

Macomb County 4-H E-mail Announcements for October 19, 2011

COUNTY NEWS & EVENTS

***Livestock Sale Meeting-October 24th at Grange Hall**

All livestock clubs are encouraged to come to the October 24th meeting. Please bring your club's swine, goat, and lamb survey to see if we want to change the pen class to individual male/female classes for swine, lambs, and/or goat for the upcoming 2012 Armada Fair. The survey form can be found:

<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/livestock.html>

Deadline for Awards

Forms are due the 1st Monday in November for the Jane Sylvester Sportsmanship Award Nominations & Bill Collins Outstanding Horsemanship Awards.

The Bill Collins Outstanding Horsemanship Award is given to a 4-H horse project member. It is awarded yearly and is based on the nominee's overall involvement in 4-H and the 4-H Horse Program. A 4-H member to be considered for this award should be nominated by a 4-H leader.

Each Club registered in the Macomb County Horse & Pony Project may nominate up to 3 individuals for the Jane Sylvester Sportsmanship Award. Nominees may be any 4-H member or adult volunteer in the Macomb County 4-H Horse Project. Of the 3 individuals, only one may be a member of the club making the nomination.

All forms are located on the county website at <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/horses.html>

Horse Committee Meeting

October 24th is the Horse Committee meetings 6:00 pm is Mini/Draft and 7:00 pm is Light meeting. The meeting will be held at Camp Rotary. Officer will be elected in January so please think of persons you would like to nominate for the committee. We need youth and adults to attend. **No horse meetings in November or December.** REMINDER all banquet tickets must be purchased by Oct. 31st. Pictures for the Banquet slide show are also due to Mike DeFour by Oct. 24th.

Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Meeting

Outdoor Ed. & Rec. Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14th at Huron Point Sportsmen Association. Time is 7:00 pm. All interested in participating in shooting sports should attend this meeting to help develop and give input on policies and procedures. The more interested persons that attend this committee meeting the better our program will be.

8th Annual People, Pets, and Vets

Please read on and **reply ASAP** if your club wants a booth at this event so your information can be given to Macomb Community College staff responsible for determining booth locations.

The important details:

EVENT: People, Pets & Vets

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011

TIME: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SET UP TIME: as early as 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Macomb Community College, M-59/Garfield campus **BUILDING E** - follow the signs to parking and building

WHY: FREE educational, interactive and fun event for the whole family to learn about veterinary and animal care from a variety of resources

There is a flyer available at the Michigan Veterinary Medicine Association website, <http://www.michvma.org>, under "People, Pets & Vets."

If your club is interested in a booth, please respond to Tari Kern by Friday, Oct. 21st. Let her know how many tables you need and if you need electricity or have any AV equipment needs. For new exhibits, also please submit one question or fill in the blank item for the seek-n-find page. Tari can be contacted at peoplepetsvets@yahoo.com or (248) 906-5987.

*****Fair Book Changes Needed by December*****

Attention all 4-H committees and superintendents: Please make sure to discuss possible fair book changes at upcoming committee meetings and submit all changes in WRITING to the 4-H office by December 1, 2011. We will meet with the Armada Fair Board in January to review the final changes.

*****Pocket Pet Project Leader Needed*****

For several years Macomb had an active Pocket Pet Project that drew its members from several clubs. Last year there was no active programming in this area. The Macomb County 4-H Companion Animals Committee is seeking a leader who would be interested in resurrecting this project. If you are interested, contact Anne at the 4-H Office at 586-469-6095 or anne.crotser@macombcountymi.gov.

*****Be a Friend on Facebook*****

Check out our own Macomb County 4-H on Facebook. This is a great opportunity for you and your club to advertise club activities and events that you would like others to know about. It is also the perfect site to search other 4-H pages and be friends to them as well. Post something about an upcoming event in your club, receive something new from another club or even another county, and keep updated with Facebook! www.facebook.com/Macomb4H

*****County Awards Approaching*****

We are excited to bring the County Awards with a new look this year. The awards will be held in January 26 of 2012 at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) building on Garfield in Clinton Township. The application forms for each individual award are available on the website. They've been revised to make applying easier! Check them out at http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm. You can choose from the variety of awards available. Print these forms out and encourage all 4-H members to apply. It is a great introduction to bigger things...like State Awards. Good Luck.

We'd love to see club interaction this year. We'd love your club to send a PowerPoint slide that shows your club and its members being involved, providing community service, learning projects, or just having fun. Please forward them to Alayne at the MSU Extension office, alaynewaterstraat@macombcountymi.gov.

*****Promote 4-H in a Parade*****

The Holly Days parade will be here before you know it. It is the lighted parade that takes place in Armada each December. Holly Days is complete with chestnuts roasting over open fires and Yuletide carols being sung by all! Your club might want to consider entering into the parade for a fun way to promote your club! Contact the Armada Lioness for more information at 586-784-5220.

STATE NEWS & EVENTS

*****4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference*****

December 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. Adults only. Cost is \$73 per person. Register through the county Extension office by November 18, 2011.

*****4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop*****

November 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. Cost is 79.50 per person. Register through the county Extension office by Nov. 4, 2011. For more information please view the [Program Announcement](#) for this event or go online to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule.

*****Capitol Experience March 18-21, 2012*****

Teens, have you ever wondered what it's like to be a state legislator, a lobbyist, a government official, or even a political reporter? Do you know that teens working together can make a difference in public policy and laws at the state and local levels? For four days in March, you can visit Lansing and learn how Michigan government works. The 2012 4-H Capitol Experience is generously supported by the Dow Chemical Company Foundation. To learn more about the 2012 4-H Capitol Experience, visit 4-H on the Web at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_capitol_experience.

*****Bi-State Poultry Clinic*****

the Michigan 4-H Poultry Committee is once again hosting the Bi State Poultry Clinic! This year's clinic will focus on poultry evaluation of live birds, meat and eggs. Please distribute to 4-H Poultry families and any others who may wish to attend. The complete flier can be found at http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4_h_bi_state_poultry_clinic. There is no pre-registration for this event. For more information, please contact Katie VanderKolk at (517) 432-5270.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

*****Free Rabbits and Cage*****

Are there any 4-Hers out there who would like free rabbits and a cage? Rabbits are available to a good home only. Ask for Mike at 586-727-5009 (home) or 586-727-2896 (work).

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