



»»» 4-H NEWSLETTER «««



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Serving Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike and Schuyler Counties



SUMMER FAIRS MIGHT BE OVER, BUT WE HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE!

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ONLINE RESOURCES

- www.facebook.com/UIE.4HUnit14
- <https://extension.illinois.edu/abhps>

»»» CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

October 6-12, 2024
Check out page 3 for ways you can celebrate!

»»» ZSUITE ENROLLMENT

ZSuite enrollment opens in October. We will share more information and dates as soon as we have them. Please wait to re-enroll for the 2024-2025 year until you receive an email from your county EPC.

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

September

- 9/17 - Pike County Leaders Meeting
- 9/19 - Brown/Schuyler Leaders Meeting
- 9/19 - Hancock County Air Rifle
- 9/23 - Adams County Leaders Meeting
- 9/26 - Hancock County Air Rifle

October

- 10/2 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Federation Meeting
- 10/3 - Hancock County Air Rifle
- 10/6-12 - National 4-H Week
- 10/7 - Illinois 4-H Scholarship Webinar
- 10/9 - Pike County 4-H Federation Meeting
- 10/10 - Hancock County Air Rifle
- 10/20 - Hancock County Achievement Ceremony
- 10/24 - Hancock County Leaders' Meeting
- 10/25 - Brown/Schuyler Cake Decorating Workshop

November

- 11/2-3 - Junior Leadership Conference
- 11/29 - 12/3 - National 4-H Congress
- **TBA: Adams County Achievement Day

December

- 12/6 - Adams County New Members Night

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.



ENJOY THIS OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT

➤➤➤ ELECTRICITY SCHOOL: AN ELECTRIFYING EXPERIENCE

On June 5th, 68 youth gathered at Bailey Park, in Camp Point, IL, for an electrifying day of fun and learning! Sponsored by Adams Electric, University of Illinois Extension, and Gem City Electric, this free event was all about electricity and safety.

Youth aged 8-18 played a giant Scrabble game, watched a cool bucket truck safety demo, and joined five awesome workshops:

- Beginners learned the basics of electricity and even made their own extension cords to take home.
- Second-year students turned soda cans into solar cars!
- Third-year students got hands-on with house wiring in their circuits and switches class.
- Fourth-year students toured the unique Pigeon Creek Wind Turbine.
- Fifth-year students explored the Co-op's mapping system and checked out an electric car.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

>>> YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - ATTENTION JUNIORS!

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.

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:

We are thankful for you!



Favorite Friday:

Post on social media and tell everyone about your favorite 4-H project.



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

National 4-H Week: October 6-12, 2024

There are so many exciting ways to celebrate 4-H Week! We hope you take full advantage of this opportunity and join in the fun - participate in our local social media celebration or visit 4h.extension.illinois.edu/about-4-h/national-4-h-week to get inspired and create your own unique celebration. We can't wait to see how you celebrate 4-H with your club, family, and friends!

EXCITING PROJECT INFORMATION

>>> NEW PROJECTS AND RESOURCES

NEW projects such as Babysitting (replacing Child Development), Global Gourmet, Kitchen Boss, Science Fun with Dairy Foods, Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry, Your Feelings Matter, Everyday Food and Fitness, Health Exploration and Innovation...and more! You can learn more about these and over 70 4-H projects at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

➤➤➤ PARTICIPANTS

Devon Carolan - Pebble Pups 1
Allie Carolan - Soybeans
Gabriella Chatten - Veterinary Science
Baylee Dedert - Floriculture D
Mason Deege - Soybeans
Kodi Duke - 3-D Design/Mixed Media
Owen East - Aerospace Display
Olivia East - Clay
Emmaline Garman - Clothing 1
Laken Heinecke - Cooking 101
Kaden Humke - Sportsfishing 2
Kayleigh Humke - Cooking 201
Natalie Hummel - Visual Arts - Quilting
Natalie Hummel - Dog Show - 3rd Place Rally
Madilyn King - Visual Arts - Fiber
Bradley King - Electricity 3
Andi Kirlin - Shopping in Style
Dax Klusmeyer - Passport to the World
Bryce Miller - Visual Arts - Glass
Maddy Ohnemus - Visual Arts - Paper
Samantha Peter - Photography 1
Aubrey Peter - Creative Writing
Owen Potter - Vegetable Plate
Evan Reichert - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment
Parker Schaffnit - Welding
Kelsey Schutte - Soybeans
Grady Shaffer - Welding
Dexter Shupe - Cooking 201
Ella Veile - Scrapbooking
James Venvertloh - Tractor A
Aiden Wieprecht - Photography 1
Lance Woolam - Natural Resources 3
Heidi Zanger - Beekeeping 1

