



»»» 4-H NEWSLETTER «««



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Serving Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike and Schuyler Counties



FAIR SEASON IS OVER, BUT WE HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE!

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ONLINE RESOURCES



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<https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps>



CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

October 5-11, 2025

Check out page 10 for ways you can celebrate!



ZSUITE ENROLLMENT

ZSuite enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year will be open in October. We will share more information and dates as soon as we have them. Please wait to re-enroll until you receive an email from your county EPC.

4-H CALENDAR - ADAMS - BROWN - HANCOCK - PIKE - SCHUYLER IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 9/8 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Federation Meeting
- 9/12 - Registration deadline for YLA
- 9/18 - Pike County 4-H Fall Leaders Meeting
- 9/20 - Archery State Shoot, Pekin
- 9/22 - Brown/ Schuyler 4-H Fall Leaders Meeting
- 9/24 - Pike County 4-H Federation Meeting
- 9/27 - Shotgun State Shoot, Bunker Hill

October

- 10/5-11 - National 4-H Week!
- 10/7 - Adams County Fall Leaders Meeting
- 10/18 - Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification
- 10/24 - Adams County New Member Night
- 10/24 - Cake Decorating Workshop
- 10/26 - Hancock County 4-H Federation Interest Meeting
- 10/26 - Hancock County 4-H Fall Leaders Meeting
- 10/26 - Hancock County 4-H Achievement Ceremony

November

- 11/1 - Illinois 4-H State Scholarships Due
- 11/3 - Registration Deadline - State Livestock Skillathon
- 11/8 - State 4-H Livestock Skillathon, Champaign-Urbana
- 11/9 - Adams County Achievement Day
- 11/13 - Pike County 4-H Achievement Program

December

- 12/15 - Livestock Enrollment Deadline

January

- 1/2/26 - Family Fun Event (more information to come)

This list of dates will continuously be updated in each newsletter. Please pay attention to emails and our Facebook page for the most updated information.



REGISTER TODAY!

ATTENTION JUNIORS!

>>> YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Attention high school juniors! Register for Youth Leadership Academy by September 13: visit go.illinois.edu/YLA to learn more information. Youth Leadership Academy teaches participants not only leadership and communication skills but also provides opportunities for creating a resume, serving the community, and meeting State Legislators. Monthly sessions will be held in various locations throughout the Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, & Schuyler county areas from October to February.

STATE NEWS AND EVENTS

>>> SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION

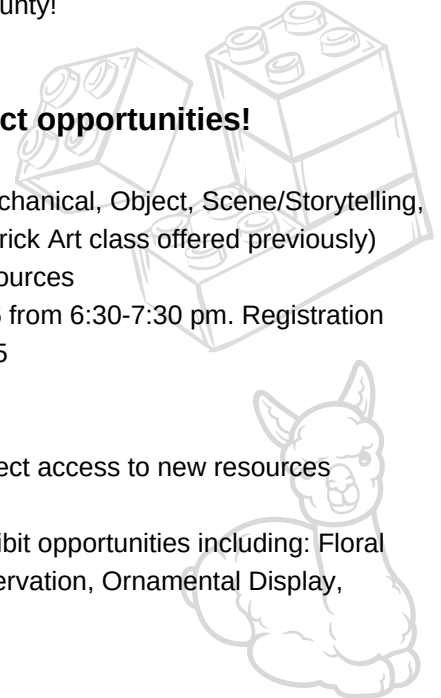
- Interested adults don't have to be expert marksmen to become involved in the program and have fun, meet new people, and encourage the next generation of youth!

Contact your county's 4-H coordinator to register for the next training on Saturday, October 18 from 9 AM-5 PM at the Fooseland Sportsman's Club in Champaign County!

>>> NEW PROJECT AREAS!

Watch for more information about these 4-H project opportunities!

