



4-H Family Notes

Macomb County MSU Extension • Winter 2012

Carrying Out the Land-Grant Mission of Education in the 21st Century *Putting our people and resources to work in areas that matter to Michigan*

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) was created in the early 20th century to disseminate the knowledge generated by the university's faculty members to residents in every county to help them improve their lives, families and farms. Today, MSUE's mission remains the same and will continue to maintain its commitment to serving local communities by providing research and science based programs and knowledge applicable to the needs of residents.

In order to maintain the mission in a shrinking economy, MSUE had to undergo organizational changes to remain flexible, adaptable, and responsive but much more economically. While yesterday's Extension educator had to be a generalist with a broad knowledge base, today these professionals have deeper, more specialized responsibilities, yet maintain a network of resources to address the state's most pressing needs. Faculty and staff members work across the state in issue-oriented teams that conduct educational programming that falls within four broad-themed institutes:

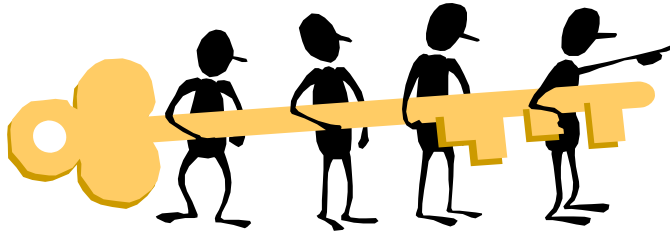
- Children and Youth
- Health and Nutrition
- Greening Michigan
- Agriculture and Agribusiness.

Technological advances such as the Internet and webcasts allow them to share information more widely than their predecessors. Though some educators have new responsibilities covering different geographic areas, finding assistance is as easy as turning on a computer, simply visiting <http://people.msue.msu.edu> and entering your location or topic.

MSU Extension 4-H Programming falls within the Children and Youth Institute.

The MSUE Children and Youth Institute will focus their work on four statewide areas:

☐ **Academic success** through programs like 4-H that develop life skills; childcare-provider and parenting education; and an enhanced focus on skill development in science, engineering, technology and applied mathematics.



☐ **Leadership and civic engagement** through programs that expose youth to the workings of our government at all levels, provide leadership opportunities and offer community service experiences.

☐ **Career and workforce preparation** through exposure to career options, financial literacy education, entrepreneurial training and career preparation.

☐ **Capacity building** for youth skill development through home visits, club programs, planned youth mentoring, after-school and out-of-school programs, technology and caregiver education.

In Macomb County, MSUE 4-H is also undergoing organizational change. Beginning in 2012, all 4-H programming positions will be moved from Macomb County to MSU. In the early part of the year, there will be three full time 4-H Program Coordinator positions posted on the MSU website at: <http://www.jobs.msu.edu> in which applicants must apply online.

The hiring process may take up to ten weeks to complete. During this time,

the 4-H office will be extremely short-staffed with only Roberta, serving as 4-H program support; Kathy, serving as 4-H county coordinator and statewide educator in Career and Workforce Preparation; and Alayne, serving as part-time grant-funded program assistant. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. If you're interested in providing assistance at the office, please contact us at 586-469-6431. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to potential new staff, Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office operating dollars will be extremely limited. To save on costs, **newsletters will no longer be mailed to families after January 1 but will be available online.** Online forms will be the norm since there will be very limited dollars for postage and printing.

Beef Tagging Feb. 5

Beef Tagging will be Sunday, February 5th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Armada Fairgrounds. All youth who plan on selling beef at the 2012 Armada Fair need to have their steers tagged.

4-H Livestock Sale Participation Forms Due by Jan. 13

Livestock Sale Participation Forms are now available online at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm. If you plan on selling Livestock at the 2012 Armada Fair, turn your form in to the Livestock Sale Secretary by Jan. 13.

Club & Committee News

Macomb County 4-H Horse Banquet

The Macomb County 4-H Horse Committee Members organized another wonderful year-end banquet at Zuccarro's in Chesterfield Township on Nov. 13, 2011. This awards banquet honored and recognized all the hard work of the youth and volunteers involved in the horse program. Heather Martin served as Mistress of Ceremonies and made sure the event flowed smoothly.

During dinner, the audience enjoyed the slideshow presentation full of pictures from each horse club and a tribute to Jenna Balabuch compiled by Mike DeFour and Ashley Cerku. A huge thank you goes out to the adult and youth leadership of the horse program for coordinating this event and the many shows/events throughout the year.

