



Reflections on 2007-08

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start now and make a brand new ending" -*Carl Bard*.

Now that Michigan 4-H's 100th birthday bash celebration and 2008 Armada Fair festivities are over, please take a moment with me to reflect on this past year.

- Did you say thank you to all those who helped you throughout the year or take their help for granted?
- Did you help those who asked for help or were you too busy?
- Did you ask for help when you needed it or did you do it all yourself and become resentful or frustrated?
- Did you provide encouragement, praise, and motivation or were you insulting, negative, and critical of errors ?
- Did you treat people with respect and dignity or belittle and gossip about them?
- Did you show good sportsmanship and cooperation or were you at times inflexible, intolerant and stubborn?
- Did you seek information if you were unsure or did you risk making assumptions that were not true?
- Did you support your 4-H club or were you focused only on yourself?
- Can you/did you forgive those who trespassed against you or do you choose to hold a grudge?
- What did you learn from your projects, your leaders, your experiences, your problems, challenges, and your decisions?
- Where do we go from here?

Let us learn from our past but let it go and focus on the present as we strive to make the best better.

Kathy Jamieson, Macomb County 4-H Agent

4-H Leader Update

A 4-H General Leader Update will be held at the VerKuielen Building at 6 p.m. on September 4, 2008. Dinner will be served. General Leaders or a club representative are required to attend to discuss club re-enrollment, 4-H Council reorganization and more. Club re-enrollment packets will be available at the meeting. RSVP by Sept. 3 by calling 586-469-6431 .

4-H County & State Awards Workshop

The County and State Awards Workshop will be held at the VerKuielen Building on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Assembly Room A, at the VerKuielen Building

Who Should Attend: Youth and Adults who need assistance understanding the County & State Awards applications, directions and process.

What You Will Receive: Copies of the Applications (if you don't already have them), Clear Instructions on how to fill out the applications, and the chance to ask questions before you fill out the applications.

If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please RSVP to the 4-H Office by September 19, 2008 via email at Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov or by phone at (586) 469-6431. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Alarro Treats Fairgoers to Ice Cream



Alarro 4-H Club scooped ice cream at the 2008 Armada Fair to celebrate Michigan 4-H's 100th Birthday Bash. The patrons at the fair lined up quickly to enjoy the free ice cream. Alarro scooped a total of 760 cones. Thank you to Stroh's Ice Cream and Lick's Ice Cream Parlor for their support.

Submitted by Lori Evans, Alarro 4-H Club

Club & Committee News

Future Entrepreneurs 4-H Club Products Well Received



Bri Bloxson of the Future Entrepreneurs 4-H Club sold the club's "Uniquely Yours" buttons at the Exploration Days Marketplace.

The Future Entrepreneurs Club of Macomb (F.E.C.) members attended the Annual 4-H Youth Exploration Days, and enrolled in the Business Expo track which provided the opportunity to showcase and sell customized message buttons from their "UniquelyYours" customized product line. Early this spring, the F.E.C. members unanimously voted to make customized, personalized products as their business product, such as message buttons, candles, bumper stickers, and duct-tape accessories. The club received their first mass order to provide I.D. buttons for 4-H Armada Fair judges, superintendents, teen clerks, and day chairs. Following that successful transaction, they received \$141.00 in button sales and took 2nd place in overall business performance! Way to go Macomb F.E.C.!

The Expo Days sale provided a valuable lesson in entrepreneurship and the experience increased the momentum and ambition of the club members. "I knew the buttons would sell, but I was surprised at how well they sold!", says Bri Bloxson, the F.E.C. production manager. Bri's business idea of the message buttons has proven to be a profitable one. Each F.E.C. member was responsible for selling buttons during the

inaugural Market Place sale, which in itself was a success not just for the Macomb club, but all the entrepreneur clubs that sold their products. It was a win-win for everyone involved: the clubs received revenue and the buyers left as satisfied customers. "It was fun, says Brianna Wilkinson, the club president. The club also sold more of their products at the Armada Fair in August. Got something to say? Say it with a button! Just e-mail Macomb's F.E.C.'s "Uniquely Yours" at support@uniquelyyours4h.com. You will be right on the button with "a unique expression for a unique impression"!

Submitted by Bee Brown, Future Entrepreneurs 4-H Club

Celebrate Urban Birds

Celebrate Urban Birds is fun and flexible. To help with a science project, your 4-H group can watch city birds for 10 minutes, check off 15 target species of birds, and send the information through the mail or the Internet to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Once enough data are gathered, scientists hope to learn more about how birds survive in cities and how they use urban green spaces such as parks, rooftop gardens, and even potted plants on balconies for food, resting sites, and shelter.



