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>>> 4-H NEWSLETTER <<<



#### **RINGING IN THE 4-H NEW YEAR!**

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## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

www.facebook.com/UIE.4HUnit14

https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps



## 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!

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-H CALENDAR - ADAMS - BROWN - HANCOCK - PI

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.

## December 2023

- 12/15 Livestock Projects Enrollment Deadline
- 12/22 through 1/1 Extension Offices Closed

## January 2024

- 1/2 Winter Federation Fun Day / Ice Skating Event
- 1/2 Extension Office Reopen
- 1/31 Fair Book Cover Contest Deadline for all counties
- 1/31 State Youth Leadership Team Application Deadline

## February 2024

- 2/4 Adams County Steer Weigh-In
- 2/24 Shooting Sports Volunteer Certification Training

## **March 2024**

- 3/13-17 Ignite Conference, Washington, DC
- 3/16 Super Saturday Project Workshops
- 3/31 Hancock County Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline

## April 2024

• 4/15 - General Project Enrollment Deadline

## May 2024

- Work on your 4-H projects!
- Enroll in Fair Entry

## June 2024

- 6/5 Electricity School
- 6/12-14 Brown/Schuyler 4-H Fair
- 6/18-21 Pike County 4-H Fair
- 6/24-28 Hancock County Cooking 101 School

## **July 2024**

- 7/8-11 Hancock County 4-H Fair
- 7/23-30 Adams County 4-H Fair

# ACHIEVEMENT DAY HIGHLIGHTS

#### >>> ADAMS COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT DAY STATISTICS



## >>> 4-H LEADER MILESTONES

In 2023, the following 4-H leaders celebrated service milestones: Miranda Miller, 5 years; Kalyn Kirlin, 5 years; Kim Ervin, 15 years; Sandy Wieprecht, 20 years; and Sharon Tenhouse, 50 years! To all leaders, thank you for your service to Adams County 4-H and your members.



**INDIVIDUAL PROJECT** 

AWARD APPLICATIONS

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## >>> HIGHLIGHTING A FEW AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award recipients for honors received during Achievement Day: Andrea Schaffnit, Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year; Marissa Mintle, Glen Tenhnouse Leadership Memorial; and the Erke Family, 4-H Family of the Year. For a complete list of awards given during Achievement Day, please contact Siera at snthomps@illinois.edu.

# **RECENT NEWS**

## >>> WELCOMING NEW LEADERS

Welcome to our newest 4-H leader, Shawna Kenady. The Payson Progressors 4-H Club and our county are excited to welcome you!

## >>> JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Five members from Adams County attended the Illinois Jr. Leadership Conference in Decatur, on November 4 and 5. Thank you to Brinley Hackamack, Dax Klusmeyer, and Cohen Maas for representing Adams County! We would also like to recognize Mariah Mintle and Andrea Schaffnit for serving as ambassadors! Jr. Leadership Conference is held each year for 4-H members in grades 7 and 8.

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



## >>> TREE PLANTING

Adams County will once again be participating in the 4-H Green Communities Tree Planting Program. Last spring we planted 25 oak trees at the JWCC Ag Education Center. Be on the lookout for emails regarding the date, time, and location, of this year's planting.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

#### >>> 4-H MEMBERS IN ACTION

The Ursa Willing Workers 4-H Club is partnering with Wreaths Across America for a special wreath escort and ceremony on December 16. Wreaths will leave Quincy's Washington Park at 9 am and be escorted to the Quincy National Cemetery. The wreath ceremony will begin at 10 am. Parking will be available at Quincy High School and a shuttle will start at 9 am.



All community members and businesses are invited to travel in the escort or show Patriotism along the escort route. The escort will travel east on Maine St, take 18th St to Broadway, then travel east

to 48th St, turn south to Main St., then travel west to the Quincy National Cemetery. If you have questions, please contact Kodi Duke, Committee Chair, at 217-919-7768.

#### >>> FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

Design the cover of the 2024 Adams County fair book! Follow these rules and we are excited to see your creations. Rules:

- The design must fit neatly on a white, 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 sheet of paper and be black and white.
- Both freehand drawings and computer designs are allowed.
- Must include the official 4-H Clover logo (or leave room for it to be added)
   to request an official logo, please email Siera at snthomps@illinois.edu
- Use of copyrighted images is not allowed for example: a name-brand tractor or cartoon character
- Along with the design, please submit your name, age, and phone number, but DO NOT include that information on the actual design.
- Entries are due by January 31, 2024. Submit designs either in person (at the Extension office) or by email to snthomps@illinois.edu.

