



4-H Family Notes

Macomb County MSU Extension • Fall 2011

Online 4-H Enrollment is Here

Club leaders have the option this year to have their club members and returning adult volunteers register online for the 2011-12 program year. To register online, returning members and leaders must have valid e-mail addresses. General Leaders will be given read-only access and will be able to view club records and reports online. Individual members and leaders will be able to view and edit their own records.

General Leaders should contact the 4-H office at Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov or (586) 469-6431 so necessary permissions and Open ID numbers can be assigned. Clubs registering online still need to turn in a Club Information Sheet, Affirmative Action Statement, Bylaws, Volunteer Code of Conduct for each volunteer, 2010-11 Annual Summary Financial Statement, and 2010-11 Club Inventory Report.

Clubs registering online will be billed for State 4-H participation fees. Information and instructions are online at http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm.

4-H is into Science!

Science Blast offers free hands-on fun for the family

Children and their families throughout Macomb County and neighboring areas are invited to participate in the Macomb County **4-H Science Blast**, a youth-oriented event featuring fun, hands-on science experiments and activities. This excitement-filled evening will take place Oct. 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Macomb County MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township.

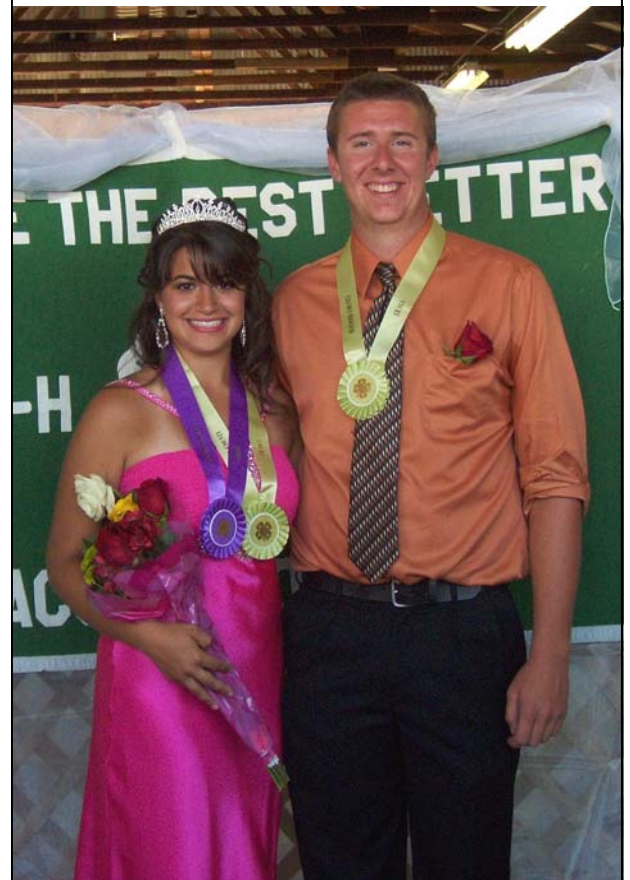
At the 4-H Science Blast, youth ages five to 19 will have the chance to engage in science activities in key subject areas such as environmental science, biology and plant science. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Registration is required for this FREE event. Please call (586) 469-6431 to reserve your place today.

Great Lakes Regional Fishing Instructor Training

In keeping with its SCIENCE programs, Michigan State University is offering the Great Lakes Regional Fishing Instructor Training from Sept. 27-28, 2011. This workshop will be based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. Activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management, and Angling Skills will be offered.

Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or in an after school setting. Go online to <http://www.projectfish.org/fishinginstructortraining.pdf> for details.

2011 Fair Results



Alissa Gianferrara and Kyle Brohl, above, were crowned 4-H King and Queen at the 2011 Armada Fair. They and the rest of the 4-H court will represent Macomb County 4-H at various events throughout the coming year. See pages 2-5 for more 2011 Armada Fair photos, results.

Visit us online at

http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_index.htm

Fair News

4-H Exhibits Grand Best of Show

On Sunday, August 15th, 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 identified Best of Show awards on approximately a one to 10 ratio. The Grand Best of Show winners were then selected for each age group. The winners were: Junior - Jacob Martin, Basketry; Intermediate - Nicholas Fifield, Folkart; and Senior - Sarah Small, Photography. Deepest appreciation is expressed to Stephanie Seefried, Jamie Penzien, Chylie Schramm and Maria Seefried for their assistance.



Additional thanks to Nancy Davis, Superintendent for Grand Best of Show and Stephanie Seefried, Jamie Penzien and Mrs. Maria Seefried for developing the Best of Show list and working with the press so all youth selected for Best of Show could be recognized for their display of skills and talents.

4-H Club Displays

The 4-H Clubs did an outstanding job decorating the various barns. Club displays were 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 aisles (animal species). The winners of the club displays were: **Exhibit Building:** Northern Macomb, 1st; Ray Community, 2nd; School Section, 3rd. **Beef:** HyTech, 1st; Alarro, 2nd; Good Times, 3rd. **Sheep:** Ray Community, 1st; Alarro, 2nd; Good Times, 3rd. **Goats:** Alarro, 1st; Pirates, 2nd; North Country, 3rd. **Swine:** Ray Community, 1st; Alarro, 2nd; Good Times, 3rd. **Dairy:** Ray Community, 1st; Alarro, 2nd. **Poultry:** Alarro, 1st; North Country, 2nd; K-9 & Kompany, 3rd. **Rabbits:** Pirates, 1st; Alarro, 2nd; North Country, 3rd. **Saddle Horses:** Alarro, 1st; Ray's Riding Rascals, 2nd; Midnite Riders, 3rd. **Mini-Horses:** Midnite Riders, 1st; Pirates, 2nd; Just for Fun, 3rd. **Drafts:** Midnite Riders, 1st; Mini, Mighty & All, 2nd.

Second Annual Parent Livestock Showmanship

On Thursday evening of the fair, parents had the opportunity to participate in a little friendly competition showing Beef, Swine, Lambs and Goats to gain the title of 2011 "Over the Hill" champion of that species. Wow! It was an entertaining event for the audience and very educational opportunity for parents to see all that goes into showing livestock.

There were 12 adult participants in beef, five in lambs, three in goats and 13 in swine showmanship. Thank you to our judges, who were also the 4-H Youth Senior Overall Showpeople: Zachary Montney, Beef; Elizabeth Brockert, Sheep; Cody Cline and Adrienne Brockert, Goats; and Jay Parr, Michigan State University Livestock Judge.



Congratulations to our **2011 "Over the Hill Champions"** : Bett Vollen-Beef, Jeff Burton-Lambs, Dave Powers-Goats, and Penny Cline-Swine. They each received \$25 gift certificate to local restaurants, sponsored by Alarro 4-H club. Kudos to all who participated and a special thank you to Josh Dominek and the 4-H Livestock Sale Committee for organizing this event.

Brett Vollen, left, poses with his steer. Far left, Penny Cline poses with her swine. Vollen and Cline earned "Over the Hill Champion" awards at the 2011 Armada Fair on Thursday, Aug. 18.

Fair News (continued)

Armada Fair 4-H Livestock and Showmanship Contest Results

2011 Livestock Champions

Chickens-Fryers

Grand Champion Pen: Jimmy Maas

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Carly Maas

Chickens-Roasters

Grand Champion Pen: Cameron Laesch

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Madison Proctor

Ducks

Grand Champion Pen: Jacob VanDeWater

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Samantha Colombo

Geese

Grand Champion Pen: Rachel Douglas

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Spencer Douglas

Turkeys

Grand Champion Pen: Haley Waterstraat

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Sarah Dillingham

Rabbits-Fryers

Grand Champion: Heather Kitchen

Reserve Grand Champion: Jacob Uhl

Rabbits-Bakers

Grand Champion: Heather Kitchen

Reserve Grand Champion: Gillian Senyk

Swine

Grand Champion Single: Garrett Stulk

Reserve Grand Champion Single: Cody Cline

Grand Champion Pen: Dustin Kasperski

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Jordan Lenhart

Lambs

Grand Champion Single: Samantha Mott

Reserve Grand Champion Single: Elizabeth Brockert

Grand Champion Pen: Elizabeth Brockert

Reserve Grand Champion Pen: Samantha Mott

Goats

Grand Champion Single: Adrienne Brockert

Reserve Grand Champion Single: Malyn Berger

Grand Champion Pen: Adrienne Brockert

Steers:

Grand Champion: Zachary Montney

Reserve Grand Champion: Elizabeth Kavanagh

Supreme Champion Cow: Jessica Pagan

4-H Showmanship

Beef:

Junior: Nickolas Fifield

Intermediate: Alex Mar cath

Senior and Overall: Zachary Montney

Market

Goats:

Junior: Malyn Berger

Intermediate & Overall: Adrienne Brockert

Sheep:

Junior: Aaron Kavanagh

Intermediate: Samantha Mott

Senior and Overall: Elizabeth Brockert

Swine:

Junior: Zachary Cline

Intermediate: Jordan Lenhart

Senior and Overall: Cody Cline

Rabbits:

Junior: Elisha Brockert

Intermediate: Sarah Prohaszka

Senior: Elizabeth Brockert

Best of Show: Elizabeth Brockert

Poultry:

Junior: Malyn Berger

Intermediate: Allisha Hummeny

Senior: Claire Vestrand

Best of Show : Christopher Karash

Dairy:

Junior: Mackenzie Delong

Senior and Overall: Dylan Falker

Horses:

Klusendorf : Kaitlyn Bialokur

Curious George: Julia Johnson

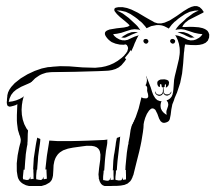
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**Elizabeth Brockert of
Alarro 4-H Club was awarded the
2011 Klusendorf Livestock Award.
Congratulations, Liz!**



Fair News (continued)

4-H Petting Farm raises money for youth and volunteers



For over ten years, Macomb County 4-H clubs have run a week-long "petting farm business" during the Armada Fair. During each club's shift, the youth greet customers, sell and fill feed cones, do educational demonstrations and promote 4-H. Interested older youth receive specialized training to handle the animals so that they can help customers achieve an "up close and personal petting farm experience." In addition to the goats, sheep, chicken, ducks, rabbits, llama and donkey, there is also a simulated play area where youth can milk a cow or gather eggs.

In 2011, Macomb County's 4-H Petting Farm grossed over \$10,000. The profits of this week-long business are used to pay for all of Macomb County 4-H members' yearly pins, the annual County Awards Banquet, Club Officer Training, and partial scholarships for members and volunteers to attend educational programs and camps throughout the year.

We want to thank all the volunteers and youth who were involved in this entrepreneurial educational endeavor. Special thanks to Cheryl Donovan, Jake Gregory, Chris Williams and Bob Tharrett for providing leadership of this awesome opportunity for our families and the community.

Armada Agricultural Society, Macomb County 4-H make great partners



The 2011 Armada Fair was a great success again this year for many reasons, one of which is the continuing growth of the partnership between the Armada Fair Board, its members and the 4-H community. We would like to give a big THANK YOU for not only the outpouring of help by the Fair Board, but we also appreciate the 4-H spirit shown throughout fair week.

We feel that by nurturing this relationship, our success can only grow and flourish as a team. Therefore, we commend you for your cooperation this year and extend a hand in agreement for another great season next year.

4-H King and Queen Crowned

During opening ceremonies of the Armada Fair on Monday, August 15th, the Macomb County 4-H Court was brought onto the main stage. All candidates completed an application and were interviewed by a panel of three judges. 4-H members had an opportunity to vote for their candidate of choice during craft judging on Sunday, August 14th.

Congratulations to our 4-H Queen, Alissa Gianferrara, 4-H King, Kyle Brohl and everyone who participated in this year's contest. Bravo to the 4-H Court for being positive role models and strong representatives of 4-H. Special thanks to Jenna Lotan and Jean Bingham for serving as 4-H Court Superintendents this year.



This year's nominees, pictured left to right were: Kelsey Motoligin (1st runner up) of North Country, Heather Verfaillie of Black Tie Brigade, Alissa Gianferrara (Queen) of School Section, Cody White (2nd runner up) of K 9 & Kompany, Julia Ramaci of Ray Community, Kyle Brohl (King) of Alarro, Samantha Colombo (2nd runner up) of Alarro, Zack Mork (1st runner up) of Ray Community, Courtney Fricke of Pirates and Stephanie Seefried of Northern Macomb.

Fair News (continued)

Military Appreciation Day Develops into Weeklong Mission at Fair



Over 150 decorated cards and letters were written to say "Thank You" to the people serving our military during the Armada Fair. A writing station was assembled in the 4-H Exhibit Barn for Tuesday of Fair Week. Tuesday was Military Appreciation Day, and a vast array of visitors dropped by to write heartwarming notes of thanks. Because there is such a high regard for the military, and the cards were being made with such enthusiasm, it was decided to leave the writing station up for the entire week.

The cards and letters are truly written with admiration and love for our military. Young and old alike took time to color, draw pictures, add stickers, and jot down some words from the heart. The letters of appreciation are being sent to all branches of the military and will be delivered to soldiers across the nation.

Members Write of Fair Experiences

My Story

By Megan Pollock

This year was my 4th year at the Armada Fair showing my dog, Wyatt. On Tuesday, Wyatt and I did showmanship and obedience.

I was excited this year to do showmanship because Wyatt and I had been doing well in practice. I felt more comfortable doing this event this year because I was able to be on leash with showmanship. We placed 3rd in this event.

Next was obedience and I had moved up into a higher class this year, in which Wyatt had to be off leash for some of the tasks. We did not place in this event but it was a good learning experience. On Saturday, Wyatt and I did Rally first and did very well and we got first place!!! Then the next event

was Agility. This was a challenge this year because we moved up to the intermediate class and he was off leash. We did not place but Wyatt did do every obstacle with some assistance.

Last but not least we also entered in costume and we were Hippies. I had a lot of fun dressing up and Wyatt also loves to dress up. Wyatt and I got 2nd place. That was my exciting time at the fair with Wyatt!!

Armada Fair-2011

By Gabrielle

My name is Gabrielle, I am 11 ½ years old and this is my 2nd year in 4-H. At the Armada Fair this year, I showed my 7-year old Bichon Frise, Maddy in rally, obedience, showmanship, agility, and costume. I received a 4th place in showmanship, a 6th place in rally, a B

award in agility, no placing in obedience, and in costume class, we received a 1st place (my dog was a rabbit in a giant hat which I pulled along and I was the magician).

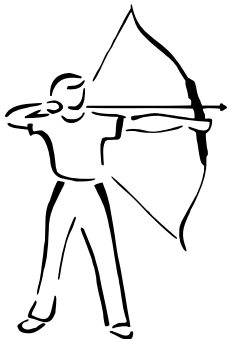
For fair this year I also showed my one-year old Siamese self-colored Mini Lop buck, Benny. I entered him in fur and he received an A award. In showmanship, I didn't get a placing. I learned a lot from the other member in our group who has been showing rabbits for a long time.

In addition to showing my animals, I worked at the petting farm and made feed cones to sell. I learned a lot from my experiences this year and I hope I can do better at Fair next year.

County offices will be closed Oct. 10, Nov. 11, 23-25, and Dec. 23, 26-27, & 30

Club & Committee News

Michigan 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



The Annual Michigan 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament took place in at MSU on Sunday, Aug. 7. This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members the opportunity to test their skills against other youth from across the state and compete for awards in BB Gun, Trap, Skeet, Muzzleloading, Air Rifle, Target Archery and 3-D Archery. Participants must participate in a local competitive activity under the supervision of a certified MI 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor in order to qualify for participation in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament.

Of the 520 competitors, four were from Macomb County. Congratulations and thank you to Miles Mikolowski (Air Rifle Beginner), Ian Grettenberger (Air Rifle Beginner), Garrett Drake (Archery Jr. Open) and Alysa Brice (Archery Sr. Open) for representing the Macomb County 4-H Shooting Sports Program at the state level.

Club & Committee News (continued)

4-H Shooting Sports Banquet Coming Soon

Hold the date! The 4-H Shooting Sports Potluck Banquet is Oct. 8, 2011 from 12-2 p.m. at Black Tie Ranch, 6376 Marsh Rd., Marine City. This is a potluck banquet for all 2010-11 Macomb County 4-H Shooting Sports Program participants. An RSVP is required. Contact Stephen Sondey at (586) 255-4660 for more information.

OER, Shooting Sports Pictures Requested for Traveling Poster

Anyone with shooting sports or outdoor education and recreation (OER) pictures from the 2010-11 4-H program year is asked to send them to Stephen Sondey, sondey@provide.net. The Macomb County 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Program Committee is making a traveling poster to be displayed at the Romeo Whitetails banquet in March. The Romeo Whitetails is a chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, a national non-profit conservation organization committed to caring for natural renewable resources.

Macomb County Youth Place at State 4-H Horse Show



Macomb County 4-H had 24 participants in the State 4-H Horse Show at the MSU Pavilion Aug. 12-14. Of the 24 Macomb County participants, 22 placed in the top 10 in their class. Macomb County participants were Jenna Balabuch, Ashley Cerku, Ryan Cerku, Amanda Cielecki, Courtney Fricke, Julia Johnson, Heather Kitchen, Rebecca Konopaski, Aleeha Krupa, Melanie LeDuc, Alexandria Lucia, Heather Martin, Jamie Maurice, Taylor McFarland, Gabrielle Oddo, Kelsey Pylar, Shannon Reid, Natalie Rybak, Ashley Sowinski, Sarah Sowinski, Claire Vestrand, Haylie Wells, Koren Detloff and Heather Verfaillie.

First- and second-place participants were Jenna Balabuch with one 2nd (Creative Writing 18-19 years), Ashley Cerku with four 1st (Obstacle Driving 16-19 years, Mini Showmanship 16-19 years, Creative Writing 18-19 years, In Hand Trail 16-19 years) and one 2nd (Single Pleasure Driving 16-19 years), Ryan Cerku with three 1st (In-Hand Trail 13-15 years, Single Pleasure Driving 13-15 years and Obstacle Driving 13-15 years), Courtney Fricke with one 1st (Single Pleasure Driving 16-19 years and two 2nd's (In-Hand Trail 16-19 years, Obstacle Driving 16-19 years), Rebecca Konopaski with two 1st (Grooms 16-19 years and Driven Dressage), Aleeha Krupa with one 1st (Showmanship 13 years), Heather Martin with one 1st (Hunter Hack 19 years), Jamie Maurice with one 1st (2nd Split-Stock Seat Equitation 16 years), Taylor McFarland with one 1st (Showmanship 17 years), Gabrielle Oddo with one 2nd (English Equitation-Saddle Seat 14-15 years), and Shannon Reid with one 1st (T-Shirt Logo Design 18-19 years). A very big **CONGRATULATIONS** to all who took part in the state show this year.

Upcoming Events

Outdoor Education & Recreation Committee Seeks Members

Clubs interested in having a shared project for shooting sports should have a representative or two attend the next 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Program Committee meeting. The next meeting is Oct. 10. The time and place will be announced.

Come join in the fun. We need all the youth and adult volunteers we can get to make this a successful year. Contact the 4-H office for more information at 586-469-6431.

4-H Horse Program Committee Meeting

The 2010-11 4-H horse show season is over and it is time to start preparing for the banquet and new 4-H year. On Sept. 26th, the mini- and draft-horse clubs are encouraged to attend the 4-H Mini/Draft Horse Subcommittee meeting at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., the mini/draft and light horse clubs will meet with the Macomb County 4-H Horse Council. The meetings will be held at Camp Rotary on 29 Mile Rd., Ray Township. To have a successful horse program, we need two representatives from each horse club to attend. Come join in the fun and help make our program successful. We like our youth to be officers so please bring any youth in your program that would like to help out.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Dec. 7, 2011 6:30 p.m.

VerKuilen Building 21885 Dunham Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48036

This training is for club officers and adults that work with them.

RSVP required by Dec. 2, 2011. (586) 469-6431
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Upcoming Events (continued)

2011-12 Michigan 4-H Workshop Schedule

Fall Horse Galaxy Meeting for State 4-H Horse Event Planning Committee

Oct. 8, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is available to current state 4-H Horse Event Planning Committee members. It provides volunteers an opportunity to learn the availability of new resources, collaborate with representatives from different counties, plan upcoming state 4-H horse events, discuss guidelines for the state 4-H Horse Program, and gain leadership and youth development skills. Open only to horse event planning committee members.

4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop

Oct. 15-16, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Explore new project ideas and skills to use in your 4-H clothing and textiles program. Sessions tentatively scheduled include begging and advanced sewing skills, entrepreneurship, several quilting classes, projects for 5-8 year old youth, fashion illustration, altering ready-to-wear, special teen design class and more. Open to new and experienced adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up. The cost is \$56 per person. Register by Sept. 30.

Healthy Living = Healthy U Workshop

Oct. 14-16, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is for youth, adults, and volunteers that work with youth. You will learn how to incorporate "healthy living," one of 4-H mission mandates, into your club, community and life. This workshop will teach you some exciting ways to get started and introduce you to opportunities and curriculum that is available to sustain healthy living. You will also get a head start on the new Moving Michigan challenge. Youth can learn how to become a healthy living ambassador. Learn how adult volunteers and youth can work together through a \$5000.00 grant to address how to lessen nutritional deficiencies and healthy food choices in under-served populations. Health is one of the 4 "H's" in 4-H, so come learn what it is all about and how to stay active in your club and community and in the world. Scholarships are available to adult volunteers and youth to attend this workshop. Open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up.

4-H Proud Equestrian Program New Instructor Training/Instructor Update

Oct. 22-23, 2011 – Kellogg Biological Station

This conference provides continuing education for current 4-H PEP certified instructors. Attendance is required at either the fall 2011 or fall 2012 Instructor Update to maintain

4-H PEP Instructor status. The program is also open to PATH (formerly NARHA) certified instructors and those interested in therapeutic riding. Sessions include topics related to instructing therapeutic riding, working with youth with special needs, and horse management and care. Open to 4-H Proud Equestrian Program instructors, instructors in training. The program is also open to NARHA certified instructors and those with an interest in therapeutic riding. This workshop is presented with support from the Accident Fund Holdings.

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop

Nov. 18-20, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Participants in this exciting training opportunity will gain new ideas and information about the rabbit and cavy project areas. Participants will choose from a variety of topics including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun 4-H club activities. The workshop will provide adult and teen leaders, 13 and up, the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new friends and explore new areas with other individuals who are interested in rabbits and cavies. Participants are encouraged to develop plans for sharing the learning experiences back to their local counties.

4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference

Dec. 2-4, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is designed for adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H Horse programs. Topics include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities and opportunities beyond a county program. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged, for exchanging of ideas and programs and meeting other volunteers in the same interest area. Participants are expected to share the information and experiences gained at this conference with fellow 4-H'ers in their counties.

4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference

Jan. 21-22, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This powerful 2012 conference brings teens, ages 14 and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. Following are comments from the 2011 conference participants: "This conference makes me feel as if I can change the world." "I per-

sonally loved this workshop; not only did I learn new leadership techniques, but I also learned a lot above myself." From an adult chaperone participant: "This conference was interactive, dynamic and perfectly geared toward youth!" The conference announcement, available on the 4-H website, will have complete descriptions for all sessions offered.

4-H Veterinary Science Workshop

Feb. 24-25, 2012 – Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animal species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their skills. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick, or injured animals. Meet other youth that have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and older.







4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop

Feb. 25-26, 2012 – Kettunen Center

If you are interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance your communications and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Open to adults and teens ages 13 and up.

Look for Spring workshops in the next newsletter, or go online to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule for event details. Register for workshops through the Macomb County MSU Extension Office. Call (586) 469-6431 for registration information.

People, Pets & Vets

-  **Saturday, Nov. 5 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**
-  Macomb Community College
-  Center Campus (Garfield & M-59)
-  Come & have fun, learn about pets, pet care and more! E-mail Tari Kern
-  at peoplepetsvets@yahoo.com for a
-  table or demonstration area.

Notes from the 4-H Office

Are You our Facebook Friend?

While on Facebook, be sure to be a friend and visit Macomb MSUE 4-H. This is a great way for each club to advertise club activities and events that you'd like to share. Keep connected and check out all the links and great information available.

Tractor Supply Clover Sales

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover promotion dates are Sept. 21-Oct. 2, 2011. Paper clovers sold by TSC will benefit 4-H programs. Customers are asked if they would like to donate \$1.00 to 4-H upon checking out. During the Paper Clover promotion, clubs and/or individual members can promote 4-H, bring an animal, help customers carry items if needed, host a car wash, bake sale, and simply show the community the benefits of 4-H clubs. Each club that signs up for a time slot for the Romeo TSC (586-752-5781) or the New Haven TSC (586-749-6162), will be put into a raffle for a TSC Gift Card. Your club can set up an area directed by the store.

Let's make Macomb County TSC stores rise above the rest! Call the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 to schedule your club. You can also access the Tractor Supply website, <http://www.tractorsupply.com/content/storeevents/4h>, to see how Tractor Supply stores promote 4-H and how you can help.

JCPenney Raises "Pennies From Heaven" for 4-H

For more than a decade, JCPenney has been the leading corporate advocate for afterschool programs by distributing more than \$100 million to life-enriching programs such as 4-H. To bring greater attention to the afterschool cause, JCPenney is stepping up its commitment by launching an inspiring new philanthropic initiative called "Pennies from Heaven."

From Oct. 12-25, JCPenney in Roseville will be inviting its customers to turn small change into "Pennies from Heaven." By rounding up their purchases and donating the difference to Macomb County 4-H, customers can help make a big difference for kids in our community.

Supporters can also help advance the cause by logging on to <http://www.jcpennyafterschool.org> and participating in the "pennies from heaven challenge." By joining the challenge, participants can complete various activities online that will ultimately help generate a donation to the afterschool cause. Once participants collectively earn 100 million virtual pennies as a result of their online activities, JCPenney will donate an additional \$1 million to its afterschool partners.