You can also join in gardening, art, or cultural activities using your own ideas or suggestions available on the Celebrate Urban Birds website. Celebrate Urban Birds has partnered with more than 2,000 organizations to hold special "birdy" events featuring art, science, gardening, or other ways to engage youth in bird study and observation.

Celebrate Urban Birds invites you to become a partner too! Our web site has many resources and suggestions specifically for 4-H clubs on how to craft an event or project: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/celebration/GettingStarted/4h>

While supplies last, everyone who signs up will receive a Celebrate Urban Birds kit in English and Spanish with two colorful urban birds posters, educational materials about birds and urban greening, a data form, and a packet of sunflower seeds to plant in pots and gardens. More than 60,000 free kits have been distributed.

Learn more about Celebrate Urban Birds and sign up at www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org. Please contact Karen Purcell, Project Leader, at (607) 254-2455 or kap7@cornell.edu if you have any questions.

Congratulations to Macomb County State Award Delegates

Macomb County was well represented on Thursday evening, June 19 during the State Awards Assembly held at Exploration Days in the Wharton Center. Congratulations to Crystal Knust who was the State Awards winner for Woodworking/Crafts; Kara Lotan—honorable mention for goats; Jessica Makowski – honorable mention for rabbits; Anna Rode, Adrienne Brockert, and Heather Kitchen – honorable mention representing Northern Macomb for group community service project; Elizabeth Brockert representing the dog project area, Ashley Cerku representing the horse project area, and Shelby Motoligin representing the poultry area. Each of these youth submitted an extensive portfolio on their project area and participated in an interview. Congratulations to all for their hard work and representing our county well.

Upcoming Events

People Pets and Vets

People, Pets & Vets will be held at Macomb Community College at M-59 and Garfield Road on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a FREE educational, interactive and fun event for the whole family to learn about veterinary and animal care from a variety of resources!

People, Pets & Vets is a joint project sponsored by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and Macomb Community College Veterinary Technician Program. If your club or committee is interested in having a booth and participating in this event, please contact Tari Kern at kern@catsvet.com or 586-463-9550.

4-H Global & Cultural Education Workshop

The 4-H Global and Cultural Education Workshop is scheduled for September 27-28, at Kettunen Center. Connect youth to the world by learning about successful county 4-H activities including, spending the night at a "Global Village" in Howell, Michigan; organizing an international dinner to raise money for global projects; documenting and preserving local barn and farmstead history; and participating in a Global Camp. Encourage world view thinking through the following sessions: Your Carbon Footprint – How You Can Make a Difference on the Environment; Michigan 4-H International Exchange Opportunities in Japan, Poland, Belize and Around the World; Unlocking Your Family History – Genealogy 101; AIDS Orphans in Uganda Service Learning Project; Pakistani Culture; and German Food Traditions. Learn how counties have used Que Rico! (How Rich!), the Latino Culture Curriculum in exploring the history and culture of Latin America through the arts.

This workshop is for adults and teens aged 13 and up by January 1, 2009. The cost is \$42 per person. Register by September 12, 2009.

4-H Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop

November 1-2, Kettunen Center: The 2008 4-H Visual Arts and Crafts Workshop is offering the following sessions: Basket Making; Fabulous Felting (jewelry and wall art from wool fibers); Fused Glass Jewelry (pendant

and earrings); Chinese Brush Painting (classical Chinese art using rice paper and bamboo brushes); Crazy Sock Creatures (wacky sock dolls); Scrapbooking (memorable scrapbook pages made from your photos and memorabilia); Wood Peace Bowls (wood burned and hand painted 10" wood bowls); Stained Glass (unique hand cut and soldered glass decorative art); Mosaic Making (12" plate decorated with old china chips, colored glass, stones and more); Rag Rugs; Beginning Digital Photography; Composition in Digital Photography; Advanced Digital Photography; and Building Youth Leadership Skills through Arts and Crafts.

For adults and teens 13 and up by January 1, 2009. Registration deadline is October 17, 2009.

Youth/Dog Team Award Applications Sought



Taja Siberians offers a \$100 award each year to a young person (up to the age of 16) with an exemplary dedication to a pure bred Siberian Husky. This award is meant for those devoted to

the care and training of their purebred, registered Siberian Husky as well as verifiable participation in one or more dog sports or activities (such as sledding, racing, conformation, agility, 4-H, obedience, therapy, weight pull, rally, tracking, service dog training, lure coursing, etc.) throughout the year.

Award applications are due by January 1, 2009. For more information, go to <http://www.tajasiberians.net/saywoo.html>.

