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March 2020

Macomb County 4-H News & Events

4-H Mini-Horse Clinic - March 29



Macomb County MSU Extension, Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee, and Villandry Farms are offering a [4-H Mini-Horse Clinic](#) from 12-4 p.m. on March 29, 2020 at [Villandry Farms](#), 78695 Capac Road, Armada, MI 48005. The clinic is free and open to youth who are ages 5-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020.

This clinic is perfect for youth who may or may not have a mini horse of their own but want to learn about them. Participants will learn the basics of horse behavior, breeds, and safety around horses through a variety of activities. Topics will include Showmanship, Halter, Grooms and Trail. Participants who trailer their horses to this event must present a valid Coggins.

To register, email macomb.4h@macombgov.org or call (586) 469-6431. For more information, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu.

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>

Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Tack Sale - March 7

Buy or sell anything for the horse or rider at the [40th Annual Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Horse Tack Sale](#) from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on March 7, 2020 at the Berville Lions Field Hall, 13651 Hough Road, Allenton, MI 48002. New and used tack and clothing will be available. This consignment sale is open to the public and will benefit Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Club. Call (248) 425-3174 for more information.

Dream It, Be It - March 7

Soroptimist's [Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls](#) is March 7, 2020 at the VerKuilen Building, Assembly Rooms A and B, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, MI 48036. This program, provided with support from Macomb County 4-H, helps girls ages 14-18 grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. The program provides girls

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with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams. By participating in this program, girls will learn about career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success, and moving forward after setbacks.

Lunch will be provided to program participants. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/vhvfyr> by March 3rd or contact 4-H Program Coordinator Katelyn Burns at 586-469-5979.

4-H Craft Day - March 14



Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will be hosting a [craft day](#) for 4-H members and friends on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is open to both 4-H and non-4-H members ages 5-19 as of January 1st and will be held at Macomb County MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township. The cost is \$5 per youth and includes needed craft supplies and pizza.

Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MCYCCraftDay/> by March 9th. Registration on the day of the event will increase to \$10 per youth. For more information, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Katelyn Burns at (586) 469-5979 or burnska9@msu.edu.

Sparty 4-H Day Camp - April 6-10

[Sparty 4-H Day Camp](#) is April 6-10, 2020 at Max Thompson Family Resource Center in Warren. Campers ages 5-12 will meet from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. The \$75 fee includes breakfast, lunch and snack. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HSpartySpringCamp2020/> for more information or to register, or contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090.

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meetings

Upcoming Macomb County 4-H Youth Council meeting dates are April 24, June 3, and July 8. Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township.

Teen Counselor Program

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) is now accepting applications for the [2020 Teen Counselor Program](#). Open to high schoolers, this program will help participants gain valuable career and employment skills while being mentored by MSUE staff. Contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090 or duraneli@msu.edu for more information.

Macomb Co. teens travel to D.C. with Ag Innovators

Macomb County 4-H Teen Counselors Shayla McGee and Renee Nails traveled to Washington, D.C. last year with [4-H Ag Innovators](#), a program designed to develop critical workforce skills in young people and show them that agriculture is relevant and fun. Read more about their experiences below.

Shayla McGee

"My experience in Washington D.C. was amazing. I met a lot of new friends and had a great time learning new things about agriculture.

"At first I was really scared to go to Washington,

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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>.



McGee

D.C. because I found out we were taking a plane. I had never had that experience before. It was my first time. Once we got on the plane and started flying it was not bad at all. It took us about a little over an hour to land in Washington D.C and the sight was beautiful.

On the way to the 4-H Conference Center we had to take three subways back to back which was really cool because I haven't been on one since I was little. Once we got off the final subway, we took a city bus to the conference center.

"We arrived at the Conference Center and it is a very nice place. It was very big and all about 4-H. When we walked in we had to wait in a line to check in and get our rooms to sleep in. Once we did all that, we signed up for the classes we wanted to experience for our four days there. We also got a shirt, water bottle, and backpack.

"Once we got nice and settled in, we went to our first class that we signed up for and learned lots of new things to teach the children back in Michigan. We learned how to make healthy snacks and real butter. We watched how dyed milk reacts to dish soap and a lot more things. We had about 3 classes a day and it was cool.

"Throughout the whole trip I heard from great special speakers who inspired me. I also learned a lot of new things about agriculture. I made a lot of new friends from all around the world that have been in 4-H all of their lives. The food was very good and so were the desserts they had for us.

"My favorite part about D.C was going to different museums, such as the African American Museum. There was so much history there and I loved it a lot.

"My other favorite part of Washington was the night tour we took. I got to see a lot of the monuments and memorials each place we stopped. We saw the WWII memorial, Abraham Lincoln monument, Martin Luther King, Jr. monument, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans War Memorial, and the new three man statue (Three Soldiers) that represents the Vietnam war. We also see the Washington Monument and lots more, and I love hearing the history behind all of them.

"My experience in Washington was awesome, I hope to go back to it next year and learn more experiences."