Your club can benefit from these funds by volunteering to help at a Round-Up event! If your club wants to earn \$100, you can volunteer for the next Roseville JCPenney Round-Up from Oct. 12-25. You and your club members will greet customers with a treat during a six-hour shift (10 a.m.-4 p.m., 11a.m.-5 p.m., or 12 p.m.-6 p.m.). You must volunteer six hours to qualify. For your efforts, your club will receive \$100, with a tiny string attached. Your club must submit a paragraph about how your club spends the money with a picture of the event! Contact Jan Gwozdz at 586-469-7619 or jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov.

Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council Wants You

Teens are needed to serve as members of the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (MI4-HYCC); 4-H and/or Natural Resources MSUE staff and volunteers are being sought to serve as advisors. Youth must apply by Sept. 30, 2011.

M4-HYCC is a terrific personal development, service learning and leadership opportunity for teens ages 13 to 19 – and the adult advisors. The Council researches and helps resolve environmental issues by working with state and local government. M4-HYCC advisors and teens attend a fall, winter and spring planning workshop/meeting, meet occasionally by conference call and help prepare for presentations to Michigan legislative committees in April.

More information, including a promo flier, invitation letter, advisor job description and application, can be found at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/michigan_4-h_youth_conservation_council . Contact Andrea with any questions or concerns at agrix@kettunecenter.org or 231-829-3421.

Beef Blast

Huron County Fairgrounds
Oct. 22, 2011
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Are you interested in beef and livestock? Come to Beef Blast and learn more about the beef industry, advanced new skills in herdsmanship, and interact with MSU veterinary staff and students!

Call Doug for more information:

(810) 688-2222

NSLI-Y Scholarship

Know a teen who is crazy about learning languages? The State Department sponsored NSLI-Y (National Security Language Initiative for Youth) program provides full scholarships to high school students (ages 15-18) to study seven critical languages overseas for a semester or an academic year.

Languages include Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian Russian and Turkish. No prior knowledge of the language required. More information and application are at www.nsliforyouth.org.

The deadline for applications for 2012 is November 3rd.

Notes from the 4-H Office (continued)

Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship Details

Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade who participated in a 2011 4-H pre-college program (4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, and/or 4-H Capitol Experience) are eligible to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-college Scholarship. The scholarship is applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to MSU and must meet admission requirements upon submitting the MSU application as an incoming undergraduate – either as an incoming freshman or transfer student. Approximately 60 scholarships are given annually across all MSU pre-college programs.

Because of the large number of eligible students, a maximum of five percent of eligible youth will be nominated from each program. One Macomb County candidate from the 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, Zachary Mork, has been invited to apply by state-level 4-H staff. The following 4-H Exploration Days participants are eligible to apply:

Michael Bradford	Amanda Cielecki	Kate Forro	Hunter Long	Zachary Mork	Michaela Scarsella
Kasie Brohl	Kylee Cielecki	Alissa Gianferrara	Dana Martini	Arianna Onesi	Tyler Schaefer
Julia Busquaert	Jared Decker	Karalee Jerse	Emily McHarg	Jamie Penzien	Melissa Shanteau
Brad Butros	Jonathan Decker	Nicole Jozefiak	Rachel Michael	Anthony Ramaci	Maranda Smith
Melinda Castillo	Katherine Diener	Kendall Kehoe	Joey Micielli	Cole Rapp	Jacob Van De Water
Rebecca Castillo	Garrett Drake	Kole Kirksey	Michaela Miller	Karly Rapp	Haley Weber
Ryan Cerku	Jennifer Forro	Ellen Kovalcik	Zachary Montney	Annette Ruczynski	

Three applications will be forwarded to MSU for consideration. Youth who apply for this scholarship and are selected by both their county MSU Extension office and the State 4-H office to have their application submitted to the final MSU Admissions selection committee, but are not selected by MSU Admissions, will not be eligible to re-apply in a future year. Youth who apply and are not selected by their county MSU Extension office or the State 4-H office to have their application sent on to the final MSU Admissions selection committee may still be invited to apply for the scholarship in future years if they meet all other eligibility requirements. This is a competitive application process from all of MSU's pre-college programs. Students must complete the MSU Pre-College Scholarship Application Packet in its entirety by the specified deadlines.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic performance, program participation, demonstration of extra-curricular, community service and leadership experience, degree to which the student has overcome personal or environmental obstacles (i.e., resiliency), potential and desire to succeed in post-secondary education, and ability to benefit from the scholarship. Other important considerations:

- MSU Admissions has a strong preference for nominees to have an academic performance of B or better. (Students with slightly lower GPAs can be considered but should be extremely strong in other areas to stand a chance at selection.)
- There's a slight tendency for the selection committee to lean toward older kids now that the grade range spans those entering 8th to 10th grades, however this is primarily because older kids are likely to have more noteworthy experiences to list on their application since they've had another year or two to accumulate them. That said, a standout 8th grader will still be weighed equally against a 9th and 10th grader.
- Homeschoolers can be selected to apply but must still submit ALL parts of the application – including a teacher recommendation (from a core curriculum "teacher" who is not a parent or other relative) and a complete list of courses, grades and overall GPA from their previously completed school year.