4-H Council Wants Fair Photos

National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2004-2009) to create the 2011 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2009 through November 2009 and also posted on the National 4-H web site.

VERY IMPORTANT - Submissions will only be considered if they include the following: Full NAME and AGE of person submitting photograph, affiliation with 4-H, complete return address, telephone number, list of awards that each submitted photographs have received (county, state, 4-H or other) - If it has not received some prior award or

recognition, it will not be considered, the photographer's thoughts about the photograph, in 25 words or less (include title of photograph).

Photo submissions should be 8"x10", in color, and in a horizontal (landscape) format. Vertical shots will not be accepted. Digital photos must be high resolution files (900 x 1200). Black and white photos will not be considered for this full color calendar. Please do not submit photos printed on a home printer, color photo copies, or low resolution digital prints. Have the print developed at a photo processing store or furnish a CD with a high resolution digital file (900 x 1200).

The National 4-H Council will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2009. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2009. After final selection winners will be notified and asked for a signed photo release. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. We will also request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Please submit photos to 2011 4-H Calendar, National 4-H Supply Service, 6931 Arlington Road Suite T-400, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814. The submission deadline is March 31, 2009.

4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop

The 4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop will be held October 11-12, 2008 at Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI. Participants ages 13 and older will have an opportunity to update their knowledge and skills in the Clothing and Textiles area. Exchange ideas with others from around the state. Beginning Sewing, Gifts from the Home, Quilting, Clothing Buymanship, Recycled Accessories, Knitting, Fleece Wrap and more will be offered. The cost is \$38 per person. Reserve your spot at the county Extension office by Sept. 26, 2008.

Youth Farm Stand

The St. Clair County 4-H Program is looking for youth ages 14-19 interested in becoming Entrepreneurs. Youth interested will become participants in a Youth Farm Stand project that will work in the Memphis area. As part of the program youth will learn how to develop a business plan, actively participate in marketing and get an understanding of the ins and outs of being a business owner. Participants in the program will receive an income at the end of the program. Please contact Gilda Schott at 810-989-6935 for information.

Fair News

Thank You

Thank you to all the 4-H youth, volunteers, clubs, and families that donated time and helped make this past year and the Armada Fair a fun, memorable and learning experience for our 4-H family. A special thank you goes out to all the Day Chairs for overseeing the Exhibit Building and making sure their club families were there to promote 4-H and all the projects were safe. We also want to thank all the clubs and families who lent a hand to clean the fairgrounds, set up and tear down the various barns, and collect feed cone donations.

Special recognition goes out to Cheryl Donovan, Michael and Mary Cobbett for organizing Macomb County 4-H Council's major fundraiser, the 4-H Petting Farm. Cheryl, Mike and Mary dedicated countless hours to ensure the 4-H Council can provide financial support for activities such as 4-H scholarships to Exploration Days, National Congress and Kettenun Center Workshops, the County Award Banquet, Club Pins, Officer Training and much, much more.

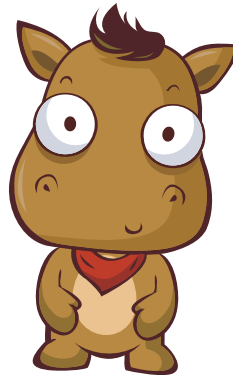
A tremendous thank you goes out to our 4-H Superintendents and the Armada Fair Board for all their hard work and dedication. By providing leadership to each department, securing judges, answering questions, and dealing with concerns as they arise, both our 4-H and Fair Superintendents played a vital role in ensuring the shows are fair and a positive experience for all. Make sure to thank the Fair Board Members for welcoming and supporting 4-H and the following individuals for serving as 4-H Superintendents: Beef-Carl Myer and Ray Kuschel, Dairy-Mark Falker, Sheep-Marie Marcatch and Gina Riebel, Goats-Jean and Kathleen Bingham, Swine- Earl Proctor and Rebecca DeHondt, Horses-Mike Defour, Bob Decker, and Patricia Fons, Rabbits and Pocket Pets-Kathy Mathews and Lyle Ballard, Poultry-Kerry Dubaere, Dogs-Barbara Gates and Kirk Detloff, Ed and Vet Science-Nancy Duemling and Penny Tibbits, Floriculture, Horticulture, and Grains/Herbs-Sue Archambault, Natural Resources-Bette Nebel, Family –Alayne Waterstraat, Folk Patterns-Penny Tibbits, Food Preparation-Jean Bingham and Valerie Cusumano, Personal Appearance and Creative Stitchery-Marilyn Bohm and Patricia Fons, Creative Artists- Judy Makowski and Sharon Knust, Artists-Marilyn Bohm, Industrial Arts-Herman Houin, Photography- Karen Hakim, Additional Projects-Paul Gianaferrara, 4-H Exhibit Bldg Club Displays- Jim Kaltz, 4-H Exhibit Building-Denise Lotan and Patricia Fons, King and Queen-Jenna Lotan and Christine Bingham, Cloversprouts-Jenna Lotan, Teen Clerks-Jessica Makowski, Michigan State Fair Gold Ribbon and Grand Best of Show-Nancy Davis.

