

County News

*****4-H Impact Survey*****

We would like to get your feedback on how 4-H has impacted both youth and adults. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Your input will help evaluate our County's 4-H Youth Program. So far only 10 people completed the survey. In order to share the positive impact of 4-H with our stakeholders and potential funders we need your participation. The survey results will be shared with Macomb County Board of Commissioners, Michigan State 4-H Office, our 4-H Council and families and incorporated into various grants. To access the survey go to the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=x_2fp_2fAFWSwD1Rsn3jVhQZzQ_3d_3d

Thank you so much for your input.

*****Armada Fair Survey*****

Your input is important to us. So far only 20 people have provided their input. Please take a few minutes to answer a few questions about your experience at last year's fair, vote on next year's 4-H fair theme, and provide suggestions for improvement. In addition, the Armada Fair will be opening a day early-on Monday August 16 and we would like your thoughts on when craft judging should take place. To access the survey go to the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=CER18ZMQav06c9uoOXk4Zg_3d_3d

*****Club Officer Training Rescheduled*****

Club Officer Training has been rescheduled for Monday, January 18th, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. There will be a general session followed by break out sessions for Presidents/VPs; Treasurers and their adult assistants; Secretaries; Historians and Reporters.

Officers interested in attending should call the 4-H Office at 469-6431 or e-mail Anne at anne.crotser@macombcountymi.gov. by Thursday, January 14, 2010. We need your name, office, and club.

*****Steer Tagging*****

Steer tagging takes place at the Armada Fairgrounds on the first Sunday in February (7th), from noon to 2:00pm. All steers must be tagged at this time in order to be exhibited in the 2010 Armada Fair. All male market livestock must be castrated prior to tagging-no exceptions.

*****Southeast Region Leadership Academy*****

Save the date for a full day workshop on Saturday, March 6 at Mott Community College where you will gain the skills you need to lead an active, successful and motivated group. For a cost of only \$10, you will learn elements of running a great meeting, decision making tools, and how to productively communicate and deal with conflict. [Click here for the flyer](#) and click [here for the registration form](#).

*****Horse Program Committee Meeting*****

The next Horse Program Committee is January 25th at Camp Rotary at 7:00pm. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6:00pm, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

*****4-H Council and Subcommittee Meetings*****

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14 @ 6:15pm. Each Subcommittee (Fair, Finance, Recognition, and Education/Outreach) meets during the council. Youth and volunteers are welcome to serve on any one of the subcommittees. Please RSVP by January 13 so we have enough food for dinner.

*****Livestock Program and Sale Committee Meetings*****

The next Livestock Program and Sale Committee Meetings will be on Monday, January 25, 2010 at Armada High School. The Program Committee will meet at 6:00 to discuss the next Livestock Jeopardy event scheduled for March 6. The Livestock Sale committee meets at 7:00 pm to begin planning for this year's 4-H Auction. All youth and adults involved in Livestock projects are welcome to attend.

*****County Awards Banquet*****

Mark your calendars! The county Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 pm at the Macomb Intermediate School District on Garfield Road. The cost this year is \$9 per person. Any youth who submitted an application may attend the event for FREE but all must **RSVP by January 18.** The price will increase to \$12 at the door for those who did not RSVP by the deadline.

*****New Volunteer Orientations*****

All adults who are interested in becoming a screened 4-H volunteer, must attend a new volunteer orientation. Orientations are held at the VerKuilen Building -21885 Dunham, Clinton Township 48036 and have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

Wednesday, January 20, 6-9 pm

Tuesday, February 9, 6-9 pm

Please RVSP by calling Vickie at 586-469-6431.

***** Sock Puppet Marathon Community Service *****

School Section 4-H Club makes sock puppets for a missionary to take to Haiti. The puppets are handed out when the missionary gives them medical attention. We will be hosting a county wide community service to reach our goal of 1,000 sock puppets! All 4-H clubs are welcome and anyone else who needs community service hours.

When: Saturday, January 30th, 2010

Location: Armada United Methodist Church - 23200 E. Main Street Armada, MI 48005.

Event will be in the basement of the church.

Time: 9am- 5pm

Who: Hosted by School Section 4-H Club and Macomb County Extension

What: Bring any scrap materials (yarn, felt, buttons, ribbon, etc.) and a hot glue gun. Please do not buy any items to participate in this community service.

Why: We are making these sock puppets to be taken down to Haiti to be given to children when they receive their vaccinations by a medical team

Donuts, Juice, and Coffee will be provided in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. You must stay at least 2 hours to be provided breakfast of lunch.

RSVP is a must to have a count for food. RSVP by January 28 to Alissa Gianferrara at schoolsection4h@att.net.

State News

*****Teen Leadership, Citizenship, and Service Workshop*****

January 23-24, 2010-Kettunen Center

This exciting conference has teens from across the state converging on Kettunen Center to learn leadership and civic engagement skills to use to make a difference in their communities. The conference is open to teens 14 years old and up and adults. It has sessions for both the 4-H and non-4-H member. There are several tracks to choose from and the announcement, available in the fall, will have complete descriptions of each track. Teens and adults sign up for a track to attend throughout the weekend when they register. Registrations are due to the County Office by January 8. Cost is \$52.00 Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

***** Save the Date: Exploration Days*****

4-H Exploration Days will be held June 23 to 25, 2010. 4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU pre-college program that attracts approximately 2,500 youth participants and chaperones who represent all 83 Michigan counties. Nearly 200 fun, action-filled classroom and field trip sessions are offered annually. The sessions take place throughout the [Michigan State University campus](#) and at various off-campus locations. Participants attend one or two sessions throughout their three-day stay. They are housed in three Michigan State University residence halls. To attend the event you must be at least aged 11 by January 1, 2010. Full registration for the full three days is \$165 which includes all meals, lodging, sessions, and a t-shirt. Partial scholarships are available through MSU Extension and our Macomb County 4-H Council. Registration booklets should be out in February.

*****4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop*****

February 27-28, 2010 - Kettunen Center

If you're interested in 4-H 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 also offers ways to enhance your communication and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in beef, sheep or swine projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up. Registrations are due to the county office by February 12. Cost is only \$45.50. Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

*****4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop*****

February 26-27, 2010 - Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of species by sharing information and experiences, asking questions and quizzing veterinarians about their skills. You can also participate in hands-on demonstrations that teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick or injured animals. Meet 4-H'ers who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up. Registrations are due to the county office

by February 12. Cost is only \$45.50. Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

*****State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show*****

This year's show will be held on January 30, 2010 at the MSU Pavilion and is open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 as of January 1, 2010. A non-competitive cloversprout division for 5-8 years of age is also available. On site registration begins at 6:30 am at it will be \$2.75 per class. Other events that will take place at the show include Breed ID, Educational Posters and Displays, Ask the Vet student booth, and Supply Vendors. For more information visit the website at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#rabbits>

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

March 19-21, 2010

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Two workshops in one! These workshops are running on the same schedule. Participants from each one will be able to sign up for sessions offered by the other workshop, but must select one as your "main workshop" when registering. Pick from a variety of topics offered in six different break-out session time blocks. Gain fun, hands-on ideas, projects and activities for use in your club or county programming. Update your knowledge and skills, share ideas with others from around the state, and help kids enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. Bring an item to donate or extra spending money for bidding to help support the auction for your workshop. Adults and youth ages 13 or older may attend. The cost is \$70 per person (4-H). Register through the county MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on March 5, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 for more information. Click here for the workshop packets: [4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education](#); [4-H Plant Science & Entomology](#). Macomb County 4-H Council partial scholarships are available for 50% of the cost. Check out the Macomb County website http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_scholarship.html for Council scholarship form.

***** 4-H Ski Day *****

The annual 4-H Ski Day at Apple Mountain is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This event draws kids and their families from various 4-H clubs throughout Michigan.

Ski and snowboard packages are available beginning at \$28; all packages include a lift ticket, rental pass, and a complimentary lesson. In order to receive this special pricing, pre-registration is required. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kathryn Schofield directly at 888-781-6789, Ext. 202.



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