



4-H Family News

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MACOMB COUNTY



4-H livestock showmanship clinics

Save the dates for these upcoming 4-H livestock showmanship clinics at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada:

- Sheep & Goat Clinic (June 27 / 9 a.m.)
- Cattle Fitting Clinic (June 27 / 12 p.m.)
- Swine Clinic (June 28 / 9 a.m.)



These workshops are FREE and open to youth ages 8-19 in Macomb and surrounding counties.

Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/wg3p8bkLE5>. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Rebecca Konarski at 586-783-8163 or konars13@msu.edu.

4-H Culinary Workshop – July 7th

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council is hosting a Culinary Workshop on Tuesday, July 7th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham, Assembly Rooms A & B, Clinton Township. The cost is \$10 per participant and includes a pizza lunch.



Looking for a fun way to expand your culinary skills? Join other 4-H youth for a great day in the kitchen. Participants will create an individual Charcuterie display, take part in fun "Chopped" competition, and create some sugar art by decorating cupcakes! All participants will receive a mini 4-H spatula to take home!

The event is open to youth ages 5-19 who are enrolled in Macomb County 4-H. Registration is open using the online sign-up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4AA4AC2FA3F49-64317844-4hculinary#/>.

Registration fees are due by June 22 to confirm your spot. Checks should be payable to: **Macomb County 4-H Youth Council** and mailed to 314 Huntington Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

Please contact Leanne Stallmann leannestallmann@comcast.net for more information.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations to Macomb County's 4-H high school graduates!

Congratulations to the 2026 Macomb County 4-H high school graduates! We can't wait to see where the future takes you!

- Renna (Untamed)
- Grace (Alarro)
- Colin (North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club)
- Austin (Good Times)
- Zachary (North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club)
- Drew (Alarro)
- Gavin (Ray's Riding Rascals)
- Jeneveve (Around the Corner)
- Trace (Alarro)
- Mackenzie (Around the Corner)
- Samaria (MSUE Teen Counselor Program)
- Violet (K-9 & Kompany)
- Lilianna (K-9 & Kompany)
- Nathan (Clinton Valley 4-H Club)
- Nolan (Good Times)
- Brooke (North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club)
- Addison (North Macomb 4-H Robotics Club)
- Katryna (K-9 & Kompany)
- Juliana (Alarro)



Reel into Fishing Camp – July 28-30

Macomb County 4-H and the [International Game Fish Association \(IGFA\)](#) are sponsoring the **Reel into Fishing** program at Lake Saint Clair Metropark, 31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Township from July 28-30, 2026. It's free and open to Macomb County 4-H'ers ages 10-14. From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, participants will learn how to fish, take part in a charter boat experience and enjoy additional hands-on activities. There will be a shore excursion to a local Bass Pro Shops and guest presenters from [Michigan DNR](#) and the [Lake St. Clair Walleye Association](#). Bring your own bag lunch and water. To register:

- **4-H members currently enrolled in 4-H Online:** Access your 4-H Online record (<https://v2.4honline.com>) with your email address and 4-H Online password. Add the "Reel into Fishing 3 Day Camp" event to your record.
- **Not enrolled in 4-H Online yet?** Visit 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com>), create a family profile and add a member record to the family profile. Add the General 4-H Experience-Macomb County club to your record. Add the "Reel into Fishin 3 Day Camp" event to your record.

Questions? Contact 4-H Program Coordinator Nikki Knight at 586-469-5979 or knightn9@msu.edu.

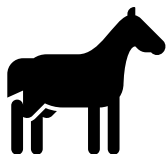
Macomb County's Finest 4-H'er

Are you Macomb County's Finest 4-H'er? Applications are due to the MSU Extension Office in Clinton Township by June 30th. Applications are available online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/Awards-Recognition/>. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Rebecca Konarski at 586-783-8163 or konars13@msu.edu.

4-H Exploration Days Orientation – June 8

4-H Exploration Days Orientation is **June 8th** at 6:30 p.m. at the VerKuijen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Assembly Rooms A and B, Clinton Township. All Macomb County 4-H Exploration Days participants are required to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Nikki Knight at 586-469-5979 or knightn9@msu.edu to make other arrangements.

Macomb County 4-H Horse Shows



June 6 – Light Horses

June 7 - Mini/Pony/Draft Horses

Armada Fairgrounds 74280 Fair Street, Armada.

Forms and patterns are online at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/councils-committees-/horse-program-committee/>.



Welcome New Volunteers



Barbara Hutton
Amber Laske



OTHER LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Armada Fair updates

Armada Fair Clean-Up

Save the dates! The Armada Fair Clean-Up dates are June 14 and August 9, 2026. We will start at 10 a.m. each day. Come and help ready the Armada Fairgrounds (74280 Fair Street, Armada) for the 2026 Armada Fair season!

Camping

Camping applications for the week of the Armada Fair will be available from May 1-June 30 at <https://www.armadafair.org/exhibitors>.

Armada Fair Animal Tagging Dates

Swine - Sunday, June 14, 2026, 8-10:30 a.m.

Goats, Sheep, & Prospect Beef - Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

All Poultry & Rabbits - Sunday, July 19, 2026, 10 a.m. – Noon

Tagging will take place in Barn 15 at the Armada Fairgrounds.

MSU Extension is hiring!

MSU Extension is hiring for the following positions. Find full descriptions and apply online at <https://careers.msu.edu> by searching for the position number. Apply by June 2, 2026.

- **Farm Manager at Bowers Farm:** The Farm Manager position brings demonstrated agricultural expertise, hands-on farm management ability, and a genuine commitment to public engagement and educational mission in a dynamic, community-centered environment. Search for Position **#1131472**.
- **Livestock Manager at Bowers Farm:** Bowers Farm at Discovery Oaks is a multi-species working farm whose livestock operations play a vital role in the overall functioning of the site. As the Livestock Coordinator, you will be the primary point of contact for all livestock-related matters. Search for position **#1131469**.
- **Tollgate Farm Manager:** As a key member of the Tollgate leadership team, you will provide comprehensive oversight of farm operations, facilities, equipment, and grounds. This includes managing the daily operations of a working educational farm and ensuring that all physical assets of the farm are maintained, safe, and fully functional to support educational programming, agricultural production, events, and community use. Search for position **#1131466**.

Other MSU Extension programs & events

Preserving MI Harvest: Preserving Meat

June 4, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. ET

Discover the many ways to enjoy meat- grilling, smoking, curing, and dehydrating. Join us for expert tips and practical tricks to boost your knowledge and keep your family safe from foodborne illness.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Preserving2026/>

Make a Spending Plan Work for You!

June 9, 12-1 p.m. ET

This webinar will discuss the benefits of a spending plan, identify the difference between needs and wants, and highlight the importance of an emergency fund. Register by June 8th: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/make-a-spending-plan-work-for-you-webinar-june-9-2026>

Homeownership Education Webinar (MSHDA)

June 11, 4-8 p.m. ET

This homeownership seminar from MSU Extension will provide you with valuable information about the home buying process. Register by June 8th.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/homeownership-education-webinar-mshda-june-11-2026>

Savvy Tips for Starting a Small Business Webinar

June 17, 2026, 3-4 p.m. ET

The class provides financial tools to entrepreneurs and potential small business owners who are considering starting a new business. Register by June 16:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/savvy-tips-for-starting-a-small-business-webinar-june-17-2026>



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

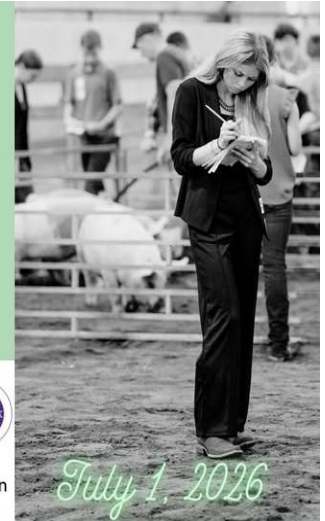
Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

Michigan
4-H & FFA
Livestock
Judging
State
Contest



While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 15. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026.

MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service

For the sixth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“We give thanks for every volunteer in our program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they’ve done for our organization and Michigan 4-H’ers.”

The [Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized](#) in 2026 are:

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| • Kay Booth, Barry County | • Gary Koppelman, Monroe County | • Peter Preston, Cass County |
| • Joyce Goerge, Clinton County | • Michael Lee, Osceola County | • Kathy Williams, St. Clair County |
| • Betty Groth, Cass County, | • Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County | • Mary Yeomans, Midland County |
| • Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County | • Linda Preston, Cass County | |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS (Continued)

Upcoming 4-H Adulting 101 sessions

Join MSU Extension 4-H for these upcoming [Adulting 101](#) sessions. Sessions are designed to help prepare teenagers and young adults with skills they need in adulthood. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently!

Adulting 101: AI and You – Smart, Safe & Savvy

June 11, 2026 / 6 p.m. / Online.

Artificial Intelligence is everywhere—from your phone to the farm. In this Adulting 101 session, explore the basics of how AI works, ways it can support you, and how it's transforming industries like agriculture. Participants will also discuss ethical and responsible AI use, learning how to make smart and moral choices in a world powered by technology.

Adulting 101: Think Before You Click

July 8, 2026 / 6 p.m. / Online

This workshop will focus on smart ways to stay safe online — from protecting your privacy to spotting scams and handling social media responsibly. Stay connected, confident, and cyber-smart!

Don't miss out! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/42zz33eu>.

Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest

Connected to the Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase is a contest sponsored by [MSU Federal Credit Union](#) (MSUFCU). This contest is a business pitch contest, allowing youth to practice their marketing, planning, and communication skills.

Business pitches can be for a current business (such as animal project at Fair) or an idea for one (like a mobile coffee cafe). These are just two examples... youth ideas can be limitless!

There are three age brackets: 8-11, 12-15 and 16-19 as of Jan 1, 2026.

Video submissions would be recorded and saved as unlisted on YouTube. That video link would be entered into Fair Entry for Dept 73-Entrepreneurship Business Pitch. View the [Fair Book for the Virtual Showcase](#) for additional details and registration information.

There are three gift card prizes available per age bracket, thanks to MSUFCU.

☀️ **Summer activity idea:** *This is a great activity for volunteers or staff to do with youth! Youth do not need to be in 4-H. Discuss the components of a business pitch, have youth write their business pitch out, practice, and get feedback and then record for entry in the Virtual Showcase. Remember, they will then be able to apply for a scholarship as well! For tips and ideas for youth, check out this article: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/crafting-your-business-pitch>*





CALENDARS OF EVENTS

Creating Beyond-Ready Youth Through 4-H Project Learning



Beyond Ready

4-H prepares youth for the world of work by engaging them in high quality, hands-on learning grounded in meaningful project content. When young people apply skills, solve real problems and reflect on their learning, they build confidence and readiness for future careers.

4-H programs intentionally create these opportunities, helping youth practice communication, teamwork, decision making and technical skills that transfer to real world settings. Some ways to deepen project work could include: adding real life tasks, inviting youth to demonstrate mastery or guiding reflection that connects the activity to future workplace expectations. Every project meeting is a chance to help youth become Beyond Ready, capable, and confident.

#BeyondReady

Macomb County 4-H Events

June 6

Macomb County 4-H Light Horse Show
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 7

Macomb County 4-H Mini/Pony/Draft Horse Show
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 8

4-H Exploration Days Orientation
6:30 p.m., MSU Extension Rms. A & B, Clinton Twp.

June 27

Show Me the Showmanship Sheep & Goat Clinic
9 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
<https://forms.office.com/r/wg3p8bkLE5>

June 27

Show Me the Showmanship Cattle Fitting Clinic
12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
<https://forms.office.com/r/wg3p8bkLE5>

MSU Extension – Macomb Program Guide

Read the current MSU Extension-Macomb Program Guide [here](#). Subscribe to find out what MSU Extension is offering each month in Macomb County!