The 4-H Livestock Sale and Silent Auction Committee Members also deserve special recognition for all their hard work before, during and after the sale to coordinate, promote and organize this major event. Thank you to all the families who played an active part in this event.

The collective support of our youth, families, and volunteers is what 4-H is all about. Thank you to all who displayed their 4-H spirit by sharing your time, energy, and giving a helping hand to the community.

Something to Whinny About...

Claire Vestrand of Ray Community 4-H Club was announced the winner of the "Write an Essay, Win a Horse" contest at the 2008 Armada Fair. The young halflinger was generously donated by Fran Reygaert of the Armada Agricultural Society Fair Board.



To enter the contest, 4-H members were required to write an essay detailing why they want the animal, what they expected to learn from owning it, and how they plan to care for and train it.

All essays were reviewed by three independent judges and Reygaert before the winner was chosen. Congratulations to Vestrand and special thanks to Reygaert for his generosity.

2008 4-H King & Queen



Cole Waterstraat of Clever Clovers and Ashley Cerku of Midnight Riders were crowned 4-H King and Queen at the Armada Fair on Tuesday, August 12th.

Fair News

Armada Fair Results

4-H Exhibits Grand Best of Show

On Sunday, August 10th, the Armada Fairgrounds was teeming with 4-hers from around Macomb County getting their crafts and non-animal projects judged for this year's Armada Fair. Judges in each department identify Best of Show awards on approximately a 1 to 10 ratio. The Grand Best of Show winners are then selected for each age group and the winners are: Senior Division: Patrick Houin, woodworking; Intermediate Division: Haley Waterstraat, quilting; Alissa Gianferrara, miscellaneous creative arts. Thank you to Nancy Davis, superintendent for Grand Best of Show for coordinating the judging and working with the press so all youth selected for Best of Show can be recognized for their awesome display of skills and talents.

4-H Club Displays

The 4-H Clubs did an outstanding job decorating the various barns. Club displays are judged based on their originality, promotion of 4-H, theme expression, educational value, 4-H club and members identified, and community service (exhibit building) or care/cleanliness of animals and isles (animal species). The results of the club displays entries were:

Exhibit Building: 1st Trailblazers, 2nd Ray Community, 3rd School Section, 4th Clever Clovers

Beef: 1st Northern Macomb, 2nd School Section, 3rd Ray Community, 4th Good Times

Dairy: 1st Alarro

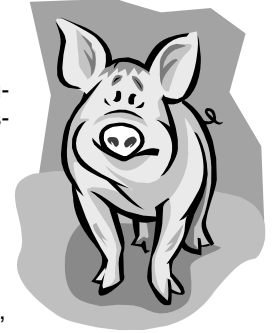
Goats: 1st Northern Macomb, 2nd Alarro, 3rd Pirates

Sheep: 1st Northern Macomb, 2nd Alarro, 3rd Green Acres, 4th Berville Barn Busters

Swine: 1st Northern Macomb, 2nd Alarro, 3rd,
Good Times, 4th School Section

Poultry: 1st Alarro, 2nd Lenox Leprechauns, 3rd Northern Macomb,
4th Berville Barn Busters

Rabbits: 1st Lenox Leprechauns, 2nd Pirates, 3rd Clever Clovers,
4th School Section



Klusendorf, Curious George Awards



Kayla Richardson was awarded the Klusendorf Award

The Klusendorf and the Curious George have been a part of the Macomb County 4-H Horse Program for more than 30 years. Each of these awards are given during the Armada Fair to two 4-H'ers for their outstanding abilities in the arena.

The Klusendorf award is open to youth who receive a first place in their respective riding classes, western, English, saddle seat, and recognizes the youth who demonstrates outstanding showmanship. This year the award winner is again Kayla Richardson. Congratulations Kayla!

The Curious George is an award that was created in memory of a fine 4-H horse named Curious George. This award class is open to the winners of each riding style class and is based on the riders outstanding ability in equitation, or, how well they work with their horse. This year's Curious George winner is Macrina Cipa. Congratulations Macrina!