## >>> STEER WEIGH-IN

The Adams County steer weigh-in will be hosted at the Coatsburg sale barn on February 4, at 9 am. If you have any questions, please reach out to Siera at snthomps@illinois.edu.

#### >>> FEDERATION EVENT AND FAMILY ICE SKATING

Check out All County Information (page 9) for our Winter Federation Fun Day and our Family Ice Skating event. We look forward to seeing you there!

# ONE IN EVERY 14 YOUTH IN ILLINOIS IS INVOLVED IN 4-H!

# **CELEBRATING PAST EVENTS**

#### >>> ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



## >>> RETIRING LEADERS

Congratulations to Teresa Guymon, Cinda Brodie, and Karen Bisby on their retirement as 4-H leaders! Thank you for your many years of service. Welcome to Elizabeth Dixon and Hannah Whitaker as new leaders of Burnside Rising Stars.





## >>> JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Four members from Hancock County attended the Illinois Jr. Leadership Conference in Decatur, November 4-5. Members attending were Nicholas Beeler, Gabby Hamelton, Emma Morey, and Connor Roskamp. Junior Leadership Conference is held each year for 4-H members in both 7th and 8th grade.

## >>> 4-H MEMBERS IN ACTION

- Emily Wilhelm, a member of the Burnside Rising Stars 4-H Club, visited both Hickory Grove and Nauvoo-Colusa Pre-K with her bunny, Gray. All residents and students were excited to learn more about Emily's 4-H project. If you're interested in learning more about community service opportunities, contact Madeline at the 4-H office.
- Congratulations to Colin Weber for receiving the "Best Jr Filmmaker Documentary Award" at the Route 66 International Film Festival! For his 4-H project in the video/filmmaking category, Colin recorded and presented a documentary about the Hancock County Courthouse at the Hancock County 4-H Fair. He then exhibited this video at the State Fair in August where he not only was named Champion, but also received the Inspire Award and the Central Illinois Film Commission Best of the Best award – which included an invite to join the Central Illinois Film Commission as the youngest member and attend and compete in the Route 66 International Film Festival in November! We are proud to have Colin representing Hancock County 4-H! His video titled "Hancock County courthouse (The 4-H version)" can be viewed on YouTube.





## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** >>> TREE PLANTING

Hancock County will once again be participating in the 4-H Green Communities Tree Planting Program. Last spring we planted 25 oak trees at the ball diamond in Carthage. This year, we are hoping to plant the trees in a Hamilton park, and we are looking for 4-H members to volunteer. Be on the lookout for emails regarding the date, time, and location, of this year's planting.

## >>> HUMANE SOCIETY

The Humane Society of Hancock County, in Carthage, is seeking volunteers to help with some projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Donna at (727) 331-1750. Projects include: • building platforms for the dog play yard • building ramps for the cat room • cleaning and repairing the memorial garden • painting the interior room • creating a website.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** >>> STEER WEIGH-IN

If you are bringing a steer to the fair this summer and would like to participate in the Rate of Gain competition, plan to attend the steer weigh-in. More information will be sent directly to members who are enrolled in the beef project area in ZSuite.



## >>> FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

We are now accepting submissions for the 2024 Fair Book Cover. Submissions must be made by January 31, 2024. Please send drawings or pictures to mdavis13@illinois.edu or drop them off/mail them to the office at 550 N Madison St., Carthage, IL 62321. For a complete list of guidelines, check out page 9!

# THINKING FINANCIAL

## >>> SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

High school seniors who are active 4-H members are encouraged to apply for the Hancock County Foundation Scholarship. The application can be submitted at go.illinois.edu/Scholarship/App. **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.** 

## >>> FOUNDATION FUNDING

4-H members and clubs seeking additional financial assistance for projects, community service activities, and regional, state, and national events can apply for funding through the Hancock County Foundation. Download the application by visiting go.illinois.edu/HancockFundingApp.

## >>> FEDERATION EVENT AND FAMILY ICE SKATING

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**Pike County News** 

## COUNTY EVENTS >>> ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS 5



## >>> MILESTONE LEADERS

In 2023, the following 4-H leaders celebrated years of service: 2 years - Peggy Johns; 6 years - Sara Luthy; 8 years - Ali Armstrong; 9 years - Mandy Fink and Jennifer Schroeder; 10 years - Heather Miller; 12 years - Matt Perry; and 14 years - Gail Gallaher. Thank you for your continued support of Brown/Schuyler County 4-H members!

