



Macomb 4-H Family Notes

Summer 2011

Roseville JCPenney Raises “Pennies From Heaven” for 4-H Programs

For more than a decade, JCPenney has been the leading corporate advocate for the afterschool issue by distributing more than \$100 million to life-enriching programs, such as 4-H, across every JCPenney community. 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 July 31 through August 27, JCPenney Roseville will be inviting its customers to turn small change into pennies from heaven. By simply rounding up their purchases and donating the difference to Macomb 4-H, customers can help make a big difference for kids in our community.

Supporters can also help to advance the cause by logging on to jcp.com/pennies 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, jcpenny will donate an additional \$1 million to its afterschool partners.

Your club can benefit from these funds by volunteering to help at the Round-Ups! If your club wants to earn \$100, you can volunteer for the next Roseville JCPenney round up from July 31 to August 27. You and your club members will greet customers with a treat during a six-hour shift (10a.m-4 p.m., 11a.m-5p.m, or 12p.m.-6p.m.). You must work the six hours in order to receive the \$100. For your efforts, your club will receive \$100- with a tiny string attached- just need a paragraph of how your club spent the money and a picture of the event! Contact Jan Gwozdz at 586-469-7619 or jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov

Macomb County 4-H is on Facebook



Click “Like” on the 4-H Facebook site: Macomb MSUE 4-H. We are up and running and would like to promote the successes of Macomb County 4-H and keep others informed as well. Submit pictures or upcoming events to our site. If your club or group also has a Facebook page, link to our page so others can get involved and promote your groups activities.

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Notes from the 4-H Office

No Alcohol at 4-H Sponsored Events

Summer is upon us and the season for shows, clinics and camps has begun. We want to remind everyone that there is **NO ALCOHOL** permitted at any 4-H sponsored events. This includes animal shows sponsored by 4-H clubs that may be open to non-4-H members, camps, 4-H functions where parents are observing and/or public clinics that may be sponsored by 4-H groups as fundraisers. These are all 4-H sponsored events and even though the participants may not be 4-H members or volunteers, we cannot permit alcohol on the premises. In the case of fairs, the policy of the fair board, regarding alcohol use on the fairgrounds would apply. However, during 4-H activities at the fair, alcohol should not be consumed by anyone participating in or attending the event. Please be sure and discuss this policy with your families. It is also important to include the "No Alcohol Allowed on Premise" policy in any show bills or fliers that your groups distribute so potential participants know about the policy prior to arrival at the event site.

It is our hope that it will not be a problem for those attending the shows, clinics, meetings, workouts and camps to respect this rule. If event participants (adults or youth) are not following the "No Alcohol" rule, it is the responsibility of the group hosting the event to enforce the policy, just as they would enforce any other rules related to the event. Attendees would either need to leave the event or stop the unacceptable behavior. Michigan State University liability coverage will not be in place for groups who do not comply with this policy. Please call the 4-H office with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your assistance in dealing with this issue.

Reminder of Fund Raisers that are Unacceptable

One of Michigan 4-H's Guiding Principles is that youth will be active participants in the learning process and this includes fundraising. Michigan 4-H Youth Development has discouraged the use of raffles, bingo, Millionaire parties, Texas Hold Em' tournaments and other games of chance as fund raising activities for many years. These are **not acceptable** fundraising activities for 4-H and must not be held by groups using the name of 4-H. In order to be consistent in our policies, we are changing our position from "discouraged" to **not allowing** raffles, bingo, Millionaire parties, Texas Hold Em' tournaments and other games of chance as acceptable fundraisers for 4-H affiliated organizations. This will bring us in line with the National 4-H Headquarters.

Please see the National Fact Sheet on this subject at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/fs-raffle%2001-23-07.pdf>

Make Sure to Maintain Your Screened Volunteer Status

In order to maintain your screened volunteer status, every year all screened volunteers must turn in a signed enrollment form and code of conduct form. If a year has lapsed without receiving these forms into the office, a person is no longer considered screened and must go through the volunteer selection process from the beginning. The process includes an application, three reference checks, background checks, attending an orientation, and an interview. So even if you plan on taking a year or two off from active volunteering, we strongly recommend you turn in your enrollment and code of conducts forms, even if you are not affiliated with a club. We will enroll you in our Macomb County 4-H Resource Club. Any questions about your volunteer status can be emailed directly to Vickie Hart:

veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov.

Pin Request

Year pins for 2010-2011 4-H members are due to the 4-H office by September 15th in order to have them filled during club enrollment. General leaders can request year pins for members by telephone, e-mail, or mail. Include the number of pins needed for each year. Pins are awarded based on years completed, beginning at age five. Member pins are available for years one through 14.

Club Enrollment Packets

Re-enrollment materials will be ready in August. Materials not picked up at the Armada Fair will be mailed to general leaders after the fair. Club enrollment meeting dates will be set and announced in the 4-H E-mail Announcements.

Annual Summary Financial Statements & Inventory Forms Due November 1st

Annual Summary Financial Statement and 4-H Club Inventory Forms will be mailed to general leaders in August. These forms should be filled out for 2010-11 and returned no later than November 1, 2011 to the County Extension Office. MSU Extension is federally required to have these forms on file for each 4-H group upon the completion of each program year, even if the group doesn't handle money or have an inventory.

News You Can Use

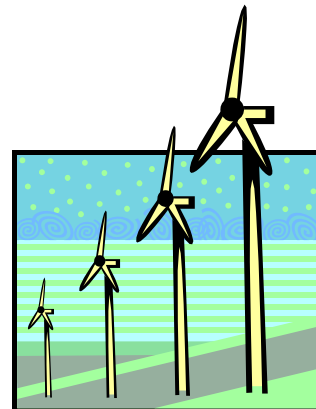
National Youth Science Day-Powering the Nation's Future

As the nation looks to address important issues on sustainability, youth are at the forefront of the discussion. In 4-H, young people are taught the skills they will need to solve the complex challenges facing our world.

For the fourth annual *4-H National Youth Science Day*, the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension has designed *Wired for Wind*: the 2011 National Science Experiment. The experiment will introduce young people all around the nation to the possibility of a more sustainable tomorrow—using wind as a clean, widely available, and renewable source of energy.

4-H Youth Take the Lead on Renewable Energy

On October 5th, 2011, young people across the nation will become scientists for the day during *4-H National Youth Science Day*. In this year's experiment, *Wired for Wind*, youth will enhance their engineering skills by designing, building and testing two different wind turbine models. This year's National Science Experiment will also help youth relate their scientific experiences back to their own lives by determining the best location for a wind farm in their state or community. To find out more about the National Science Day, go to <http://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>.



Macomb County's 4-H Science Blast –OCTOBER 6TH

Children and their families throughout Macomb and the Metro Detroit area are invited to a 4-H Science Blast on Thursday, October 6 starting at 6:30 pm. This is a FREE event but registration is required by calling 586-469-6431. 4-H Science Blast is a youth-oriented event featuring fun, hands-on science experiments and activities presented by Michigan State University Extension as part of its statewide "I Know MI Numbers" initiative. The event takes place at 21885 Dunham, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

4-H Science Blasts will be offered in all 83 Michigan counties as MSU Extension educators aim to boost science literacy and improve students' college readiness, which Gov. Rick Snyder has called a key to the state's future, even listing it on his Michigan Dashboard.

At Macomb County's 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. In addition to the National experiment, *Wired for Wind*, we plan to have 10 additional experiments for the youth to spark their interest in science. Two of the experiments offered will be *Fashion a Fish* and *What Genes Do*. *Fashion a Fish* teaches youth how to identify and classify fish, how fish adapt to their environment and even how to become a better angler. *What Genes Do* helps students understand genetics, dominant and recessive genes, and how to compare and contrast inherited traits.



We are also looking for adult and teen leader volunteers to help facilitate some of the experiments. Please call the 4-H office if you are interested in helping at 586-469-6431.

4-H: LET'S GET MOVING

Take the President's Challenge and **start moving now!** Check out this opportunity for youth, families, clubs and communities to have fun while improving overall health and fitness. Find out how to earn a [Presidential Active Lifestyle Award](#) by going to this Web site: www.presidentschallenge.org/ and filling out the registration form. Then join our group: "Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative." Stay connected on Facebook by searching "Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative." The Moving Michigan Initiative provides a number of ways for youth, families, and volunteers to engage in Healthy Lifestyles. You can also win great prizes such as an Ipad2, bikes, sporting goods equipment, etc. Stay connected with their facebook page by searching Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative.

Club & Committee News

K-9 and Kompany Fun Match

On June 18, K-9 and Kompany held their annual fun match at Wolcott Mill Farm Learning Center. A record of 78 dogs were entered, from 19 different clubs. Six counties were represented: Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron!