- NEW Project - Creating with Building Bricks
 - 9 exhibit classes: Art, Building, Creature, Functional, Mechanical, Object, Scene/Storytelling, Vehicle, Virtual (art class replaces Visual Arts - Plastic Brick Art class offered previously)
 - Resources available: go.illinois.edu/4HBuildingBrickResources
 - Project overview webinar for families Monday, October 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Registration through ZSuite at 4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41225
- NEW Woodworking resources and classes
 - <https://go.illinois.edu/4HWoodworkingResources>
 - New exhibit requirements will be available this fall to reflect access to new resources
- NEW project – Hay (Crops/Agronomy)
- UPDATED Floriculture resource with NEW learning and exhibit opportunities including: Floral Design, Landscape Design, Plant Propagation, Flower Preservation, Ornamental Display, Floriculture Display
- NEW project - Llama/Alpaca



>>> STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CONTEST

Saturday, November 8 | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Stock Pavilion

This contest helps youth build the knowledge and skills needed for the Superior Young Producers Skillathon held annually at the Illinois State Fair.

Divisions & Awards

- Junior (ages 8–11)
- Intermediate (ages 12–14)
- Senior (ages 15–18)
- Banners will be awarded to the top five individuals in each division.

Additional Details

- Entry Fee: \$15 (includes lunch, no refunds)
- Registration Deadline: November 3
- Location: University of Illinois Stock Pavilion, Urbana-Champaign Campus
- Participants should bring a notebook, pencil, and clipboard.
- Open to all Illinois 4-H members.

Event Schedule

- 8:30–9:00 a.m. | Check-in
- 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Skillathon Contest
- 12:30 p.m. | Lunch & Workshop

Participants will engage in:

- Livestock knowledge quizzes
- Practical judging exercises
- Breed, feed, and equipment identification

A short workshop will follow to further enhance skills.

Register by visiting:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41498>

Also posted at go.illinois.edu/skillathon

INPUT NEEDED!

PROJECT WORKSHOP AND INTEREST SURVEY <<<

Help us gather input to create effective workshop ideas and identify project resources needed. Please take this brief (5 minute) survey! We are excited to help you reach 4-H project goals! Scan the QR code or visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/WorkshopSurvey>



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> 4-H WEEK ACTIVITIES

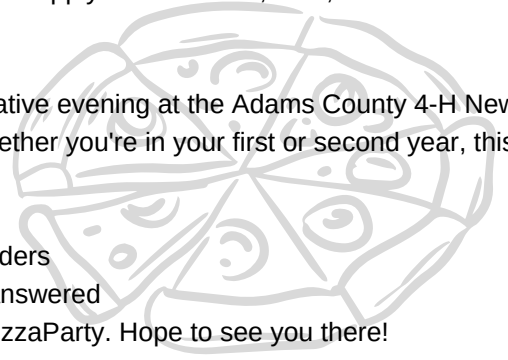
Plan to join us in celebration at Quincy's Farm and Home Supply! More details, date, and time to come!

>>> NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Calling all new 4-H families! Join us for a fun and informative evening at the Adams County 4-H New Member Pizza Party on October 24 from 6-7:30 PM! Whether you're in your first or second year, this is the perfect opportunity to:

- Discover what to expect in your 4-H journey
- Hear firsthand stories from current members and leaders
- Connect with other families and get your questions answered

Learn more and register at go.illinois.edu/NewMemberPizzaParty. Hope to see you there!



>>> 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Join us November 9th at Ursa Farmers Coop to celebrate another amazing 4-H year! Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

>>> 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Adams County Shooting Sports offers youth (ages 10+ by Sept. 1) hands-on training in shotgun under the guidance of certified instructors. The club meets at West Quincy Gun Club at 10:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month. It's a great opportunity to learn marksmanship, safety, and conservation ethics in a supportive environment. Email Siera at snthomps@illinois.edu to get started!

>>> FALL LEADERS MEETING

Join us for the next Adams County 4-H Leaders Meeting on Monday, October 7th, 6:00 PM, at the Adams County Extension Office. Please bring your green binders as we'll be covering important updates including upcoming dates and local events, new information from the State Office, planning and coordination for the season ahead.