Completed applications are due to the Macomb County MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2011. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Contact the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H Office at 586-469-6431 for an application.

Ray Township Needs Participants and Volunteers for Trunk-or-Treat Event

Ray Township Recreation is hosting its 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Friday, Oct. 28, 2012 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Ray Township Park. They are looking for families that would like to participate in the event, which entails registering a car to park and pass out candy (that you supply) to children in the Ray Township community. Ray Township residents attend free of charge. Non-residents pay a \$5 per vehicle entry fee. In order to "trick-or-treat" for candy, you MUST have a car registered to pass out candy.



Volunteers in costume are also needed to roam around the park during this event to enhance the Halloween atmosphere. Volunteers need to supply their own costumes. If you are interested or want more information, please contact **Joyce Oliver at 586-749-5171**.

Notes from the 4-H Office (continued)

Apply Now for Youth in Action Award

National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual *Youth in Action* award, to be presented at the 4-H *Legacy Awards Gala* in New York City on April 17, 2012! This award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities. The 4-H *Youth in Action* award is open to 4-H youth and alumni ages 14-19, and applicants should have lead a project, service or event that:

- identified a problem in their community,
- included 4-H as part of the solution, and
- made an impact in resolving the issue.

If you know of an outstanding 4-H member that fits this criteria, National 4-H Council is accepting your nominations online at the 4-H.org *Legacy Awards Gala* website. Once you have nominated a 4-H youth, encourage them to apply for this distinguished award. Nominations and applications can be submitted online: <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/>.

Application Requirements

In a three-minute or less video, the nominee should address the following questions/statements (File size should not exceed 50MB or three minutes):

- What problem did you or your community face?
- What was the solution to the problem, and how was 4-H involved?
- What impact did the resolution have on your community?
- How has 4-H impacted your life?
- Name adversities/challenges your 4-H experience has helped you overcome.

The application deadline is Nov. 1. Please visit the 4-H Legacy Awards Gala website for complete award information and application rules. E-mail any questions to Kyle Jones at kjones@4-H.org.

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Enrollment begins for 2011-12
- 11 Canine Good Citizen Testing, 12-5 p.m., Camp Rotary, Ray Twp.
- 12 Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Prg. Comm. Mtg., 7 p.m., Armada Methodist, Armada
- 26 Horse Council Mtg., 6 p.m. Mini/Draft; 7 p.m. Light; Camp Rotary, Ray Twp.

OCTOBER

- 6 Science Blast, 6:30 p.m., VerKuijen Bldg., Clinton Twp.
- 8 Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Banquet, 12-2 p.m., Black Tie Ranch, Marine City
- 8 Fall Horse Galaxy, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 10 Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Prg. Committee Mtg., details TBA
- 13 Companion Animal Prg. Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., VerKuijen Bldg., C.T.
- 14-16 Healthy Living = Healthy U Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 20 Club Enrollment Mtg., 4-8 p.m. by appointment, Camp Rotary, Ray Twp.
- 22-23 PEP Instructor Trng./Update, Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

OCTOBER (continued)

- 24 Horse Council Mtg., 6 p.m. Mini/Draft; 7 p.m. Light; Camp Rotary, Ray Twp.
- 25 4-H Club Enrollment, 4-8 p.m. by appt., Armada Fair Grange Hall
- 26 4-H Club Enrollment, 4-8 p.m. by appt., Wolcott Farm, Ray Twp.

NOVEMBER

- 1 4-H Club Enrollment Mtgs., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. by appt., VerKuijen Bldg., Clinton Twp.
- 5 People, Pets & Vets, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Macomb Comm. College, Clinton Twp.
- 7 Bill Collins/Jane Sylvester Award application deadline
- 10 Companion Animal Prg. Comm. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., VerKuijen Bldg., Clinton Twp.
- 13 Annual 4-H Horse Program Banquet, details TBA
- 18-20 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 23-25 County offices closed

DECEMBER

- 7 Club Officer Training, 6:30 p.m., VerKuijen Bldg., Clinton Twp.