Renee Nails

"In 4-H I have had many experiences that I have never had before, from day camps, a trip to the [Kettunen Center](#), as well as a three-day trip to MSU for [Exploration Days](#). But, the most recent one was a trip to our nation's capital to Washington D.C. for an event called [4-H Ag Innovators Experience](#).

"The purpose of the trip was to go and learn about career options for agriculture, history behind it, as well as facts we didn't know before then. I personally learned a lot because I knew nothing about agriculture.

"I learned a great deal about plants. We also went on an amazing night tour so we could see the monuments like the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument, Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

"We also went to the the National Mall where there are museums all around. We had a choice as to which museum we wanted to go to and I went to the African American museum. It was really fun and engaging. I loved it!!

"The food was great, the people were nice and the housing was good as well. I would love to go again if I could and it's an experience I'd most definitely recommend."

To find out more about the Ag Innovators or Teen Counselor programs, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator [Lizz Duran](#) at 586-469-6090.

4-H Fundraisers

JOANN Fabrics & Crafts, Tractor Supply Company, and State Line Tack have made it easy to support 4-H.

JOANN stores offer three ways to support 4-H:

1) The [Clovers for Kids Campaign](#) is March 1-April 30, 2020. Purchase a clover when checking out during this time to support 4-H. Funds raised at these stores will benefit youth in Macomb County:

- 50809 Waterside Drive, Chesterfield Township, MI 48051
- 20550 E. 13 Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066
- 14367 Hall Road, Shelby Township, MI 48315

2) Sign up for a [JOANN 4-H Rewards card](#). 4-H families, volunteers and staff can get 15 percent off total JOANN purchases every day with the rewards card. JOANN will donate 2.5 percent of purchases made with the rewards card to the National 4-H Council. Sign up online at <https://www.joann.com/4-h> or download the JOANN app to your mobile device.

3) Purchase 4-H fabric. JOANN will donate 4.5 percent of custom 4-H fabric sales to the National 4-H Council. Local JOANN stores have limited quantities in stock.

Have you made sewing projects with 4-H fabric? Send photos to Abby Miller, abmiller@msu.edu. The National 4-H Council would like to share them on social media.

The **Tractor Supply Company (TSC)** Spring 4-H Paper Clover Campaign is April 29-May 10, 2020. Purchase a paper clover at checkout to help 4-H offer youth scholarships to 4-H camps and other 4-H leadership activities. Seventy percent of the Paper Clover funds raised at Macomb County's TSC stores ([Richmond](#), [New Haven](#) and [Romeo](#)) will benefit youth in Macomb County.

4-H groups can promote 4-H, demonstrate a project, or hold an approved fundraiser in-store. Fill out this [online form](#) to hold your fundraiser in-store any time of year, or [contact your local TSC store](#) or [MSU Extension program coordinator](#) to find out how you can participate in-store during the Paper Clover Campaign.

State Line Tack: Through July 31, 2020, State Line Tack customers can add a donation to 4-H in their online shopping cart. State Line Tack is also offering customers to round up on orders, buy a Heart to Horse box to treat yourself and add a \$1 donation to 4-H or stop by one of their events to add a donation to your purchase. Of your donations, 100 percent will help grow 4-H nationwide and support your local 4-H equine program. Learn more: <https://www.statelinetack.com/content/partnerships/4-h/>.

4-H club and committee fundraisers: Does your club or committee have an upcoming fundraiser? We can help you promote it! Send your information to macomb.4h@macombgov.org to have it included in the 4-H family newsletter, shared on social media, or emailed to 4-H families. Remember, 4-H club and committee fundraisers [must be approved](#) by MSU Extension at least 10 business days prior to the start of the fundraiser.

4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Show - April 18

The 29th Annual 4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds in Imlay City.

- Entry Fees are \$30.00 per head.
- Entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 3, 2020.
- 2020 High School seniors graduating from one of the seven counties in the Thumb who will have exhibited their beef project two or more years including exhibiting in the 2020 Thumb Jackpot Beef Show are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Indicate on your entry form.
- Please donate items for the auction to raise money for the Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship.
- Please bring a dessert for Family Night Dinner. Lapeer County is graciously hosting the Family Night Complementary Dinner on Friday evening for all participants and their families. Everyone is welcome to bring a dessert.
- Forms are available online at www.thumbjackpot.com.

If you have any questions contact your county committee member or Jenny McKay at 810-694-0561.

4-H educational materials, kits & equipment

Macomb County 4-H has a variety of curriculum, educational kits and equipment available to its volunteers. Borrow items free of charge by requesting them using the links below, call or email the 4-H Office (586-469-6431 / macomb.4h@macombgov.org), or make your request in person at Macomb County MSU Extension's Clinton Township location.

