



## Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for April 20, 2011

### COUNTY NEWS

#### \*\*\*JCPenney-Roseville Fundraiser\*\*\*

When you shop at the ROSEVILLE JCPenney store between April 13-26 and round up your purchase to the next whole dollar, the JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to the Macomb County **4-H Youth Development Programs**. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support our local 4-H programs by "rounding up" our purchases! Spread the word to your family and friends.

#### \*\*\*Fair update\*\*\*

**Exhibit Building Fix up and Spring Clean Up** will be held at the Armada Fair Grounds on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 pm. Come one, come all. Bring rakes, brooms, gloves and let's work together bring 4-H spirit to the old 4-H Exhibit building.

**Craft Judging-** At our last Fair Planning meeting, the group decided that Craft Judging will take place on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from **9am to 1 pm**. Since animal projects will also be coming in that day, we want youth with large livestock (beef, sheep, swine and goats) to have their crafts judged from 9am to 11am and youth without large livestock to be judged from 11am-1pm. The group also discussed having the exhibit building set up by clubs this year rather than project area. We will develop a club form that leaders can fill out when they turn in their entries to get an estimate of space needed for crafts.

#### \*\*\*4-H Project Clover 5K Run/Walk\*\*\*

Project Clover is proud to host it's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K Run/Walk in Armada on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Proceeds from the race will go to purchase 4-H members' animals at the annual 4-H Livestock Auction held during the Armada Fair on Friday, August 19. All meat will be donated to local food pantries.

Pre-register by May 11<sup>th</sup> and pay \$20 with a shirt/\$15 without a shirt. Pre-registered youth ages 12 and under pay \$8 with a shirt/\$3 without a shirt. Register on race day and pay \$25.

Runners and Walkers sign in from 8:15-9:30 a.m. at the Armada Fairgrounds Barn #3, 74280 Fair Street, Armada, on race day. The Kids' Race (a one mile fun run) begins at 9:30 a.m., 5K Fun Run/Walk at 10 a.m., and the awards ceremony at approximately 11 a.m. Top runners and top 5 walkers will be recognized at the end of the race.

Register online at <http://www.runmichigan.com> or contact Jennifer Miller at 810-395-2257 or Becky at 586-784-9846 for more information or to register.

#### \*\*\*Livestock Sale Meeting\*\*\*

The next Livestock Sale meetings will be Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Hall at 7pm .All livestock clubs are encouraged to come.

#### \*\*\*4-H Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion\*\*\*

Help spread the word about this National Promotion and Partnership with our local Tractor Supply Companies. The Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser will run through April 25, 2011, where local Tractor Supply Companies will be selling 4-H Paper Clovers for \$1 that are then prominently displayed in their stores. Money raised will help support our local 4-H programs. We have two TSC locations in Macomb County:

NEW HAVEN

57155 GRATIOT AVE NEW HAVEN, MI 48048  
(586) 749-6162 -Speak to Frank, Marie, or Dean

ROMEO  
66030 VAN DYKE RD WASHINGTON, MI 48095  
(586) 752-5781 Charlie, Kera, or Pat

It would be great for 4-H clubs to show their support by having a club display/demonstration during this promotion. If you are able/interested please make arrangements with the store managers listed above.

### **\*\*\*4-H King and Queen Contest\*\*\***

Now is the time to nominate someone from your club for King or Queen. By participating in this program, youth gain leadership experience, enhance their communication skills and play an active role in promoting 4-H in the community. Each club can nominate one boy and one girl from their club membership. Nominees must be 4-H age 14-18 and have completed a minimum of 2 years in 4-H (not including current year). Nominees need to complete an application and cover sheet found online:

[http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h\\_armadafair.html](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_armadafair.html)

Applications are due to the 4-H office **by 5 pm Friday, June 10**. Nominees will then be interviewed by a panel of judges. For more information contact the 4-H Superintendent, Jenna Lotan 586.781.7081, Jean Bingham 586.784.5021 or Kathy at the MSUE office, 586-469-6431.