The 2010-2011 Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee officers were:

Presidents: Sue Kutchey and Timantha Micielli
Vice Presidents: Shanna Drake and Kelsey Pylar
Secretaries: Charlotte McFarland, Taylor Mcfarland, and Taylor Hooks
Treasurer: Faye Cerku
Recording Secretaries: Julie Wallace and Ashley Cerku

2011 4-H Aged-Out Members were also recognized:

Ashley Cerku (Midnite Riders)
Megan LeDuc (A Little Tacky)
Heather Martin (Fabulosity)
Jenna Webster (Just Hoof'n It).

Nominees for the Bill Collins Award for 2011 were:

Julia Johnson (Rays Riding Rascals)
Ryan Cerku (Midnite Riders)

Nominees for the Jane Sylvster Sportsmanship Award for 2011 were:

Evah Newman (Pirates)
Jenna Balabuch (Rays Riding Rascals)
Tammy Drake (Black Tie Brigade)
Karen Konopaski (Midnite Riders)

During the Horse Banquet, the winners of the Gymkhana, Bill Collins Outstanding Horsemanship and the Jane Sylvester Sportsmanship awards were announced. Congratulations to Adrienne Brockert from Romeo Rough Riders for winning the Gymkhana Award.

The Jane Sylvester award this year was presented to Jenna Balabuch from Rays Riding Rascals.

The Bill Collins Outstanding Horsemanship Award was given to Ryan Cerku from Midnite Riders.

All clubs have an opportunity to nominate individuals for next year's awards. The applications and criteria are on the 4-H website on the Horse page, <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/horses.html>, and are due to the county office by the first Monday in November.

In Loving Memory of Jacob DuBaere

Longtime 4-H member Jacob DuBaere died Oct. 21, 2011. The years he dedicated to his 4-H club included work with shooting sports (at both County and State levels), Outdoor Education and Recreation, Livestock and Community Service project areas.

Jake could be described as having a calm, quiet nature and will be remembered for always wearing his FOX cap. He touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In Loving Memory of Jenna Balabuch

**The poem below written by Jenna in 2011
not only symbolizes her love of horses
but her spirit that continues to inspire us.**

Flying without Wings

Thunder rolls over the fields, in the form of
hooves Striking the Earth,
Their Breath comes effortlessly, as they fly
without wings,
Each muscle stands out, in an array of
breathtaking beauty,
Bulging against their skin, as each hoof hits the
ground in solid succession,
Sending sprays of dirt behind them, like a fanfare
announcing their glory,
Their manes blow in the wind, as though an
almighty eagle were soaring over their necks,
Their tails stream out behind them, in the form of flags
marking the beginning of a great race,
If you peer closely, you can see the excitement of
the run reflecting in their eyes,
The trio runs for the sheer joy of it, and the
Feeling of the wind flowing alongside them,
They run together, as though it were a synchronized
dance amongst them,
The three majestic mustangs come galloping through the
billow of dust
Their strength and beauty, accented in the golden
light of the awakening world,
With the speed of light, and the sound of thunder,
They will disappear in the frame of dirt,
As they fly without wings.

Club & Committee News (continued)

State 4-H Awards Program: Apply by March 1st to compete

If you are a 4-H'er aged 13 and up with at least three years of 4-H experience, the Michigan State 4-H Awards Program might be your chance to gain leadership skills, practice interviewing, improve your writing skills, build your self-esteem and compete for recognition in more than 30 project areas.

The Michigan State 4-H Awards Program includes county-, regional- and state-level competition. To participate, you would submit completed individual or group awards application forms to your county MSU Extension staff by **March 1, 2012**. The applications are

evaluated on the county level and submitted for regional competition. Regional winners are selected by early April.

Regional winners can compete for state-level honors in one project area. Applications and directions can be found online at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4-h_recognition_program.

State winners are selected during the 4-H Awards Assembly, held at MSU during 4-H Exploration Days in June. Selection is based on the awards application and an interview. Winners are announced at the 4-H Awards Celebration, which is held on Thursday night of 4-H Exploration Days. The State 4-H Awards Program is a great way to meet others from across the state who are active in the

same 4-H projects, plus State winners receive \$100 cash awards and recognition plaques.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award

If you are 11 or 12 years old, you could be the recipient of the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. This is an essay contest that recognizes county representatives during the 4-H Awards Celebration at 4-H Exploration Days.