>>> SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

All Adams County 4-H Clubs should have received an email about the Foundation and their newest fundraiser, a silent auction, hosted during achievement day. Be sure to discuss ideas at your next meeting and get excited for this opportunity which will benefit members like you!

4-H
FOUNDATION
SILENT AUCTION
We need your help!
DONATE 3 ITEMS
PER CLUB

RECAP OF PAST EVENTS

>>> ADAMS COUNTY 4-H EXCELS AT STATE POULTRY

Adams County 4-H members proudly competed at the 2025 Illinois State Poultry Judging Contest in Champaign on June 24, showcasing their skills in evaluating egg and poultry quality.

Adams County teams excelled in both junior and senior divisions, earning High Overall Team honors. Senior competitors Olivia Whitlock (2nd), Mariah Mintle (3rd), and Brinley Hackamack (5th) led the way. Junior members Kolby Shaffer (2nd) and Blake Hackamack (5th) also had a strong showing.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and success!

RECAP CONTINUED

>>> CLAY YOUR WAY POTTERY WORKSHOP

Adams County 4-H hosted a June pottery workshop where 30 youth explored ceramics from clay shaping to glazing. Over multiple days, they learned hand-building techniques and finished their pieces with personalized glazes —gaining skills, confidence, and creative expression.



STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

>>> PARTICIPANTS

Henry Zengel - Model Rocketry
 Montana Kenady - Animal Science
 Brooklyn Bunge - Babysitting Display
 Gabby Fischer - Sewing 2
 William Weatherford Jr - Electricity 1
 Kooper Powell - Electricity 2
 Lance Woolam - Electricity 3
 Callie Longlett - Family Heritage
 Grady Norsworthy - Cooking 101 Cookies
 Lincoln Swift - Cooking 101 Cookies
 Abigail Hildebrand - Pebble Pups 1
 Helen Mathews - Floriculture B
 Owen Potter - Vegetable Plate
 Brynlee Bunge - Design Decisions
 Andi Kirlin - Design Decisions
 Charles Evans - Outdoor Adventures 1-3
 Josiah Smith - Sportfishing 1
 Paysli Dieterle - Photography 1
 Ashley Schutte - Veterinary Science 1
 Kinley Lummer - Veterinary Science 2
 Logan Miller - Leather
 Evan Reichert - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment - Paper
 Bradley King - Clay
 Nadia Chandler - Computer-Generated Art
 Cassidy Huber - Fiber
 Bryce Miller - Glass
 Elaina Smith - Heritage Arts
 Rozalyn Brass - Metal
 Ella Veile - Nature
 Della Geczi - Scrapbooking - Beginner
 Asher Brokaw - Welding
 Isaac Smith - Welding
 Sierra Miller - Woodworking 4
 Lydia Zanger - Formal Speech
 Heidi Zanger - Illustrated Speech

>>> CHAMPIONS

Mariah Mintle - Civic Engagement 2
 Allie Carolan - Corn
 Simeon Mathews - UAV Display
 Josey Bockhold - Cooking 201 - Biscuits
 Devon Carolan - Floriculture Display
 Zoey Kasparie - Floriculture Display
 Ryleigh Powell - Vegetable Plate
 Isaiah Brass - Passport to the World
 Meredith Shaffer - Leadership 1
 Ashley Walbring - Leadership Innovation
 Emmaline Garman - Junk Drawer Robotics 1
 Avva Chandler - Food Decorating - Advanced
 Lydia Zanger - Paper 3D
 Grace Venvertloh - Scrapbooking - Intermediate
 Madilyn King - Fiber - Non-Original Ages 8-10
 Everett Hodgson - Woodworking 4

INSPIRE AWARDS

Grady Bockhold - Animal Science
Logan Ippensen - Corn
Jillian Shaffer - Cooking 401 - Focaccia Bread
Declan Neisen - Maker
Levi Smith - Wildlife 1
Gideon Smith - Small Engines 1-3

