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4-H Newsletter

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**Richland County
Illinois 4-H**

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER
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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February

- 15 Fresh Chef Facebook Live Lesson
- 15-26 March 4-H in Bag Registration: Origami
- 17 Leader Meeting - Extension Office @ 6:00 pm

March

- Feb 28 - March 7 4-H Week (see newsletter for details!)

Jessica Update:

There is some news that Jessica has been hiding from some of you! Jessica and her husband found out in August that they are expecting a BABY in April 2021! They are very excited but what comes along with that is some time off. She will be taking maternity leave. As of right now she will be out of the office from April until July but there may be some changes with that. Depends on when Baby O decides to make their appearance! While she is gone Yvette Anderson (jyanders@illinois.edu) from Wayne County and Megan Pierson (mperson@illinois.edu) from Wabash County will be covering for Jessica while she is out of the office. Sheri will always be available to help but Jessica is asking that you please help Sheri with anything she may need from some of you while she is prepping for the fair with Yvette and Megan. While we are still unsure what the fair has to bring for the summer of 2021.

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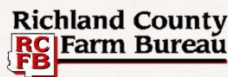
Leader Meeting: February 17

6:00 pm

The Extension Office

As a Reminder!

If your animals are not housed at your place of residence please make sure that you get a Off Premise Form filled out! You can turn this into your leader,



RCFB YOUNG LEADERS PRESENT:

2021 AG BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

DUE TO COVID-19, WE ARE PLANNING TO HOST AG BEYOND THE CLASSROOM FOR 2021 AS RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED. WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE AN IN PERSON PROGRAM WITH 1-2 NIGHTS OF LEARNING. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT ON THE RICHLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU FACEBOOK PAGE AS WE ANNOUNCE DATES FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM!

4-H IN A BAG

Looking for a fun educational activity that you can do from home?

Unit 25 extension has you covered! Join in on our monthly subscription bags. For the months of January thru April we will have a different activity planned for you each month. All you have to do is register for our event. We will prepare a take home bag for you with all the materials you will need for the projects. Then you can join us live on Facebook as we teach you the lesson. Or you can catch our videos on replay!

January

-Explosion in a bag
(cloverbuds only)

-What's in that bottle?!

February

-Fresh Chef

March

-Origami

April

-DIY Birdfeeder

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

January 1, 2021: Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy cows, Milking goat

April 1, 2021: Market (meat) & Novelty Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses

May 1, 2021: Bucket Calf

May 15, 2021: Market lambs, Breeding sheep

June 1, 2021: Dogs, rabbits, poultry, pygmy goats

The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects

must have the animals in their possession.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program,
please contact the Extension office at (618)262-5725.

Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

4-H Week

February 28th - March 7th

Due to the COVID restrictions this years 4-H week is going slimmed down! I hope everyone understands but I hope that everyone participates with the activities that we have this year!

**Window
Display**

The theme is “Stronger Together” should have their displays in place no later than Monday, March 1st by 4:00pm. Judging will take place Tuesday, March 2nd. Prizes are 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$25, 3rd-\$15 and \$10 for all other participants, all prizes will be awarded to the clubs. **Entries will be taken until February 28th by emailing Jessica at jac6@illinois.edu.** Let’s all show our Clover pride to the community! Prize money is pending approval.....



**Sunday
Feb. 28**

Lights, Camera, Auction! Let’s go the Drive– In! The Drive-In, in Newtown will be hosting a private event for all of the Richland County 4-H Families! We will be watching the NEW Tom and Jerry Movie! The movie will start at 6:30 pm and the concession stand will be open!



**Sunday
March 7**

Annual 4-H Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt). Clubs are encouraged to enter a car or cars by calling or texting Sam Sterchi at 618-843-3477 or Laura Sterchi at 618-843-1230. Each car’s driver must be 21 years of age or older, with a maximum of 3 other occupants. This is a fun event that is NOT a speed contest but rather a test of observation skills with some math and pure luck thrown in. Gather together some adult volunteers and join the fun! Meet at the Extension office at 1:00 pm. Any person driving in the road rally must show a valid driver’s license & proof of current insurance.



No 4-H member or guest will be able to participate in these activities without a Risk Form!

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

Eligible Extension Units: 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 representing the 60 counties served by Farm Credit Illinois: Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Lawrence, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, Menard, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Sangamon, Scott, Shelby, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson. **Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link: www.farmcreditIL.com/community

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 \$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars

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4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the *4-H Volunteer Café Conversations*. We are so excited to continue this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

**It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs
Still Hot?**

Let's Play!

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021**
Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

4-H ALUMNI

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile!

Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

[Share your 4-H News](#)

WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HAlumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

The banner features a microphone on the left and the text 'SPEAKER SERIES: FACES OF AGRICULTURE AND USDA' in large blue letters. Below this, the year '2021' is displayed in large white numbers. A blue 'REGISTER' button is positioned to the right. At the bottom, three dates are listed: 'WEDNESDAY FEB. 17 @ 2:00 PM CST', 'WEDNESDAY MAR. 17 @ 2:00 PM CST', and 'WEDNESDAY APR. 21 @ 2:00 PM CST'. The USDA logo is in the top left corner.

This virtual speaker series will feature current USDA researchers, scientists, technicians, engineers, foresters, other STEM related program managers. These virtual sessions will allow students from high school and college students from Minority Serving Institutions and School Districts to engage with current USDA professionals and learn about their story, career path, and exciting projects and initiatives they may be working on at USDA that serve the public interest; while helping to inspire the next generation of the agricultural workforce!

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT: JULIO.PUENTES@USDA.GOV
RUBY.DELACARZA@USDA.GOV

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

GET READY FOR ...

Barred Owl Nest Box Monitoring Season



Remind your local 4-H families and clubs involved in the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge to prepare to monitor their nest boxes weekly or bi-weekly in March and April! Send the [NestWatch data sheet](#) to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu by June 1, 2021 so we can tally the results! Momma owl is looking for nesting sites right now and she'll decide in February what suits her best! Stay the course – good science takes effort.

States 4-H International Exchange

Host an international student:

Host a Japanese youth this summer through 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too!



SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

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Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.



Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June -August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email:

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<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/>

Instagram [@states4hinternational](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternational)

Speaking for Illinois 4-H

Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age



or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. **Registration will close March 4.**

We're Looking for New Members!



You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership