



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Learn to fish at 4-H Lake to Table

Join MSU Extension for 4-H Lake to Table on August 10th at 9 a.m. at Happy Days Fishing Camp, 9082 Big Hand Road, Columbus Township. Participants ages 9-19 will fish from a pontoon boat, learn proper knife use and care, fillet their own fish and learn about Michigan's aquatic ecosystems from the Michigan DNR. A responsible adult must accompany youth.



- ◆ Open to 4-H youth in Macomb, St. Clair, Lapeer, Tuscola & Huron counties
- ◆ The cost is \$5 per person (Macomb, St. Clair, and Lapeer counties)
- ◆ Fried fish lunch included
- ◆ Bring a chair
- ◆ Dress for the weather

Log in to your [4-H Online](#) profile to register. For more information, contact Lori Warchuck at 810-989-6935 or warchuc1@msu.edu.

4-H Woodworking Workshop “plane” fun for youth

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council hosted a woodworking event for 4-H members at the VerKuielen Building in Clinton Township on June 14. Members made bird lawn ornaments with power tools. Clover Buds also participated with the help of teen leaders and adult volunteers! Thank you to Youth Council President, David, and his dad for helping organize this event for Macomb County youth.



Pictured right: 4-H member Harrison W. and adult helper Greg Bohm.



4-H member Vaino B.



4-H members Vivian B. (left) and David C. (right).



4-H members Morgan V. (left) and David C. (right).

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A Day in the Garden - Tuesdays through August 27

Children ages 5-12 are invited to join Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H for A Day in the Garden at the Max Thompson Community Center in Warren from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesdays through August 27 to learn about gardening practices, basic tool use, crafts, yoga in the garden, health and nutrition, mindfulness and more. Attend one or more sessions. The \$15 per session fee includes lunch and a snack. Learn more and register [here](#).

Sparty Summer Camp - August 5-9

MSU Extension is offering Sparty Summer Camp at the Max Thompson Family Resource Center, 11370 Hupp Avenue in Warren from August 5-9, 2024. Campers will meet from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day to experience fun, educational activities in the areas of gardening, health and nutrition, and STEAM. Youth ages 9 and up can sign up for archery. Lunch and snacks are included. Register [here](#). For more information, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu or 586-469-6090.

Join the 4-H Youth Council for ice cream & meet new 4-H staff

Macomb County 4-H families are invited to join the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council for FREE ice cream and a chance to meet our new Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinators, Nikki & Rebecca, at the 2024 Armada Fair. They will be set up in the Exhibit Barn area on Monday, August 12th from 4-6 p.m. See you there!

Showcase your 4-H livestock project before the Armada Fair

Macomb County 4-H'ers, the Armada Fair Livestock Committee wants to showcase the projects you've been working on this year. To have your livestock project showcased on the [committee's Facebook page](#), send your name, club name, the name of your animal (if there is one), something you learned this year about raising the project, and ONE photo of you and your project(s) to armadalivestock@gmail.com.

The Livestock Committee will post as many as they can between now and fair week. The Livestock Committee is not guaranteeing that all will be posted on the Facebook page, but they will try to get to as many as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Kathe Nelson at 586-532-5327.

Macomb County 4-H Shavings Sale Pre-Orders for Fair Week

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will be taking pre-orders again this year. Bags will be \$7 each during pre-order. They are the 9.75 cubic feet expanded pine flake just like last year. They will be available starting on move-in Sunday, and then throughout the week or until supplies run out. If you [pre-order](#), you will have your bags available the entire week, even if we run out. Prices will increase fair week for those bags not pre-ordered.

4-H Coffee Cart, Shaving Sales, & Still Exhibit Barn sign-up information

The Macomb County 4-H Youth Council is hosting its annual fundraisers at the Armada Fair. All 4-H clubs participating in the Armada Fair are expected to volunteer for a coffee cart/shaving sales shift, as well as a Still Exhibit Barn shift. Clubs will earn \$50 per shift worked. Individual 4-H members and volunteers who would like to volunteer for extra shifts may sign up to do so after their club has signed up. 4-H members who work extra shifts will earn educational dollars to be used for 4-H events such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H National Congress, 4-H statewide shows, etc.

To sign up for shifts, visit <https://tinyurl.com/6r8n5hny> and add your club name, club main contact name, phone number, and email address in the time slots you would like to sign up for. If you are signing up as an individual, please include your name and contact information and be sure that your club has already signed up for a slot. Each shift should have at least two adults and three youth working. If you have any questions, please reach out to Macomb County 4-H Youth Council adult advisors [Cindy Bohm](#) and [Elizabeth Moreno](#).



Teen Counselor Program

Macomb County 4-H is offering volunteer opportunities to high school teens who would like to assist with 4-H summer programming.

Teen Volunteers will get the opportunity to earn community service hours while gaining leadership development skills and hands-on work experience while assisting 4-H program instructors.

Teen volunteers are needed for two programs which will be held in Warren at the Max Thompson Community Center:

A Day in the Garden

Held on Tuesdays through August 27, this program teaches young children gardening skills, plant care, and vegetable identification.

Sparty Summer Camp

Held August 5-9, 2024, this camp offers youth educational activities, including gardening, health and nutrition, and STEAM.

Find out more at <https://tinyurl.com/4rzdpn9d> or contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at 586-469-6090.



Macomb County 4-H News & Events (continued)

Farmers Market volunteers needed

MSU Extension has been given a table at the Farmer's Market at the John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus, 3320 Kelly Road, Clinton Township. Upcoming market days are August 10 and September 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. If you or your club are interested in using the table to promote 4-H, talk about your projects, run an activity, sell your 4-H club's products or fundraise for your club, contact 4-H Program Coordinator [Lizz Duran](#) at 586-469-6090 or Office Manager [Carolyn Doak](#) at 586-469-5816.

Administrative 4-H Club Leaders:

Annual Financial Summary Reports for the 2023-2024 4-H program year are due to the Macomb County 4-H Office by Oct. 1, 2024.

2024-2025 4-H club enrollment:

2025 club enrollment/re-enrollment materials will be available soon. Club leaders, watch for an email from Macomb MSUE. 4-H Online will be unavailable beginning August 31 and will reopen for 2025 member and volunteer enrollment in mid-September.

Other Local News & Events

Don't miss the latest MSUE Macomb Program Guide

MSU Extension has much in store for Macomb County residents during the month of August. Check out the newest guide to MSU Extension programming in Macomb County. Subscribe [here](#) to receive the guide monthly.

Farm Bureau needs volunteers Armada Fair week

Macomb County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers for its agriculture trailer the week of Armada Fair from Monday, August 12 through Sunday, August 18. There are two time slots per day to sign up for. If you or anyone you know are able to volunteer for a time slot, please sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kim Trpcevski at 586-727-0025 or ktrpcev@ctvfb.com.

Michigan Conservation Stewards Program

The [Michigan Conservation Stewards Program](#) is back this fall, with cohorts in Berrien, Macomb, Marquette, and Newaygo counties. Participate in the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program (CSP) and learn what makes your local ecosystems special and how you can make a difference in your community. This program is administered by Michigan State University Extension and planned and delivered in partnership with local conservation networks. Learn more [here](#).

Armada Fair News

Below are important Armada Fair dates and information. Visit <https://www.armadafair.org> or call the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488 for the most updated details.

- **Fair Date:** The Armada Fair is August 12-18, 2024.
- **Armada Fair Schedule:** View the [2024 Armada Fair Schedule](#).
- **Armada Fair Youth Livestock Sale:** The Livestock sale is August 16th at 4 p.m. Watch for 4-H Youth Livestock Projects to be highlighted on the on the [Armada Fair Livestock Committee Facebook page](#). Buyer registration information is on the [Armada Fair website](#).
- **Armada Fair Clean-Up:** The last Armada Fair Cleanup Day is Saturday August 3rd from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Armada Fairgrounds.
- **Fair Set-Up & Still Project Judging :** The Armada Fair will have Still Project Judging for youth on Saturday August 10th from 1-5pm. All youth entering still art projects need to be present for judging on that Saturday. If anybody has any questions, please feel free to contact the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488.
- **Armada Fair needs volunteers:** Armada Fair needs up to three volunteers ages 14 or older at the Armada Fair on August 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Volunteers will assist at the craft table outside of Historic Barn #8 making whirligigs and will help make butter. Time slots are:

Tuesday, Aug. 13	Wednesday, Aug. 14	Thursday, Aug. 15	Friday, Aug. 16
12:30-2:45 p.m.	12:30-2:45 p.m.	12:30-2:45 p.m.	12:30-2:45 p.m.
2:30-5 p.m.	2:30-5 p.m.	2:30-5 p.m.	2:30-5 p.m.

There will be a short, mandatory training session on Sunday from 1:30-2 p.m. If interested, please send your name, cell phone number, email address, and the time(s) that you're available to assist to Nancy Davis at 586-255-0203 or davis.lighthouse@att.net as soon as possible.



Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will serve full-time October 1, 2024-September 12, 2025 and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply [here](#).



2024 Michigan State 4-H Award winners announced

The [Michigan 4-H State Awards](#) Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



- **Achievement:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County
- **Beef Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)
- **Companion Animal Science:** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)
- **Environmental Science:** Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)
- **Goat Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)
- **Leadership:** Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)
- **Sheep Science:** Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)
- **Shooting Sports:** Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)
- **Swine Science:** Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



Statewide & National 4-H News & Events (continued)

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception



Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4. All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30-7 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun. Learn more [here](#).

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

Summer Berries: Jams & Jellies - August 12

Join MSU Extension 4-H for [Summer Berries: Jams and Jellies](#) via Zoom on August 12th at 4 p.m. Learn to make jams and jellies using fresh summer fruits! Part of MSU Extension's Adulting 101 series, this session is designed for teens and adults. It's free! Sign up [here](#).

Calendars of Events

Macomb County 4-H Events

July 4

Macomb County offices closed

July 16

[Adulting 101: Cooking Basics](#)

4 p.m., online

August 5-9

[Sparty Summer Camp](#)

9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

August 6

[A Day in the Garden](#)

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

August 10

[4-H Lake to Table](#)

9 a.m., Happy Days Fishing Camp, Columbus Township

August 12

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Ice Cream/Meet new 4-H Staff
4-6 p.m., Exhibit Barn area, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 12

[Adulting 101: Summer Berries - Jam & Jelly](#)

4 p.m., online

August 13

[A Day in the Garden](#)

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

August 20

[A Day in the Garden](#)

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

August 27

[A Day in the Garden](#)

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

August 31-mid September

4-H Online enrollment system closed

September 16

[Adulting 101: Changing the World with Your One Vote](#)

5 p.m., online

October 16

[Adulting 101: Paying for Post-Secondary Education](#)

5 p.m., online

November 19

[Adulting 101: Cracking the Code to College](#)

5 p.m., online

Become a 4-H Volunteer

[Contact us](#) to find out how you can volunteer with 4-H in Macomb County. Whether you want to start a club, help at a 4-H event or give a few hours of your time in some other way, you can. Find out more [here](#) and [apply today!](#)

Start a 4-H Club

Start a 4-H community club or short-term, special interest (SPIN) club in Macomb County. Find out more [here](#) or contact any Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator:

[Lizz Duran](#) - [Rebecca Konarski](#) - [Nikki Knight](#)





Calendars of Events (continued)

Other Local Events

August 3

Armada Fair Cleanup
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada
[Adulting 101: Cracking the Code to College](#)
5 p.m., online

August 10

Armada Fair Still Project Judging (Youth)
1-5 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 12-18

[Armada Fair](#)
Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 16

[Armada Fair Livestock Sale](#)
4 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

September 9-15

[St. Clair Kennel Club Dog Show](#)
Goodells County Park, Goodells

Statewide & National 4-H Events

August 8

[Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens](#)
Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing
Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

August 10

[Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase](#) entry deadline

August 16-18

[2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show](#)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

August 22

[Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series Online](#)
Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and Families be successful. This series will run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

September 21

[Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration](#)
Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing
Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

MSU Extension Statement on HPAI:

[Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#) (HPAI) is a virus that infects wild and domestic birds. Recently, it has also been found in other mammals, most commonly dairy cattle. On May 1, 2024, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) issued an [executive order to prevent the further spread of HPAI in the state](#). As part of the order, exhibition of the following is prohibited:

- All lactating dairy cattle, and those in the last two months of pregnancy, until such a time that the state goes 60 days without a new detection of HPAI in dairy cattle.
- Any dairy animal of any age from a premises where HPAI was detected, until further notice.
- All poultry and waterfowl exhibitions in Michigan until such a time that the state goes 30 days without a new detection of HPAI in domestic poultry.

This order may affect county and regional fairs, as well as other local events, that fall within the specified 30 day poultry and 60 day dairy cattle window. In the event these animals cannot be exhibited at fairs, Michigan State University Extension has identified opportunities for 4-H'ers in these project areas to showcase their work. County 4-H program coordinators will be able to determine if they would like to offer these approved alternative classes or any additional contests to their 4-H participants, to supplement the learning experience at the fair. For the current listing of HPAI detections in Michigan, visit [MDARD's website](#).

According to the CDC, the [public health risk associated with HPAI remains low](#) and the [commercial food supply remains safe](#) due to both federal animal health requirements and pasteurization. Properly prepared and cooked poultry products remain safe to consume, as does pasteurized milk.