### **\*\*\*Office Closing at Noon on April 22, 2011\*\*\***

Please note that the Macomb County MSU Extension office will be closing at noon on Friday, April 22, 2011.

### **\*\*\*Community Garden Volunteers needed for the Richmond –New Haven Area\*\*\***

Call Eric at 810-560-7466 if your club is interested in helping with a community garden project. Vegetable harvested will go to local food pantries.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **\*\*\*4-H Exploration Days\*\*\***

Enrollment for 4-H Exploration Days will remain open through April 29, 2011. This popular annual youth conference will take place June 22-24, 2011 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Exploration Days registration books and a list of open sessions are available online at

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html> . The full-time cost for 4-H members is \$165. Non 4-H members pay an additional \$10 participation fee. A limited number of partial scholarships are available from MSU Extension and the Macomb County 4-H Council. Forms are available online at

[http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h\\_Forms.htm](http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm) . Sessions fill quickly, so don't delay. For more information about 4-H Exploration Days, contact the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 or

[Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov), or go online to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>.

### **\*\*\*Poultry Palooza\*\*\***

The State 4-H Poultry Palooza Catalog is now on line and can be accessed at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Poultry> . This event encompasses youth skills and knowledge competitions along with a poultry exhibition. The event will be held on May 21, 2011 at the CLINTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS in St Johns, Michigan. This is a new location! Register at the County Extension office by noon on 4/22/11.

### **\*\*\*2011 State 4-H Trail Ride\*\*\***

The 2011 Michigan State 4-H Trail Ride and 4-H Horse Family Weekend is scheduled for June 17-19 at Goose Creek Trail Camp in Grayling. This camp will give 4-H members, parents, leaders and their

families an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with 4-H'ers from across the state, provide training in planning and conducting club and county trail rides, develop an appreciation of conservation and natural resources and have fun.

Fees:

- 11 years and older: \$45.00
- 5-10 years old: \$35.00
- 4 years and younger: Free

Fees include six meals, Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Register by Monday, May 23, 2011 at the County Extension office. Contact the Macomb County MSU Extension office at 586-469-6431 or [Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov), or contact Taylor Tenlen at 517-353-1748 or [tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu) for more information.

### **\*\*\*2011 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo\*\*\***

The 2011 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo is Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Event categories include Cavy Showmanship, Craft, Educational Poster, Art, Patch Design, Photography, Quiz Bowl, Quiz Contest, Rabbit Showmanship, Skillathon, Virtual Breed ID, Virtual Cavy Breed Judging, and Virtual Rabbit Breed Judging. There will be Senior, Junior, Individual and Team divisions. Youth who are ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2011 are welcome to participate. The cost is \$5 per individual plus \$3 per event. Register at the County Extension office by May 6, 2011. Call 586-469-6431 or e-mail [macomb.4-h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:macomb.4-h@macombcountymi.gov) for more information.

### **\*\*\* State 4-H Goat Show \*\*\***

The 2011 State 4-H Goat Show is June 25, 2011 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. Classes will include Showmanship, Dairy Breeds, Angora, Pygmy, Boer, Market Wether, County Herd, Obstacle Pack, and Driving. All exhibitors must be ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2011. Special cloverbud classes will be offered for ages 5-8. The cost is \$6 per participant, \$4 per goat, and \$8 per pen. Register at the County Extension office by May 20, 2011. Call 586-469-6431, e-mail [macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov), or go online to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state\\_4\\_h\\_goat\\_show](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state_4_h_goat_show) for more information.

### **\*\*\*State 4-H Dog Show \*\*\***

The 2011 State 4-H Dog Show will be held at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing on August 20. Classes will include Leader Dog/Service Dog Puppy, Freestyle, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Brace Class, Team, Educational Poster Contest (free), and Cloverbud. Exhibitors not taking part in the Cloverbud event must be ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2011. Register by June 1, 2011 at the County Extension office. Call 586-469-6431, e-mail [macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov), or go online to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state\\_4\\_h\\_dog\\_show](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state_4_h_dog_show) for more information.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **\*\*\*Easter Lilies (and all other lilies) are highly toxic to cats\*\*\***

So are Daffodil bulbs, tulips, and hyacinths. Other common houseplants that are poisonous to cats include: philodendron (leaves), English Ivy (leaves, berries), Difenbachia/Dumbcane (all parts), Aloe Vera, Cyclamen, Asparagus Fern, Dracaena and Shefflera

### **\*\*\* Cocoa Mulch Danger to Dogs and Cats\*\*\***

Cocoa Mulch contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate, which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed

the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine. Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, this product is toxic to dogs and cats.