>>> RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Dax Klusmeyer - Civic Engagement 3
 Hayley Lair - Shopping in Style - Advanced
 Kelsey Schutte - Soybeans
 Heidi Zanger - Cooking 301 - Yeast Bread
 Kodi Duke - Cooking 401 - Sponge Cake
 Brinley Hackamack - Floriculture D
 August Hesse - Vegetable Plate
 Xander Garman - Junk Drawer Robotics 1

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

>>> PARTICIPANTS

Josie Davis - Beekeeping 2
Miriam Miller - Photography 1
Lane Ransom - Chalk, Carbon, Pigment
Ava Robinson - Nature
Garrett Guthrie - Woodworking 1

>>> RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Levi Ransom - Weather and Climate Science 1

>>> INSPIRE AWARDS

Ruby Pherigo - Sewing 2
Lydia Ransom - Scrapbooking
Henry Barfield - Fiber Non-Original

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FEDERATION UPDATE

Brown-Schuyler 4-H Federation will meet on Monday, September 8 at 5:30 at the JWCC in Mt Sterling. Federation is for any youth 8th grade and up that would like to take on leadership in our 2 counties. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested or have any questions. 217-322-8231

>>> NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Brown-Schuyler will be having a new member/recruitment night in October in Mt Sterling, watch your emails for date and time.

>>> 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

This year the achievement program will be coming to your monthly 4-H meeting.

>>> 4-H WEEK ACTIVITIES

Coloring Contest: All students in kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to participate in our coloring contest! Coloring sheets will be distributed to each student at school and will need to be returned to classrooms by Friday, October 10.

>>> FALL LEADERS MEETING

Monday, September 22 at 6:00 pm at the JWCC in Mt Sterling.

>>> CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP

We are excited to offer this workshop for youth ages 8 to 18. Participants will learn the basics of cake decorating and will take home their own cake decorating kit with decorated treats. This workshop will focus on beginner techniques, but all skill levels are welcome. This is a great opportunity to try out the "Food Decorating" 4-H project in Visual Arts! Details: Friday, October 24 (No School!) |9-11 am | Schuyler County Extension Office in Rushville | \$20 per participant. Register by October 17:
<https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/schuyler-4-h-cake-decorating-workshop>

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

»»» PARTICIPANTS

- Danielle Beeler - Photography 3
- Lucas Biery - Woodworking 4
- Lilyana Bliss - Visual Arts Food Decorating
- Avery Bruenger - Clothing & Textiles Sewing 1
- Brooks Burling - Visual Arts 3-D Diorama
- Avalee Caron - Visual Arts Glass
- Emily Dixon - Creative Writing Poetry
- Isaac Dixon - Natural Resources
- Mariah Dixon - Interior Design
- Darby Edmunds - Visual Arts Leather
- Abigail Grove - Tractor B
- Madison Harrell - Cooking 201
- Avistyn Hobby - Visual Arts Fiber Non-Original
- Evan Hoelscher - Geology
- Maci Huls - Veterinary Science
- Parker Jacquot - Visual Arts Fiber
- Quinn Jacquot - Cooking 101
- Raef Krieg - Vegetable Plate
- Morgan Marshall - Shooting Sports Archery Display
- Emma Morey - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A
- Josiah Morey - Cooking 201
- Isabella Newton - Intercultural Passport to the World
- Leighton Pollock - Family Heritage
- Savannah Ramsey - Visual Arts Scrapbooking
- Lawson Roskamp - Visual Arts Nature
- Brynlei Shuman - Visual Arts Food Decorating
- Madelyn Siegworth - Clothing & Textiles Sewing 1
- Maggie Weber - Natural Resources
- Everett Wilson - Electricity 1
- Addison Wollbrink - Clothing & Textiles Sewing 1
- Ivan Wood - Crops - Corn
- Stella Zinn - Photography 1

»»» CHAMPIONS

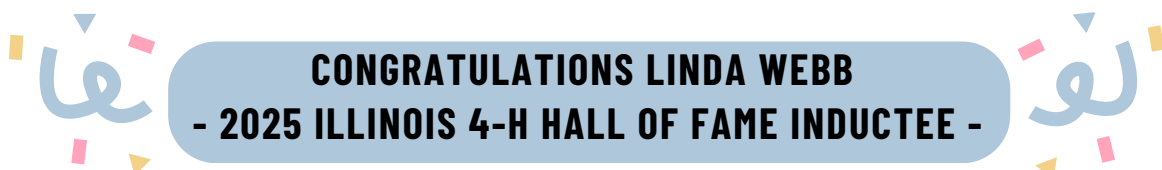
- Federation - Leadership Group
 - Danielle Beeler, Nicholas Beeler, Anna Dixon, Olivia Johnson, Courtney Lucie, Emma Morey, Alivia Rose, Lainey Sullivan, and Emily Wilhelm
- Annie Burling – Visual Arts Plastic
- Olivia Johnson – Kitchen Boss
- Courtney Lucie – Interior Design
- Addison McClellan – Floriculture
- Ellie Reavis – Natural Resources
- Adley Rose – Visual Arts Paper
- Connor Roskamp – Cooking 401
- Ava Shuman – Animal Science
- Elle Thomas – Scrapbooking
- Gabriel Whitaker – Computer Science
- Emily Wilhelm – Visual Arts Metal

»»» RESERVE CHAMPIONS

- Nicholas Beeler – Visual Arts Wood
- Raven Figge – Babysitting
- Gabrielle Hamelton – Floriculture
- Zander Huls – Geology
- Kaleb Mohr – Maker
- Spencer Sellens – Sportfishing
- Colin Weber – Video
- Ezekiel Whitaker – Computer Science
- Jedidiah Whitaker – Computer Science

INSPIRE AWARDS

- Kylie McClellan - Photography
- Koltyn Roskamp - Entomology



CONGRATULATIONS LINDA WEBB - 2025 ILLINOIS 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE -

Linda has served as a 4-H leader, volunteer, and Foundation Board member. We are grateful for volunteers like Linda who are dedicated to serving our families and youth in Hancock County 4-H!

ATTENTION LEADERS!

»»» FALL LEADERS MEETING

Save the date! All 4-H leaders, please join us on Sunday, October 26 at the Extension Office following the Achievement Ceremony. We will be recapping the fair and 4-H week as well as discussing upcoming events and new ideas for the 2025-2026 4-H year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FEDERATION INTEREST MEETING - 10/26 - 4:30-6 PM

Hancock County 4-H Federation is a group of incoming 8th-12th grade 4-H members who desire to serve their fellow 4-H members beyond the bounds of their community-based clubs. If you're interested in joining Federation, an interest meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26 from 4:30- 6 PM at the Extension Office in Carthage. Questions may be directed to Holly Whitaker at jnhwhitaker@gmail.com.

>>> ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

Join us on Sunday, October 26 at the Extension Office in Carthage at 2 PM for the Achievement Ceremony! This is where we will celebrate all members who submitted records, individual project awards, and experience awards. We will also recognize all our 2024-2025 4-H leaders and announce the recipient of the Dannen Latherow Merit Award sponsored by the Hancock County Farm Bureau. Cake and punch will be provided – please invite your family and friends to celebrate as well!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

>>> SCHOOL POSTERS / LOCKER SIGNS



Locker Posters: Order your 4-H member(s) a poster for their locker or classroom! A separate form will need to be completed for each member. Scan this code or visit go.illinois.edu/4-HWeekPosters to order by September 15!



>>> 4-H WEEK COLORING CONTEST

All students in kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to participate in our coloring contest! Coloring sheets will be distributed to each student at school and will need to be returned to classrooms by Friday, October 10. If you homeschool and would like to participate, please email me to receive a copy of the coloring sheet (mdavis13@illinois.edu).

QUICK RECAP

>>> COOKING 101 SCHOOL SERVES UP SKILLS AND FUN!

This summer's Cooking 101 School was a recipe for success! Students learned essential kitchen skills through hands-on lessons and prepared healthy recipes from the 4-H Cooking 101 curriculum. Thanks to our partnership with Memorial Hospital, young chefs had a safe, supportive space to grow. We're excited to welcome new cooks next summer—stay tuned!

>>> THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the members, leaders, families, and volunteers for another great 4-H year! With another year beginning, I'm looking forward to providing you with even more opportunities to learn and grow through 4-H! I'm always eager to hear your ideas for new events, project workshops, and fair additions! Let's have a great 2025-2026 4-H year! ~ Madeline

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

>>> PARTICIPANTS

Katie Curry - Creative Writing
Jonah Bradshaw - Soybeans
Benjamin Bradshaw - Corn
Daniel Henry - Electricity
Mystie Bergman - Floriculture
Lydia Kurfman - Photography 2
Payton McKittrick - Chalk, Carbon, Pigment
Thomas Henry - Welding
Oliver Wilson - Woodworking 3
Kirkland Bergman - Woodworking 4

>>> CHAMPIONS

Mariska Sheurman - Cooking 401 Focaccia Bread
William Henry - Sports Nutrition
Ella Nora Curry - Herb Container Display
Milana Curry - Visual Arts; Paper 2D

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
MEMBERS EXHIBITING AT
THE 2025 ILLINOS STATE
FAIR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FEDERATION UPDATE

Pike 4-H Federation will meet on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 at the Pike County Farm Bureau in Pittsfield. Federation is for any youth 8th grade and up that would like to take on leadership roles in Pike County 4-H. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested or have any questions. 217-285-5543.

>>> NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT NIGHT

Watch your emails for a date in October.

>>> 4-H WEEK ACTIVITIES

Coloring Contest: All students in kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to participate in our coloring contest! Coloring sheets will be distributed to each student at school and will need to be returned to classrooms by Thursday, October 9.

>>> FALL LEADERS MEETING

Our Fall Leaders meeting will be September 18 at 6:00pm at the Pike County Farm Bureau

QUICK RECAP

>>> CLOVERBUD CAMP!

Cloverbud Camp for Pike County 4-H Cloverbuds was held on August 4th. We had 6 youth attend and had a fun morning coloring t-shirts, painting and making crafts.



>>> HIPPOLOGY STATE RESULTS

Congratulations to Moira Curry, she took 2nd Place over all in the Illinois 2024 State Intermediate Hippology contest.

>>> PIKE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION CELEBRATES EARLY SUCCESSSES

The Pike County 4-H Foundation is off to a strong start, awarding its first scholarship and supporting a member's trip to the 2025 Junior Livestock Conference. CNB Bank & Trust has renewed its support with a \$1,000 donation, helping the Foundation continue its mission to empower local youth through 4-H.

4-H Family Here

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 <https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps>

We hope you enjoyed this copy of the printed newsletter! Please remember to check your emails, our website, and Facebook page, for all your latest 4-H news!



ALL COUNTIES

4-H WEEK CELEBRATION

>>> 4-H WEEK INFORMATION - SOCIAL MEDIA BLITZ



Media Monday:
Update your Facebook profile picture to be "4-H Proud" with one of our frame designs.

Facebook Frame Template:

<https://go.illinois.edu/FacebookFrame>

Instructions:

1. Use the link to access the templates in your Canva account
2. Find the frame you want to use and add your photo to the frame
3. Download the png file
4. In your Facebook profile, upload the png file as your profile photo! We can't wait to see your new profile frames!



T-Shirt Tuesday:
Wear your favorite 4-H shirt to school or work!



Why Wednesday:
Check out Facebook for a highlight video of why our members love 4-H!



Thankful Thursday:
Celebrate someone who is making a difference!



Foundation Friday:
Check below for information on our 4-H Foundations!

THANK YOU MEMBERS, LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND SUPPORTERS. YOU ARE THE REASON WE CELEBRATE!

Foundation Friday:

The 4-H Foundation supports educational opportunities and Extension programming by providing financial assistance for youth to attend state and national events. Each county's foundation partners with Extension through an annual agreement to bring University of Illinois resources to local communities. To learn more or donate, visit go.illinois.edu/OurFoundations