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| Curriculum: https://bit.ly/37ljiAJ |
| Educational Kits: https://bit.ly/3bWtJ7f (China Art, Beef, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine) |
| Equipment: https://bit.ly/2PgvBOy (brooding kits, buzzer system, disc golf goal, GoPro, incubator, shooting sports) |

The 4-H staff will contact you when your request is ready for pick up. Items are typically borrowed for two weeks at a time unless other arrangements are made. The China Art Kit and brooding kits are also available to schools and organizations outside of 4-H. For more information contact Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H staff at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombgov.org.

4-H curriculum and other supplies are available for purchase at <https://shop4-h.org/>.

2020 4-H Fair Theme

All votes are in, and the 2020 Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme is Good 'Ole 4-H. Thanks to all who participated!

Fair clean-up & set-up

The Armada Fair Clean Up Day is July 12th 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.

Statewide 4-H News & Events

Celebrate Money Smart Week with 4-H Money Smarts contests

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. During this contest, youth 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!

Students in fifth through eighth grade also have the opportunity to participate in the Money Smart Kids Essay Contest. In partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking youth to answer this year's Money Smart question for a chance to win a \$1,000 prize. To participate, youth will share what they know about predatory lenders, why people use them, what the negative consequences are, and how to avoid these types of financial risks. Essays should be 300 words or less and be submitted by March 29.

To learn more about both contests, including official rules, registration links and resources for completing the contests, 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](https://events.anr.msu.edu/CreditCraze/) webinar and increase your knowledge of credit and avoid the the craze of debt. Attend March 26, March 30, April 1 or April 7. This webinar is free and open to the public. Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CreditCraze/>.

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.

4-H Exploration Days registration opens March 10



[4-H Exploration Days](#) is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer-maybe even change your life! Registration for this popular event begins March 10 and is open to any Michigan youth who are ages 11-19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 200 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. During the 2019 4-H Exploration Days, nearly 2,000 youth attended and they gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication.

Registration will be available beginning March 10 at 9 a.m. All [registration information](#) should be turned in to your county's MSU Extension office, typically by the end of April. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for your specific county date or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days for more information.

State 4-H Rabbit Show Results

The Michigan 4-H Rabbit Show was January 25, 2020. View show results [here](#).

4-H Day at the Red Wings - April 4

Thanks to a new Michigan 4-H Foundation partnership with the Detroit Red Wings, 4-H members, families and friends are invited to a

Red Wings hockey game while supporting Michigan 4-H!

4-H Day at the Red Wings
Detroit Red Wings vs. Tampa Bay Lightning
Saturday, Apr. 4, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Little Caesars Arena (2645 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201)

Each ticket purchased from the unique 4-H link will include a \$5 donation back to county 4-H programs (based on ticket purchaser zip code). Learn more and purchase tickets online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-red-wings>.

Calendars of Events

Macomb County 4-H Events

March 7

[Ray's Riding Rascals 4-H Tack Sale](#)

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Berville Lions Field Hall, Allenton

March 7

[Dream It, Be It](#)

10 a.m.-3 p.m., MSU Extension, Clinton Township

March 14

[4-H Craft Day](#)

11 a.m.-2 p.m., MSU Extension, Clinton Township

March 29

[4-H Mini-Horse Clinic](#)

12-4 p.m., Villandry Farms, Armada

April 1

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

April 6-10

[Sparty 4-H Day Camp](#)

9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

April 18

[4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Show](#)

Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds, Imlay City

April 24

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council meeting
6:30 p.m., VerKuijen Building, Clinton Township

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

March 1

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

Time TBA, MSU, East Lansing

March 1-April 30

JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign

JOANN Stores, nationwide

(Chesterfield Twp., Roseville, Shelby Twp. locations benefit Macomb 4-H)

March 3-4

[Project FISH Workshop](#)

MSU Natural Resources Building, East Lansing

March 6

[Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training](#)

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

March 7

[4-H Dog Workshop](#)

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 10

[Exploration Days](#) registration begins

9 a.m.

March 13-15

[4-H Dairy Conference](#)

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 14

[Southwest Michigan 4-H Cat Fun Match](#)

10 a.m. (registration opens 9 a.m.), County Building, Paw Paw

March 14-15

4-H Robotics Youth Challenge

Kettunen Center

March 15-18

Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience

Lansing

March 15

Beekeeping essays due

March 21

Montcalm County 4-H Goat Fun Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds

March 21

[4-H Hippology Contest](#)

MSU, East Lansing

March 22

[4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest](#)

MSU, East Lansing

March 28

[Norma Agnew Memorial Hairy Horse Show](#)

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

March 29

Money Smart Kid essay submission deadline

April 1-30

[Show Your Money Smarts Contest](#)

Online, register by April 16

April 4**[4-H Day at the Red Wings](#)**

7 p.m., Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

April 25

Montcalm County 4-H Youth Rabbit & Cavy Show
Crystal Community Center, Crystal

April 29-May 10

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover Campaign
TSC Stores, nationwide
(Richmond, New Haven, Romeo locations benefit Macomb Co. 4-H)

June 24**[Exploration Days](#)**

MSU, East Lansing

July 31

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

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