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that 'It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it.'

This Snopes site gives the following information:

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

### **\*\*\*Outdoor Education Skills Clinic\*\*\***

This program is designed to provide fun filled outdoor education learning experiences for youth 9 years of age and up. The activities offered are Fishing, Archery orienteering, Camping101 and Explore Nature.

This Clinic begins June 20, 2011 thru August 12, 2011. This program will be offered at

- Maybury State Park, located in Northville, MI,
- Proud Lake Recreation Area, located in Wixom, MI
- Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, located in Pontiac, MI
- Bald Mountain Recreation Area, located in Lake Orion, MI

Register no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>. Register soon as space is limited. For registration contact Gary Williams at 313-833-3299.

### **\*\*\*Clare County Archery Tournament\*\*\***

The Clare County Archery Tournament is May 21, 2011 at the Clare Rod & Gun Club, 10488 Eberhart Rd., Clare, MI 48617. The event begins at 9 a.m. and is open to 4-H members and the general public. There will be 3-D, Target and Team events. The cost is \$7. Call Don and Cindy Dietsch at 989-465-2058 for more information.

### **\*\*\*Volunteers Needed for Country Fair\*\*\***

Volunteers are needed to promote 4-H at the Country Fair at Wolcott Mill Metropark in Ray Township from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on June 25 and 26. Contact Kathleen Clinton directly at 586-752-5932 to volunteer. Contact the MSU Extension 4-H office at 586-469-6431 or [Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov) to request promotional materials for this event.

### **\*\*\*Events at Wolcott Farm\*\*\***

Please phone Wolcott Farm at 586-752-5932 for information about any of the following events:

#### **Baby Animal Tours**

April 26-30, 2011 -- 10am, Noon & 2pm -- \$3 per person -- Pre-registration required

Go for a tour around our farm and stop, visit, take pictures with and learn about the various baby farm animals. Visiting with and petting baby farm animals is fun for everyone! Pre-registration required! Hurry – this program fills up fast – limited spots available

#### **Horse Workshop**

May 7, 2011 -- 11am -- \$5 per person -- Pre-registration required

This is a program for the novice horse enthusiasts. Meet our draft horses and learn how to provide and care for a horse. We will make a lead rope that you can use for a future horse or as a dog leash. Bring your questions and your camera.

#### **Flowers and Wagon Rides for Mom**

May 8, 2011 -- Noon to 3pm -- \$5 per person -- Pay at the door

Looking for something different to do for Mother's Day? Join us at the farm where you and mom can enjoy a wagon ride and choose a flower or plant to take home. Moms are FREE.

#### **Equestrian – Western Pleasure Clinic**

May 14, 2011 -- 1 to 3pm -- \$20 per horse/rider -- Pre-registration required

This program is for horse and rider. Looking to get that slow western jog or beautiful lope? Then this clinic is just what you need for this show season. Help to build balance between you and your horse in the show ring, on the road or on the trails. Presented by Nick Costinika. Please call for details on bringing your horse to our farm.

### **Equestrian-Trail Clinic**

May 28, 2011 -- 1 to 3pm -- \$20 per horse/rider -- Pre-registration required

This program is for horse and rider. The clinic will help you understand how your horse sees each obstacle and what the judge is looking for in your pattern. Nick will help horse and rider through each trail obstacle and offer you helpful advice and techniques. Presented by Nick Costinika. Please call for details on bringing your horse to our farm.

## **CALENDAR**

### **\*\*\* Calendar of Events \*\*\***

For additional information about events listed above and more, visit the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H Calendar online at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/events/index.htm>.

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