Building Early Emotional Skills for Parents Online Class

[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 run in a self-paced, cohort style class. It is expected to take approximately one hour per week to complete the course content. The Spring course began on March 29th. Registration will run from March 23-April 6, 2020. Visit <https://bit.ly/2JnMt2o> for more information or to register.

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 run in a self-paced, cohort style class. It is expected to take approximately one hour per week to complete the course content. This training is approved in miRegistry for 8 hours. Spring course begins on March 29th. Registration will run from March 23-April 6, 2020. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2WU9aTO>.

Save the date for the 4-H Spartan Coding Camp!



In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension is excited to offer 4-H Spartan Coding Camp for the second time this summer. This five-day camp will bring high school-aged youth to the campus of MSU, June 28 - July 2.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! At the end of camp, you'll also be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further your coding skills. Registration will be open soon. For more information, visit canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.

Renewable Energy Camp



From July 6-10, 2020, the 4-H Renewable Energy Camp will take place at Michigan State University (MSU). This five-day pre-college program is available to youth ages 13-15 who are interested in exploring ideas, research and opportunities related to renewable energy.

During this camp, the youth will visit labs that are conducting renewable energy research, renewable energy companies that think outside the box, and farms that are using renewable energy to remain profitable. The interactive camp will engage youth in experiments, questions and conversations focused on the application of solar radiation into electricity. The culmination of the week will be youth teams designing solutions for incorporating solar energy into real-life applications.

The cost for this camp is \$280 for 4-H youth. Registration is available until April 15. Learn more and apply at canr.msu.edu/4_h_renewable_energy_camp/.

Livestock Learning Series begins April 9

Shiawassee County MSU Extension is offering a Livestock Learning series for livestock youth at 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays beginning April 9, 2020. Join us for an online series of Livestock Learning on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Speakers will include Sullivan's Supply staff, a Livestock Judging team coach, a board member from MJLS and many more! Pre-registration required to get the link find out more and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/OnlineLivestockLearning/>.

Rabbit Showmanship & Fitting Workshop - May 16



The State Rabbit and Cavy Committee has organized a [showmanship and fitting workshop](#) for the rabbit and cavy project area on May 16, 2020 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This workshop is intended to be face to face at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in St. Johns, but will be offered virtually if it becomes necessary. Visit <https://bit.ly/2w6Q6qy> for more information or to register.

Biosecurity at the Dog Show - April 9

Wondering how to keep you and your dog safe while attending dog shows this summer? Join us April 9th at noon to learn all about biosecurity at the dog show! Bring your furry friend with you to the meeting! Link to join in: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/282058887>.



Michigan 4-H #DareToServeChallenge to be issued in April as part of the national 4-H True Leaders in Service

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is again launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities.



Though the novel coronavirus situation may limit traditional in-person service activities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to think about ways they can lend a helping hand in their communities.

As in year's past, Michigan 4-H'ers goal for 2020 remains the same: to have at least one 4-H-led community service project in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April!

Are you ready to make sure that 4-H in your county meets the goal? Here's how you can participate:

- During the month of April, work on your own or join with others (in your home or virtually), to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference. Here are a few ideas you can do from your own home to get you started:
 - Write cards or notes to members of a senior center or

nursing home who can no longer receive visitors at this time.

- Sew masks for healthcare workers.
- Help raise money or resources for organizations in need.
- Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan at: www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service.
- After you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.
- If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to Michigan 4-H at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/donateor> <https://givingto.msu.edu>.

Calendars of Events

As novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, Michigan State University Extension remains focused on the health and wellbeing of its participants, volunteers and employees. Per university guidance, MSU Extension staff have been asked to find alternative delivery methods for all in-person activities schedule through May 15. If a virtual method is not practical, the event must be canceled or postponed until after May 15 (at a minimum).

This applies to our Michigan 4-H volunteers and youth as well. You are encouraged to move upcoming events to an online format such as Zoom or Skype. If a virtual option is not practical, please postpone or cancel in-person 4-H meetings and activities scheduled between now and May 15.

Although face-to-face programs and events will not take place through May 15, MSU Extension will continue in its mission to serve communities. Visit the Remote Learning and Resources online space at canr.msu.edu/rlr for a collection of online offerings that can be enjoyed from home, including resources for school closure activities.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please contact your county 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

Macomb County 4-H Events

April 1

4-H [enrollment](#) deadline for new youth members planning to show projects at the 2020 Armada Fair.

July 12

Fair Clean-Up

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 9

Fair Setup

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

Other Local Events

April 15

Bill Hahn Scholarship application deadline
Armada Fair Office, Armada

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

April 1 -10

[Lunch and Learn Lecture Series](#)

Online (*Youth can enjoy a short 45-minute online lecture from animal science experts each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Topics and speakers vary each day.*)

April 1-3

[MSU Extension Family Yoga with Kylie](#)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/761734640>
Join each weekday from 9:30-10 a.m. for 30 minutes of yoga, breathing and mindfulness.

April 1, 7, 8 or 14

[Credit Craze-Basics of Credit for Youth](#)

<https://bit.ly/2y75S5n>
(*This short one-hour interactive webinar will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more. You'll also learn how you can use the knowledge learned to take part in the 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest!*)

April 1-30

[Show Your Money Smarts Contest](#)

Online, register by April 16

April 7

[Virtual Interviewing Tips](#)

1:30 p.m., online
(*Learn tips and tricks for a successful online interview*)

April 9

[Biosecurity at the Dog Show](#)

12 p.m., Online

April 9

[Livestock Learning Series](#)

7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays

May 16

[State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship & Fitting Workshop](#)

10 am.-2:30 p.m., Clinton County Fairgrounds, St. John
(*May be moved to a virtual format due to COVID-19*)

June 24

[Exploration Days](#)

MSU, East Lansing

June 28-July 2

[4-H Spartan Coding Camp](#)

MSU, East Lansing

July 6-10

[Renewable Energy Camp](#)

MSU, East Lansing

July 31

Last day for State Line Tack 4-H Fundraiser
(Sept. 2019-July 2020)

August 2-8

[4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#)

Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

For the full event listing of virtual events for youth audiences,
visit <https://bit.ly/3dqPfil>.