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Alicia Tate, and Keith Martin; 7 years - Gina Sheurman; 12 years - Mary Barnes; 14 years - Mariana Bradshaw; and 25 years -Kathy Scranton and Christina Henry.

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**APPLICATIONS** 

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM** >>> LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

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) with many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Alumni Board, and Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee. Members of this team serve as ambassadors of the Illinois 4-H program, giving back to the program while further enhancing their leadership skills. You must be aged 16 to 19 to apply to serve a two-year term. For more information, check out 4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate. The deadline to apply is December 31. Contact your 4-H Program Coordinator for a link to the application form.

## **IGNITE BY 4-H CONFERENCE** >>> seeking illinois delegates

Illinois 4-H is seeking fifteen youth delegates to the attend Ignite by 4-H Youth Summit in Washington D.C. March 13-17, 2024! If you are selected to participate in our delegation, all travel and summit expenses will be covered with support from the IL 4-H Foundation. For general details regarding the Summit, please visit the National 4-H event page. To apply, log into ZSuite, choose a track to attend as a delegate - Healthy Living, Agriscience, or STEM, and then answer a few short questions to tell us more about yourself. Applications accepted 10/5-12/9.

# SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS

Mark your calendars for our Shooting Sports Leader training sessions! Registration details will be available later this month, or reach out to your local 4-H staff. Trainings take place:

- Saturday, February 24 at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles.
- Saturday, May 11 at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello.

## **ENROLL IN 4-H NOW** >>> Z-SUITE ENROLLMENT OPEN!

2023-24 4-H enrollment is now available! Instructions for re-enrollment or new member enrollment can be found on our website. To go directly to the enrollment instructions, scan the QR code or use the following link:

 $\underline{https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info}$ 









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# WINTER OPPORTUNITIES

## >>> WINTER FEDERATION FUN DAY

All federation members in our five counties are invited to a Winter Federation Fun Day on Tuesday, January 2, from 2-4 pm, in Mt. Sterling. We will meet at the JWCC Mt. Sterling Education Center, 108 N Capitol Ave, where Federation members will spend time networking and sharing ideas for activities in their counties. Refreshments will be provided. Following the Federation Fun Day, members and their families are invited to join in for ice skating at The Rink (across the street from the Education Center) from 4-6 pm. For more information, or to RSVP, please visit extension.illinois.edu/abhps/events.

## >>> 4-H FAMILY ICE SKATING EVENT

Let us help break up the boredom during winter break! 4-H members in all five of our counties are invited to attend a private event "Ice Skating at The Rink" at 109 W North St, in Mt. Sterling, on Tuesday, January 2, from 4-6 pm. There is no cost to 4-H members or their families to attend. Admission, skate rental, and refreshments are provided. RSVPs are requested by visiting extension.illinois.edu/abhps/events. For more information, please contact your 4-H Program Coordinator.

## **PROJECT PLANNING** >>> WE'RE HERE TO HELP...BUT WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Help us gather input to create effective workshop ideas and identify project resources that could help you complete a 4-H project. This short, five-minute survey will help us design workshops and resource outlets to do just that. We want to see you gain the most knowledge from your 4-H project and access

the materials needed.

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#### Scan the QR code or visit: https://go.illinois.edu/WorkshopSurvey

## FAIRBOOK COVER GUIDELINES >>> APPLIES TO ALL COUNTIES

As you noticed, it is time for the 4-H Fairbook Cover Contest. All submissions are due to your county coordinator by January 31, 2024. Here are the guidelines to meet:

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   Design must include the 4-H Clover logo. Email to your County Coordinator by the deadline
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4-H Family Here



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!



## **ATTENTION ALL COUNTIES!**

## >>> Z-SUITE ENROLLMENT OPEN!

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## **DECEMBER 15 - LIVESTOCK DEADLINE**

Any 4-H member planning to show a live animal at the 2024 4-H fair, must register for that project area by December 15, 2023.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sustaining the Future Award, due January 31. Check out the Awards and Scholarships section at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate



Scan the OR code or visit:

## CALLING ALL 4-H CLUB REPORTERS

Would you like to see your 4-H Club's news or great events highlighted in our newsletter? Please talk with your county 4-H program coordinator to submit information! All 4-H staff information can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

## **FEDERATION OPPORTUNITIES**

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· Join Federation - Contact your county 4-H staff for more information!

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