To enter, submit your written essay to the county 4-H office by **March 1, 2012**. Counties select their representatives and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee for inclusion in the program. Download the 4-H Mark of Excellence forms and documents here at the following website: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4-h_recognition_program

Community Service at Blake's Apple Orchard and Cider Mill



When the Pirates 4-H Club went to Blake's Apple Orchard, it was nothing but fun! We helped people where to go and how to find things. We answered lots of different questions about the animals, and lots more.

When we arrived at Blake's Apple Orchard on Armada Center Road, we checked in a a group and were given a short briefing on what our job was and it was off to work we went. It was only a short period of time before we received notification that a bunny had escaped from Bunny Land (a place where people went to see the rabbits). So we spent quite some time chasing the rabbit to and fro, trying so very hard to get it back into Bunny Land. Finally, we caught the bunny and returned it to it's home. After that we fanned out into all the animal barns and spent the rest of the day explaining the animals and holding rabbits for people to pet.

It was a very fun day and at the end of it, we all felt good about what we had done to help the community, even if we had only shown animals.

By Selena Orlando, 4-H Member

Nominate Club Representatives Early for 4-H King and Queen

4-H clubs can nominate their club representatives early for 4-H King and 4-H Queen. Each club is allowed to nominate one boy for 4-H King and one girl for 4-H Queen.

Nominating your representatives early provides your club nominees a chance to complete the application (on Macomb MSU-Extension website) and have reviewed by their 4-H club leader. Plus, it allows sufficient time for the nominees to make sure their

applications are prepared accurately and adequately to meet the judge's satisfaction. The extra time will give your club nominees a lot of time for interview practice with club members and club volunteers.

Nominees should be available for both the Romeo Peach Festival Floral Parade and the Richmond Good Old Days parade. Questions? Contact Jenna Lotan at (586) 781-7081.

Save Your Socks!

Socks, Craft Supplies Needed for Sock Puppet Marathon

Attention all upcoming Sock Puppet Marathon Attendees:

We are in desperate need of clean, used socks! Any color, shape, size, yes, even socks with holes. Also, please start collecting craft supplies to be brought the day of the Marathon. Please watch upcoming email announcements for the date, which has not been set. Any questions or concerns should be emailed to Alissa at schoolsection4h@att.net.

Club & Committee News (continued)

Youth Compete in Macomb County 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

The 2011 Macomb County 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament was held in July. Youth competed in a safety poster contest and various shooting sports disciplines. Competitors at the county level were eligible to compete at the 2011 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament in August.

2011 Macomb County 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament Results:

SAFETY POSTER:

Cloverbud

Emma Grace Grettenberger
Nicole Beechie

Beginner

1 - Liam Bradford
2 - Miles Mikolowski
3 - Ian Grettenberger

Junior

1 - Shianne Girten
2 - Matt Seifert
3 - Garrett Drake

Senior

1 - Ashley Cerku
2 - Melissa Mikolowski
3 - Elizabeth Seifert

BB GUN:

Cloverbud

Emma Grace Grettenberger

PELLET GUN:

Beginner

1 - Ian Grettenberger
2 - Miles Mikolowski

Senior

1 - Alysa Brice
2 - Melissa Mikolowski

TARGET ARCHERY:

Beginner Instinctive Recurve

1 - Sarah Dillingham
2 - Liam Bradford
3 - Jamie Jennings

Beginner Instinctive Compound

1 - Ian Grettenberger

Beginner Open

1 - Nicholas Findley
2 - Jonathan Seifert
3 - Miles Mikolowski

Junior Instinctive Recurve

1 - Lily Sheppard
2 - Ryan Jackson
3 - Matt Klena

Junior Sighted Compound

1 - Caitlin Loeding
2 - Shianne Girten

Junior Open

1 - Matt Seifert
2 - Ryan Cerku
3 - Garrett Drake

Senior Instinctive Recurved

1 - Melissa Mikolowski
2 - Heather Verfaillie

Senior Open

1 - Elizabeth Seifert
2 - Alysa Brice
3 - Ashley Cerku

3D ARCHERY:

Cloverbud

Emma Grace Grettenberger

Beginner Instinctive Recurve

1 - Liam Bradford
2 - Sarah Dillingham
3 - Jaime Jennings

Beginner Instinctive Compound

1 - Ian Grettenberger

Beginner Open

1 - Miles Mikolowski
2 - Nicholas Findley

Junior Instinctive Recurve

1 - Matt Klena
2 - Katlyn Findley
3 - (TIE) Karley Theut
(TIE) Anna Dillingham

Junior Instinctive Compound

1 - Caitlin Loeding
2 - Shianne Girten

Junior Open

1 - Matt Seifert
2 - Garrett Drake
3 - Ryan Cerku

Senior Open

1 - Ashley Cerku
2 - Alysa Brice

TRAP:

Junior

1 - Matt Seifert
2 - Ryan Cerku

Senior

1 - Ashley Cerku
2 - Elizabeth Seifert



Alysa Brice



Garrett Drake



Melissa Mikolowski



Miles Mikolowski

It's not too late to get involved with the Macomb County 4-H Shooting Sports Program!

Ask your club leader or contact

Stephen Sondey at sondey@provide.net for more information.

Upcoming Events

2011-12 Michigan 4-H Workshop Schedule

Information about the following workshops is available online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule one month prior to the event. Register for these events at the county Extension office by the deadlines listed in the program announcement. Call (586) 469-6431 for registration information.

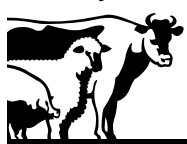
4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference

January 21-22 – Kettunen Center

This powerful 2012 conference brings teens, ages 14 and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. Register at the county Extension office by January 6, 2012. The program announcement for this conference is online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule or request a copy from the 4-H office, (586) 469-6431.

4-H Veterinary Science Workshop

February 24-25 – 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 teens ages 13 and older.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop

February 25-26 – Kettunen Center

If you're interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. 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. Learn ways to enhance your communications/teaching skills, and learn about many opportunities for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up.

4-H Science Workshop

March 10-11 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is for teen and adult volunteers ages 13 and up. All staff and educa-

tion providers are welcome. Whether you are interested in animal science, plant science, environmental science, robotics, alternative energy, engineering, film making or technology, this workshop has something exciting for you! Learn about new, hands-on educational opportunities in both new and existing 4-H project areas. Conduct experiments and learn how to develop the next generation of problem solvers. Hands-on sessions will be provided.

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Plant Science and Entomology Workshop

March 16-18 – Kettunen Center



This is a hands-on opportunity to learn about many environmental & outdoor education, horticulture and entomology projects through fun lessons and activities. Gain ideas, project

resources and activities to get kids outside, inquire and explore the world and to gain knowledge, all while having fun. Sessions will feature wildlife, natural resources, plant science, entomology, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership. Learn about science applications and career exploration related to these subjects and how to use the information with 4-H clubs or classrooms. Open to adults and youth ages 13 and up.

4-H Entrepreneurship Workshop

March 31-April 1 – Kettunen Center

Wonder how your passion for 4-H projects can turn into a business? Are you an entrepreneur, or are you interested in learning more about it? Already a market livestock "boss" or perhaps you want to make a difference in Michigan by thinking "green" in the bioeconomy? This entrepreneurship education workshop is for youth 13 and up and adult volunteers and educators who want to grow their knowledge about starting a business, growing a business and how to make their money (profit) grow. If you dream of being your own boss, you will have the opportunity to choose from several tracks. There will be hands-on learning activities and resources to take home.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

April 13-15 – Kettunen Center

If you'd like to know more about the dairy industry, sign up for this conference. You'll learn about dairy management topics including dairy cattle nutrition,

health, reproduction and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests, tour area farms. Open to youth ages 13 to 19 as of January 1, 2012.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

April 27-29 – Kettunen Center

This workshop offers a variety of training sessions including rifle, shotgun, archery and hunting and wildlife, which are partial fulfillment of the requirements to be a MI 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Join us and see all that the 4-H Shooting Sports program has to offer! Learn how we foster positive youth development through the shooting sports, and try techniques that effectively help youth learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you've been inactive for more than 3 years or your certification has lapsed. Open to volunteers and youth ages 16 and up.

4-H Recreational Leadership and Camp Counselor Training

May 4-6 – Kettunen Center

In this interactive workshop you will learn to take the lead and work together to create fun activities and learn new skills! You can be the change that your club, camp, group or committee needs to spark the enthusiasm of your members and help them succeed. There will be team building, energizers, ice breakers, games, leadership discovery and more. Participants will be ready to create a plan for introducing recreation into their programs to bring back the FUN. If camp programs interest you, we will send you away with ideas to improve your existing program or get you off to the right start! This training is for youth and adults ages 13 + (by Jan. 1, 2012). School staff and agencies that work with and plan programs for children may also enjoy this workshop.