2008 4-H Livestock Champions

Chickens - Fryers: Grand Champion - Christopher Karash
Reserve Grand Champion - Scott Sweeney

Chickens - Roasters: Grand Champion - Ellen Kovalcik
Reserve Grand Champion: Kailynn VanDeWater

Ducks: Grand Champion - Jacob VanDeWater
Reserve Grand Champion - Lindsey Douglas

Geese: Grand Champion - Joshua Eckhout
Reserve Grand Champion - Patrick Makowski

Turkeys: Grand Champion - Shelby Motoligin
Reserve Grand Champion - April Wesolowski

Rabbits - Fryers: Grand Champion - Tessie Senyk
Reserve Grand Champion - Sara Matthews

Rabbits - Bakers: Grand Champion - Tessie Senyk
Reserve Grand Champion - John Sexton

Swine: Grand Champion Single - Katie Marcath
Reserve Grand Champion Single - Joshua Eckhout
Grand Champion Pen - Corey Kasperski
Reserve Grand Champion Pen - Katie Marcath

Lambs: Grand Champion Single - Samantha Mott
Reserve Grand Champion Single - Felicia Marcath
Grand Champion Pen - Nick Burton
Reserve Grand Champion Pen - Felicia Marcath

Goats: Grand Champion Single - Shelby Motoligin
Reserve Grand Champion Single - Kara Lotan
Grand Champion Pen - Kara Lotan
Reserve Grand Champion Pen - Shelby Motoligin

Steers: Grand Champion - Felicia Marcath
Reserve Grand Champion - Kyle Smith
Klusendorf Award - Bradley McNary

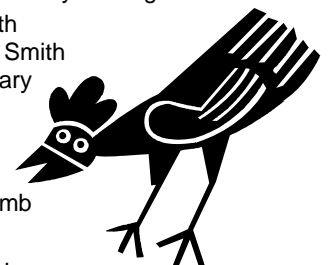
4-H Show (Overall Showmanship)

Beef: Bradley McNary, Good Times

Goats: Shelby Motoligin, Northern Macomb

Sheep: Felicia Marcath, Green Acres

Swine: Katie Marcath, Romeo Rough Riders



Notes from the 4-H Office

Annual Summary Financial Statements & Club Inventory Reports

Each 4-H group is required to submit an Annual Summary Financial Statement and a Club Inventory Form by November 1, 2008 for the 2007-08 program year. If your club does not plan to re-enroll, you still have to submit these forms for 2007-08. All bank statements and/or Club Treasurer's Reports and meeting minutes must be on file at the 4-H office by then as well. Please contact the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov if you have any questions.

2008-2009 4-H SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

4-H scholarships are provided to recognize meritorious 4-H work and to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school. Present and former 4-H members are eligible to apply. All applications are reviewed on a competitive basis. Application forms and more information can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html> or contact your County MSU Extension Office 4-H staff member for assistance.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- 4-H involvement at the county, regional, state, national and international levels
- Outstanding achievement in 4-H
- Broad range of 4-H experiences and project involvement
- Leadership and citizenship contributions both inside and outside 4-H
- Scholastic excellence
- Neatness of application
- Thoroughness in completing application requirements
- Financial need (applies only to some scholarships)

PROGRAM/DONOR	PURSUE STUDIES IN	DEADLINE	FINANCIAL VALUE	APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
MSU 8th Grade Pre-College Program Scholarship	Any Field	November 15, 2008 to county 4-H staff December 1, 2008 from county to State 4-H office	\$2,000 given for 1st year at MSU (Must meet MSU's admission requirements)	Nominee data form & essay, 7th grade report card or transcript, academic release form, teacher & 4-H staff/program director recommendations	8th Grader Fall 2008 who attended a 4-H MSU pre-college program (Exploration Days 2008 or GLNR Camp 2008)
MSU 4-H Scholarship	Any Field	November 1, 2008	\$2,500 of tuition for 4 years	MSU 4-H Scholarship Application & must apply to MSU by 11/1/08	MSU freshman for fall of 2009
Schunk Memorial 4-H Scholarship	Any Field	December 1, 2008	\$1,000 (one annually)	Schunk Memorial 4-H Scholarship Application & 4-H Beef participation for 3 or more years	College freshman for Fall 2009
Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) 4-H Scholarship	Agriculture & Natural Resources or related field	December 1, 2008	\$400	AGR 4-H Scholarship Application & 4-H club participation for 1 or more years	MSU undergraduate for Fall 2009
MI Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Scholarship	Any field	December 1, 2008	\$400-500 (4 annually)	4-H Rabbit Scholarship Application & 4-H rabbit participation for 3 or more years.	College freshman for Fall 2009

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