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Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

4-H teen leaders along with 4-H County Staff and project leaders across Michigan participated in the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration on October 14-15 at the Ralph A. MacMillan Center on the northern shore of Higgins Lake in Roscommon, Mich. Participants could attend various sessions on sewing, cupcake decorating, painting and many more! Logging and meals were provided in a relaxing environment. Look for next year's event at the end of September of 2024!



Article and photo submitted by Vivian B. of Clinton Valley 4-H Club



MSU Extension welcomes new District 11 North Director

Kristi Evans of Macomb Township has taken on the role of MSU Extension District 11 North Director. District 11 includes Macomb and Oakland counties. In her new position, Kristi will oversee operations and build new partnerships in the two counties. Her first day is November 1st. [Read more.](#)

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council to meet November 6th

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will meet on November 6, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Ray Township Library, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray Township. Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers are always welcome!

Vote for your favorite 4-H Fair Theme through Nov. 30

Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers, please vote for your favorite 2024 Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme idea now through **4 p.m. on November 30, 2023**. One vote per person will be accepted. The theme receiving the most original votes will be the Macomb County 4-H Fair Theme for 2024. Votes will also be accepted by phone to 586-469-6431 or by email to macomb.4h@macombgov.org.

Member enrollment / reenrollment deadlines:

Macomb County 4-H youth member enrollments and re-enrollments are accepted at any time, however, be aware of these deadlines if planning to show 4-H projects at the 2024 Armada Fair:

- The deadline for returning youth to [re-enroll](#) as 4-H members if they plan to show 4-H projects at the 2024 Armada Fair is **November 1, 2023**.
- The deadline for new youth to [enroll](#) as 4-H members if they plan to show 4-H projects at the 2024 Armada Fair is **April 1, 2024**.

Enroll/re-enroll through 4-H Online. Please direct questions about enrollment to the Macomb County 4-H staff at 586-469-6431 or macomb.4h@macombgov.org.

Armada Fair News

Thank you: The Armada Agricultural Society would like to thank everyone for another successful year! We relied on our community, volunteers, employees, exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, 4-H, and our board members. We can't wait to see you next year. Mark your calendars. The next Armada Fair is August 12-18, 2024!

Livestock Auction Results: The 2023 Armada Fair Live & Silent Auction Results are now available [here](#).

Volunteer of the Year: The Armada Fair named Lori Clough its 2023 Volunteer of the Year. She has spent many years/days before, during and after the fair to get everything ready. Lori is also a 4-H volunteer with Macomb County's School Section 4-H Club. Congratulations, Lori!

Holly Days Parade: The 2023 Armada Holly Days Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the application. Applicants may [apply online](#) or download a [paper application](#). Paper applications must be emailed or mailed by Friday, November 24, 2023. Application information is needed by the deadline to complete the lineup, prep narrative for announcers, and purchase food. Prizes will be awarded to top floats!

- Application Due Date: Friday, November 24, 2023 (5 p.m.)
- Parade Line-Up: Saturday, December 2, 2023 (2-5 p.m.)
- Float Judging: Saturday, December 2, 2023 (5 p.m.)
- Parade Start Time: Saturday, December 2, 2023 (6:30 p.m.)

2024 Animal Tagging Dates: Mark your calendars for the Armada Fair tagging dates:

- Steer: Sunday, February 4, 2024, 12-2 p.m.
- Swine: Sunday, June 2, 2024, 8-10:30 a.m.
- Goats, Sheep, & Prospect Beef: Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- All Poultry & Rabbits Sunday, July 14, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

For the most updated Armada Fair information, visit <https://www.armadafair.org> or contact the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488 or office@armadafair.org

Sources: October AAS Newsletter and <https://www.armadafair.org>

Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Froggin' Around: Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry - Nov. 14

Join MSU Extension 4-H staff on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. as they jump into the world of breeding amphibians and reptiles. Participants of [Froggin' Around: Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry](#) will meet Zach Brinks, Vice President of Live Operations at Josh's Frogs, and learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Part of the Wild Spartans Series, this session is free and open to youth ages 12-19. [Register here](#) to receive the meeting link.

Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!

Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.



View the Norwegian Gnome - Nisse activity [here](#), and all of the Crafts Around the World activities

[here.](#)

Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).

MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.



Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H'ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.



“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H'er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H. To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h.

Adulting 101: Professionalism in the Workplace

What is professionalism and why is it important in the workplace? Join MSU Extension 4-H for [Adulting 101: Professionalism in the Workplace](#) on Wednesday, November 8th at 6 p.m. and increase your awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including shared workspace, relationships with coworkers,

communicating and setting boundaries. This Adulting 101 session will take place on Zoom. It's online, free and open to teens ages 17 and under and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (ages 18 and up). For more information, contact 4-H Educator [Kathy Jamieson](#).

Cash Composition Contest

Enter the [Cash Composition Contest](#) now through February 29, 2024 for a chance to win a \$100 gift card! Michigan youth who are ages 9-19 years old as of Jan. 1, 2024, are encouraged to answer the essay question, "What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?"

Essays must be 300 words or less. The top three scoring essays in each age bracket (ages 9-13 and ages 14-19) will win a \$100 gift card. 4-H membership is not required.

For more information, contact [Laurie Rivetto](#), or [Kathy Jamieson](#).



Calendar of Events

Macomb County 4-H Events

November 1

Deadline for returning 4-H members planning to show 4-H projects at the 2024 Armada Fair to re-enroll in [4-H Online](#)

November 6

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meeting
7 p.m., [Ray Township Library](#), Ray Township

November 10

Veterans Day: Macomb County offices closed

November 23-24

Macomb County offices closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

The logo for Michigan State University Extension Health & Community Services, featuring the MSU 'S' logo and the text "MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension Health & Community Services".

2023 - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING IN MACOMB COUNTY

A photograph of a sunflower and pumpkins.

THE BEAUTY OF THE FALL SEASON
Pumpkins, squash and apples abound. What shall we do with the bounty of the harvest?
This month we have two sections in the program guide related to food preservation and food safety. Topics include freezing and canning, soups, pie filling, fruit butters, jams and jellies, baking and giving the gift of food. All sections are online and range from a quick half hour up to three hours in length. Be sure to check them out to maximize your food safety and knowledge.
Happy Fall to you all!

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM GUIDE
This month we categorize programs based on their genre such as programs for youth and young adults, mindfulness and healthy relationships, 4-H business, parenting, food preservation and food safety, self-care, finances and agriculture. Programs can be as short as (1) 10 minute session or they may meet for several hours. They may also be a series, meeting on multiple dates, covering a variety of related topics.
Pre-registration is required for all programs. This guide has been designed so that all blue, underlined text is a hyperlink to the online registration page which will offer additional details about the program as well as an opportunity to register for the program.
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Stay in the know about current programs at MSU Extension - Macomb County! Email MacombMSUE@macombgov.org today to receive a monthly MSUE Program Guide.

Other Local Events

December 2

[Armada Fair Holly Days Parade](#)

6:30 p.m., Armada

Statewide & National 4-H Events

November 8

[Adulting 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace](#)

6 p.m., online

November 14

[Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry](#)

6:30 p.m., online

November 21

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online, [12-1 p.m. session](#) or [7-8 p.m. session](#)

Learn strategies to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences.

November 28

[Giving Tuesday](#)

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving – and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

January 31

[Creative Campaign Contest](#) videos due

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

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