4-H Companion Animals Workshop

May 12-13 - Kettunen Center

Participants in this workshop will get ideas and information about companion animal projects. This workshop is open to 4-H youth and adults ages 13 and up, who are interested in sharing, learning and exploring new information about companion animals. Participants will learn new information about activities, club and group development, companion animal management skills, health, nutrition and more.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Winter 2012 National, State, and Local Events

MSU Horsemen's Weekend January 13-15 - MSU

The MSU Horsemen's Association will host a weekend of shows, clinics and equine education, January 13-15, 2012! This will be a great educational opportunity for 4-H clubs, and will also highlight the equine clubs and opportunities at MSU. For more information or a complete schedule of events, please visit: <https://www.msu.edu/~msuha/> or email msuhorse-mens@gmail.com.

Horse Program Committee Officer Elections January 23 - Camp Rotary

The next scheduled Horse Committee Meeting is January 23rd at 7 p.m. at Camp Rotary in Ray Township. Please remember

to have one adult and two youth present from each horse club. This is your time to vote for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Point Secretary. These positions need to have youth representation for the positions. So please be present and supportive of youths elected to these positions. This is a good opportunity to support positive youth development, which is the philosophy of 4-H.

MI 4-H Horse Programs Benefit Clinic February 4 - MSU Pavilion

The 35th Annual Michigan 4-H Horse Programs Benefit Clinic is Saturday, Feb. 4th at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. The event will feature AQHA judge and trainer, Sherrye Johnson-Trafton of Brunswick, Maine. Clinic topics will focus on Trail and

starting flying lead changes. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Contact Taylor Fabus at tenlenta@msu.edu or (517) 353-1748 or go online to http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/horse_programs for more information.

MI 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show January 28 - MSU Pavilion

Information and registration materials are now available for the 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show online at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h_rabbitcavy_show. The show is open to youth ages 9-19. a noncompetitive division is available for youth ages 5-8.

The event will be held at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.75 per class.

South East Leader Meet Comes to Macomb Co.

Make sure to register for this year's South East Leader Meet. This is a great opportunity for youth 11 and up and volunteers to learn new skills, share ideas with neighboring county 4-Hers and have some fun. The event will be held on Saturday, March 31st at the Macomb Intermediate School District on Garfield Road. This event is sure to draw a crowd from around the state with numerous classes to choose from including:

- Turn Your Passion Into Profits
- Science for Everybody
- Youth Adult Partnerships
- Interviews that Get Results
- Outdoor Adventure Challenge
- Real Colors
- Leadership & Service through Animal Science Projects
- Expanding your Horse Project Horizon
- PowerPoint presentations and more.

Contact the 4-H office at (586) 469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

Save the date!

4-H Exploration Days June 20-22, 2012 Michigan State University

Watch upcoming email announcements for additional information about this exciting annual youth conference! Registration books will be available online by March 1.

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days



Experience Michigan Government in Action

4-H Capitol Experience!

March 18-21, 2012, in Lansing, Michigan

(http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_capitol_experience)

Learn first-hand how our state government works.

- Meet the people who play a role in government and policy making.
 - Take an in-depth look at current public policy issues and how state government deals with those issues.
 - Spend a morning with a lobbyist, lawyer or news reporter, or work in a legislator's office.
- Join more than 100 other 4-H members and leaders from across Michigan at 4-H Capitol Experience! Besides learning many new things, you'll have lots of fun and make new friends.

Contact your county Michigan State University Extension office at (586) 469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information. Applications are due by February 3, 2012.

Notes from the 4-H Office

Growing Entrepreneurs Through Michigan 4-H

With the belief that effective community development requires preparing youth to understand the vital role small business owners play in the community, the MSU Extension educators who are part of the organization's Career Education and Workforce Preparation work team place a high priority on youth entrepreneurship programming. Even if youth decide that business ownership is not for them, they learn so many skills that will serve them well no matter what career path they choose. Among those life skills are communication, recordkeeping, resource utilization, planning and organizing, goal setting, critical thinking, problem solving and decision making.

Nearly 300 young people from across the state came to the MSU campus in June to take part in the Michigan 4-H Business and Entrepreneurship Expo and Marketplace. This event was held in conjunction with Exploration Days, a career exploration conference that allows participants the chance to live and take classes on a major university campus.