<https://forms.office.com/r/Pde7XzQpai>

June 28

Show Me the Showmanship Swine Clinic
9 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
<https://forms.office.com/r/wg3p8bkLE5>

June 30

Last day to apply for Macomb County's Finest 4-H'er
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/macomb/4-h/Awards-Recognition>

July 7

4-H Culinary Workshop
10 a.m.-1 p.m., VerKuilen Building, Rooms A & B, Clinton Township
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4AA4C2FA3F49-64317844-4hculinary#/>

July 28-30

4-H Reel into Fishing
9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, Lake St. Clair Metropark, Harrison Township, and Brandenburg Park, Chesterfield Township
Add the "Reel into Fishing 3 Day Camp" event to your 4-H Online record. <https://v2.4honline.com>

Other Local Events

June 4

Preserving MI Harvest: Preserving Meat
1 & 6 p.m., online

June 9

Making a Spending Plan
12-1 p.m., online

June 11

Homeownership Education Webinar (MSHDA)
4-8 p.m., online

June 14

Armada Fair Clean-Up #1
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada (Details TBA)

June 14

[Armada Fair Swine Tagging](#)
8-10:30 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 14

[Armada Fair Goat, Sheep, Prospect Beef Tagging](#)
10:30 a.m.-Noon, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

June 17

Savvy Tips for Starting a Small Business
3-4 p.m., online

June 30

Last day Armada Fair camping applications available. Contact the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488 or office@armadafair.org for information.

July 19

[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)
10 a.m.-Noon, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 9

Armada Fair Clean-Up #2
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada (Details TBA)



CALENDARS OF EVENTS

Statewide 4-H Events

June 6

Garden Geocache Event

MI 4-H Children's Gardens, E. Lansing
Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache

June 9

Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

Online
Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26

June 11

Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

Online
As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you

June 18

Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party

June 23

Digger Day

MI 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing
Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

July 1

MI 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing
Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026

**Have a Question?
Ask Extension!**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ask-an-expert>



**Discover
Macomb
County
4-H!**

Whether you want to:

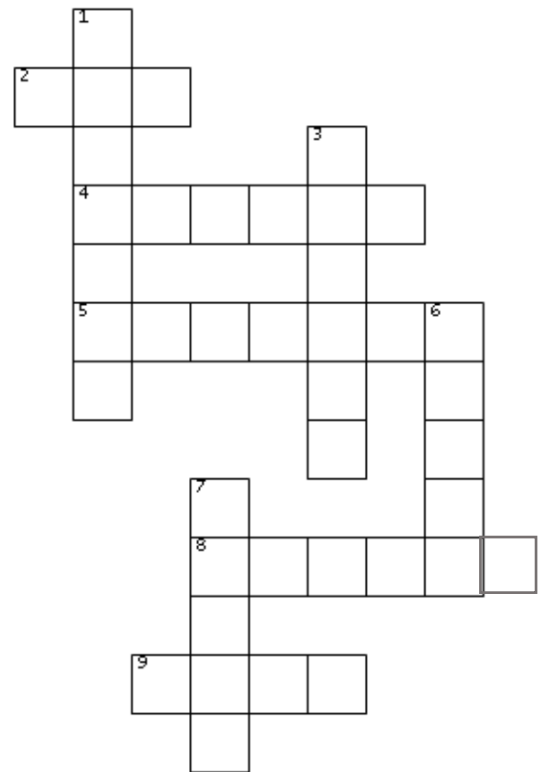
- Join an existing club or start a new one
- Start a 4-H program at your school or in your community
- Volunteer or partner with 4-H

The Macomb County 4-H staff can help you do it!

586-469-6431



4-H Animal Projects



ACROSS

2. Man's best friend
4. Cousin to the alpaca: Don't be a drama _____ (plural)
5. Long-eared leapers
8. Equine
9. Group of bovine

DOWN

1. Birds on a farm
3. Guinea Pigs
6. Farm squealer
7. Source of wool

Watch for the answer key in the next newsletter!