Macomb members had their best overall showing in Agility. Hannah Kwiecinski (K-9 & Kompany) had a perfect score and earned High in Trial at the Advanced level. Heather Martin (K-9 Shadows) took Reserve in the same class. Breanna Murmyluk also qualified in Advanced. Nicholas Kwiecinski (K-9 & Kompany) earned Reserve High Score in Intermediate Agility. Also qualifying at that level were Chylie Schramm, Zachary Kwiecinski and Brianna Wilkinson, all of K-9 & Kompany. Many Macomb members qualified in Beginner Agility: Cidnee Schramm, Alexis Phelps, Brianne Gryspeerd, Maria McCollom, Isabel Aubin, Rachel Bleser, Matthew Klena, Abigail McMahon, Brittany Bergstrom (all K-9 & Kompany), Allison Hein (School Section) and Corinne Marshall (K-9 Shadows).



Photo is of Maria McCollom and Brianne Gryspeerd

ings were earned by Brianne Gryspeerd (Novice), Cody White and Allisha Humenny (Open), all from K-9 and Kompany. Heather Martin won third in Champion class.

Rally is a newer competition in 4-H, and the only exhibitor in the Excellent (3rd level) class, Allisha Humenny, took home the trophy for a qualifying High Score at that level. In the Novice (1st level) class, Chylie Schramm earned the Reserve High Score trophy. Isabel Aubin qualified with two different dogs. Others who qualified in Novice Rally were Brianne Gryspeerd, Allison Hein, Maria McCollom, Breanna Murmyluk and Jamie Penzien.

Hannah Kwiecinski took home her second trophy of the day in Graduate Novice and Above obedience, with a Reserve High Score. Allisha Humenny also earned her second trophy with a qualifying Reserve High Score at the Novice level. Kaylee Nelson (K-9 & Kompany) also qualified in Novice. Isabel Aubin earned the High Score trophy in Pre-Novice. Other Macomb qualifiers in Pre-Novice were Brianne Gryspeerd and Breanna Murmyluk.

The match lasted until almost 7:00 p.m. We would like to thank the judges for staying with us until the end, and the leaders and volunteers who helped make the show a success. We deeply appreciate the staff of Wolcott Farm Learning Center, who opened the gates early and allowed us to complete the show so late.

Submitted by: Nancy Duemling, K-9 and Kompany

Save the Date: The 2011 K-9 Good Citizen Testing: will be at the Ray Township Park (behind the Township Hall) on Sunday Sept. 11th. More info to follow.

Fair News

PETTING FARM SIGN UP

	9-1	1-5	5-9
Monday Aug 15th	School Section Rose Gianferrara		Rays Riding Rascals Susan Balabuch
Tuesday Aug 16th	Mini Mighty & All Cathy Cooper	♥♥♥	A Little Tacky Anita Cipa
Wednesday Aug 17th	♥♥♥	Clever Clovers Alayne Waterstraat	♥♥♥
Thursday Aug 18th	K-9 & Kompany Alice Gryspeerd	K-9 & Kompany April Penzien	♥♥♥
Friday Aug 19th	Alarro Jennifer Miller	Black Tie Brigade Tammy Drake	Pirates Pat Fons
Saturday Aug 20th	♥♥♥	♥♥♥	Midnight Riders Faye Cerku
Sunday Aug 21st	Ray Community Marilyn Bohn	Northern Macomb Denise Lotan	♥♥♥

♥♥♥ **Coverage Still Needed!!!** ♥♥♥

Call Alayne to sign up 586-469-7610
or at 586-727-3030

FAIR GROUNDS CLEAN UP & 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING SET UP

Mark your calendars! 4-H families and clubs are needed to help out on Sunday, July 31st from noon to 4pm to help get the fairgrounds ready for this year's fair! Food and refreshments will be provided to those who come.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR THE PETTING FARM AND EXHIBIT BUILDING, STOP BY THE EXHIBIT BUILDING DURING FAIR CLEAN UP TO SIGN UP.

ALL CLUBS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE!

Day Chairperson-Exhibit

Monday 8/15/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	Mini Mighty & All Cathy Cooper
Monday 8/15/11 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	School Section Rose Gianferrara
Monday 8/15/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	Rays Riding Rascals Susan Balabuch
Tuesday 8/16/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	Alarro Jennifer Miller
Tuesday 8/16/11 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	♥♥♥
Tuesday 8/16/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	♥♥♥
Wednesday 8/17/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	Ray Community Marilyn Bohm
Wednesday 8/17/11 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	Clever Clovers Alayne Waterstraat
Wednesday 8/17/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	A Little Tacky Anita Cipa
Thursday 8/18/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	K9 & Kompany Susan Wilkinson
Thursday 8/18/11 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	Black Tie Brigade Tammy Drake
Thursday 8/18/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	Ambassador Club Susan Wilkinson
Friday 8/19/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	Pirates Pat Fons
Friday 8/19/11 1:15 pm-5:30 pm	♥♥♥
Friday 8/19/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	♥♥♥
Saturday 8/20/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	♥♥♥
Saturday 8/20/11 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	Midnite Riders Faye Cerku
Saturday 8/20/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	♥♥♥
Sunday 8/21/11 9:45 am-1:45 pm	North Country DeLise Stevens-Kudzia
Sunday 8/21/11 1:30 pm-5:30 pm	Northern Macomb Denise Lotan
Sunday 8/21/11 5:15 pm-9:15 pm	♥♥♥