Sessions were held for youth just beginning to explore business ideas, as well as those who already have functioning operations. Among the most popular classes were those that explored the possibility of starting bait and compost businesses, growing and selling produce at farm stands and becoming authors or inventors. The highlight of the event was the 4-H Marketplace, which gives young entrepreneurs the opportunity to sell their products to the more than 2,000 Exploration Days participants.

In March 2012, there will be three great opportunities for teen leaders and volunteers to learn more about 4-H entrepreneurship programming. Two weekend workshops will be offered at the Kettunen Center this spring focusing on business and on Saturday, March 31st at the South East Leader Meet in Macomb County many classes offered will have an entrepreneurial twist. For more than 10 years, Macomb

County 4-H clubs have run a week long petting farm business during the Armada Fair, held in August. During each club's shift, the members greet customers, sell and fill feed, offer educational demonstrations and promote 4-H. Older teens receive specialized training to handle the animals to allow customers an up close and personal petting farm experience.

In addition to the goats, sheep, chicken, ducks, rabbits, llama and

donkey, there is also simulated play area where visitors can milk a cow or gather eggs. In 2011, Macomb County's 4-H Petting Farm grossed more than \$10,000. The profits are used to pay for all of Macomb County's 4-H Member's yearly pins, the annual County Awards banquet, club officer training and scholarships for members and volunteers to attend educational programs and camps throughout the year. Almost 100 youths and volunteers are involved in this entrepreneurial educational endeavor each year.

Surveys Evaluate 4-H Programs

As a participant in the 4-H program your child may be asked to help with the evaluation of the program. Your child may be asked to complete a short survey about what he/she learned or did as a result of the program. Surveys could be given before the program begins and/ or after the program has ended. Surveys take no more than 10 minutes to complete. All surveys are confidential. Youth are not required to participate in the evaluation. If you or your child does not wish to participate it will not affect involvement in any programs of Michigan State University. Through surveys, MSU Extension will be able to:

- Evaluate the learning, actions, and conditions that occur in the lives of people through their participation in Extension programs.
- Make more informed decisions for effective program planning and evaluation.
- Improve our programs.
- Provide more accurate assessments to our funding partners and legislators.

If you do not want your child to participate in program evaluations or have questions about them, contact Kathy Jamieson at 586-469-6093.



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Calendar

JANUARY 2012

- 9 Macomb Co. 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Prg. Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Assoc., Lenox Twp.
- 9-12 Great Lakes National Dairy Conference, Soaring Eagle Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant
- 13 4-H Livestock Sale Participation Forms due to 4-H Livestock Sale Committee Secretary
- 13-15 MSU Horsemen's Weekend, MSU, East Lansing
- 15 4-H Day at the Breslin Center, 4 p.m., MSU, East Lansing
- 21-22 4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 23 Macomb County 4-H Horse Program Committee Elections & Meeting, 7 p.m., Camp Rotary, Ray Township
- 23 Macomb County 4-H Livestock Sale Elections & Meeting, 7 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
- 26 Macomb County 4-H Awards & Recognition Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Macomb Intermediate School District, Clinton Township
- 27-28 Green and White Youth Event and Open Hog Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

FEBRUARY 2012

- 5 4-H Beef Tagging, 12-2 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
- 9-11 Great Lakes Dairy Conference, Frankenmuth, MI
- 24-25 4-H Veterinary Science Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 25-26 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin

MARCH 2012

- 1 Mark of Excellence Essays due to the county Extension office
- 1 State Awards applications due to the county Extension office
- 4-13 Agriculture and Natural Resource Week, MSU Campus
- 10-11 4-H Science Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 16-18 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Plant Science, & Entomology Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 18-21 4-H Capitol Experience, Lansing
- 23 Spartan Spectacular Calf Sale, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
- 31 Southeast Leader Meet, Macomb Intermediate School District, Clinton Township
- 31-Apr. 1 4-H Entrepreneurship Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin

APRIL 2012

- 1 Deadline for new members to enroll in 4-H and show in the 2012 Armada Fair
- 13-15 Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference, Tustin, MI
- 27-29 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Kettunen Center, Tustin

MAY 2012

- 4-6 4-H Recreational Leadership & Camp Counselor Training, Kettunen Center, Tustin
- 12-13 4-H Companion Animals Workshop, Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 2012

- 20-22 4-H Exploration Days, MSU, East Lansing
- 27-28 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour, Novi