Fair News (continued)

FAIR UPDATES

Craft 4-H Judging: All 4-H craft judging will be held Sunday August, 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. under the dog tent area. Superintendents are asked to check in by 8 a.m., teen clerks and judges should check in between 8:15 and 8:30. Juice, water, muffins and bagels will be provided in the morning and lunch in afternoon for clerks, supers, and judges.

Teen Clerks Needed: Please sign up teen clerks by e-mail: alayne.waterstraat@macombcountymi.gov or by phone message: 586-469-7610. Please leave member name, phone number and club. If your day allows, teen clerks will begin the judging at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday August 14th.

Member Info: Members with a project to be judged on Sunday Aug. 14 should remember to fill out the top of the "project evaluation form" for each project entered. Forms will be available at fair clean up, during judging day, at the 4-H office and website. Make sure to write your club name on the backside of your entry tag. This will ensure that each project will be displayed in the correct club area.

Youth with Large Livestock projects are encouraged to have their projects judged from 9am –11am since they also have to bring in their animals that day. Youth with meat Poultry and Rabbits will be given high priority throughout the entire judging time since they have to bring in their animals while craft judging is taking place.

Club Info: One or two representatives from each club can assist in the exhibit barn as projects are delivered during judging. This will help each clubs projects to arrive in their designated areas properly. They can begin to set the projects up for display. Each club will have their own area to promote 4-H, set up the projects from its members, and recognize club members. If your club does not have projects and would like to display a board for recognition of its members, an area is designated for those as well. Please check the barn layout which will be posted in the Exhibit Barn on July 31 so we can set up the barn and begin decorating the display area. 4-H Exhibit building club displays will be set up on Sunday after 4 p.m. July 31 and from Noon to 4p.m. on, Sunday August 7. If these dates are not convenient, call the fair office to arrange a time to get in the building. Make sure to have your club displays and club area ready by Saturday, August 13. Remember the 4-H Fair theme for this year is : Experience the Magic of 4-H. In addition to the theme, exhibit building club displays are judged on promotion of 4-H, originality, community service, educational content, and names and photos of members.

Judges Info: Materials for judges are on-the 4-H website [at http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_armadafair.html](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_armadafair.html). The 4-H office will be providing packets for judges on judging day. Superintendents should be touching base with their judges to review department rules, judges roles, etc. now.

Rabbit and Poultry Barns Info: Cage set up is Sunday, August 7th from 10 am till noon. Club Display for Poultry and Rabbit barns will be also on Sunday, August 7th from Noon till 4pm. **This will be the only day allowed for club display set up in these two barns.** The final weigh in for meat birds and rabbits the final weigh in will be Sunday, August 14th from 10 a.m. till Noon. Exhibitors will want to choose your best three birds, three fryers and one baker for final weigh in.



Livestock Sale Info: All Livestock clubs should bring two cases of water to the sale to be given to buyers. Transportation insurance costs of approximately \$2.00 will be deducted from 4-H livestock sale checks. Livestock that does not make grade or extra animals that are not sold in the auction can be transported to the processor for a \$2 charge. Families **MUST** make arrangements with Jill Senyk or Josh Dominek by **noon on Saturday, August 20th-no exceptions.** Last minute transportation arrangements will not be allowed.



Over the Hill Showmanship 2nd Annual, Thursday August 18

Adults can compete in showmanship of the various livestock species on Thursday evening, August 18 at approximately 6 p.m. where youth who won overall showmanship will serve as the judges. Those interested in participating in adult showmanship, a sign up sheet will be posted on the Livestock Barn #15 Office Door. Make sure to sign up by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 17th. Prizes donated by Alarro 4-H club will be awarded to the adults who win in each class: beef, sheep, swine, and goats. **Don't miss this event; it is quite entertaining!**

Upcoming Events

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS (OMK)

Hero Packs: A way communities can honor and support military youth

Michigan Operation Military Kids is a 4-H program that supports the military children and youth who are impacted by a loved one's deployment. Through national, state and local-level partnerships, OMK increases community awareness, builds community support systems along with provide both educational and social opportunities to help military families deal with the challenges of deployment.

Hero packs are a concrete means by which communities and OMK partners can show support for their military families. They are backpacks filled with goodies to comfort, educate, and share their feelings and thoughts. Macomb County 4-H in coordination with volunteers from Best Buy of Chesterfield, filled approximately 150 backpacks to give to Michigan children.

Macomb County 4-H is always looking for opportunities to help others and on **Tuesday AUGUST 16th, 2011** ~ it is **MILITARY SERVICE DAY** at the Armada Fair-grounds. Please consider making a donation to include in the HERO PACKS that are given to the military children of deployed families. There will be a drop off box located at the 4-H Exhibit Barn for your kind donations.

Donation of items to include in the Hero Packs:

- Coloring books
- Crayon and marker packs
- Journals or notebooks
- Pens and pencils
- Small photo albums
- Individual Silly Putty®
- Packs of stationery
- Stickers
- Small stuffed animals
- Battery-operated, tea-light votive candles



Pictured Left to Right-Best Buy Employees: Alyssa Krupp-Tyre, Kyle Chamberlain, William Moser, Melissa Wesolowski, Daniela Moresan.

Your club can get involved in easy ways.

1. By writing letters of thanks or creating thank you cards to include in the Hero Packs. Children of deployed soldiers really enjoy hearing from others their age that show support for their families.
2. Host a Hero Packing event in your community.

On Tuesday, AUGUST 16th stop by the 4-H Exhibit Barn at the Armada Fair to write a thank you note to be included in the Hero Packs!

If you'd like more information regarding OMK, feel free to click the web at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/operation_military_kids

World Wide Day of Play-volunteers needed for military event

On Saturday, September 24th World Wide Day of Play will be held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base for military families. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping run activities during this event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. T-shirts and food will be provided to volunteers. Anyone interested in helping please contact Teresa Brodsky at Teresa.j.brodsky.naf@mail.mil

Marketing your 4-H Livestock Projects

4-H members have a unique opportunity to gain many valuable life skills through their 4-H livestock projects. In addition to gaining such skills as communication, critical thinking, financial management, organization, responsibility, and leadership through their project involvement and 4-H club, the 4-H member also has the opportunity to receive a premium price for the animals that they market through the 4-H livestock auction sales at the Armada Fair.

Thinking like a business person is essential to being successful. From the very beginning of your project identify potential customers (buyers) to purchase the end product. Know what your expenses are, and be able to calculate your break even price for the product. Successful completion of a market livestock animal project includes recruiting buyers to bid on your animals during the auction at the Armada Fair. You should contact buyers months prior to the fair to allow them ample ability to plan time away from work or other activities to attend the auctions and opportunity to budget for their purchase. Contacting potential buyers early also allows you the chance to build rapport with the buyer and answer any questions they have about the auction. Exhibitors should contact enough buyers to ensure that at least two buyers are bidding on each animal they sell during the auction. Keep in mind that not every buyer you contact will place a bid on your animal, so it is necessary to contact several potential buyers.

Who are potential buyers? Buyers can be businesses, families, individuals, or groups of people. You should be certain to contact people that have supported you and the auction in the past as well as people that have never attended before. Contact people your family knows (friends, neighbors, relatives, etc.), people you do business with (gas station, grocery store, dentist, insurance, bank, carwash, organizations, etc.), and with the guidance of an adult, people and businesses that you don't know.

Approaching a Potential Buyer

When approaching a potential buyer, you are not only marketing your animal, but also yourself and your organization. Often times youth are nervous or scared about making this contact. Marketing your livestock project animal is a great opportunity to develop stronger communication skills and build self-confidence. Parents and club leaders can help you overcome your anxiety by practicing together before visiting with potential buyers.

It is best to meet with buyers in person when possible, but a hand written letter can be sent in the event that you are unable to establish a meeting time. When meeting with a potential buyer it is appropriate to introduce yourself with a handshake. If the person you are marketing to knows your parents you may also include that connection in your introduction.

Some of the important talking points to highlight during your conversation include:

- ◆ Your 4-H club
- ◆ What projects you are exhibiting
- ◆ What you have learned this year in 4-H
- ◆ What your future plans are, including how you intend to use your earnings
- ◆ The benefits of supporting 4-H through the Livestock Auction
- ◆ Resale and processing options available to buyers
- ◆ When and where the auctions happen
- ◆ How to register to buy an animal at the auction

Always close the sale by inviting the person to attend the auction. 4-H Livestock Sale brochure is available on the Macomb County 4-H website: <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/livestock.html>

Information has been adapted from Ingham County 4-H web site.