➤➤➤ CHAMPIONS

Colin Anderson - Rock Hounds 2
Natalie Blackorby - Shooting Sports Shotgun
Avva Chandler - Food Decorating
Brooklynn Hackamack - Floriculture A
Everett Hodgson - Woodworking 3
Zoey Kasparie - Floriculture D
Mariah Mintle - Civic Engagement 2
Marissa Mintle - Design Decisions
Ryleigh Powell - Vegetable Plate
Meredith Shaffer - Leadership 1
Gideon Smith - Natural Resources 2
Ashley Walbring - Leadership Innovation Class
Lydia Zanger - Poetry

INSPIRE AWARDS

Lane Epley - Animal Science 1
Cora Frazier - Design Decisions
Brinley Hackamack - Child Development
Regan Musholt - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment
Jack O'Neal - Animal Science
Elaina Smith - Visual Arts - Fiber
Jacob Veile - Plants and Soils
Brandon Whitlock - Outdoor Adventures

➤➤➤ RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Xander Garman - Vegetable Plate
Abigail Hildebrand - Scrapbooking
Lucas Hoffer - Small Engines
Logan Miller - Shooting Sports Shotgun
Koooper Powell - Electricity 1
Claire Taute - Photo Editing

UPCOMING EVENTS

➤➤➤ NEW MEMBER PARTY! 🥰

We've got the pizza and 4-H information covered, now all we need is you! Join us Friday, December 6th at 6 PM for our New Member Family Pizza Party! Here, families will learn more about 4-H in Adams County and what we have to offer. Meet 4-H Leaders and members as they share about their 4-H projects and clubs. Register by December 2nd - visit go.illinois.edu/AdamsPizzaParty. If you have any questions email Siera Duesterhaus at snthomps@illinois.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> 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!



>>> ADAMS COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION: HERE TO HELP!

Would you like financial assistance to attend a conference or improve your project? Check out go.illinois.ed/Adams4-HFoundation.

>>> TBA ITEMS - BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Be on the lookout for information coming about Adams County Achievement Day and the Fall Leaders Meeting. Both events will be set and sent out soon.

OLD BUSINESS

>>> CREATING MEMORIES AND MASTERPIECES

At Windsong Acres Pottery Barn in Camp Point, IL, 15 4-H members and Cloverbuds had a blast learning pottery. Led by Krista Hoener, an employee at the barn and a dedicated 4-H Leader with the Country Cousins 4-H Club, these members learned how to create their own pottery from start to finish.



Members began with the basics, crafting pinch pots, and moved on to more advanced skills of throwing clay onto the wheel. As members shaped their creations, they learned about glazing and added colorful finishes to make them look even better. Members were proud of their work and fun new skills!

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

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>>> PARTICIPANTS

- Madison Guthrie - Scrapbooking
- Garrett Guthrie - Scrapbooking
- Addison Icenogle - Cooking 101
- Amie Luthy - Cooking 301
- Hollie Luthy - Forests of Fun 2

>>> RESERVE CHAMPIONS

- Emersyn Oliver - Cooking 101
- Levi Ransom - Outdoor Adventures

>>> INSPIRE AWARDS

- Lydia Ransom - Visual Arts - Quilting



CONGRATULATIONS MATT PERRY
- 2024 ILLINOIS 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE -

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Join our cake decorating 4-H project workshop! Register before October 15!

We are excited to offer this workshop for 4-H members ages 8 and above. 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. It's a great opportunity to try out the "Food Decorating-Visual Arts" project area! **Details:** Friday, October 25 (No school!) | 9-11 AM | American Legion in Mt. Sterling | \$20 per participant. **Register:** visit go.illinois.edu/CakeDecorating-Brown

>>> 4-H FEDERATION MEETING

The Brown/Schuylter 4-H Federation will meet Wednesday, October 2 at 5 PM at JWCC in Mt. Sterling. 4-H members ranging from 8th to 12th grades are welcome to join Federation. This group of teens meets once a month to plan community service projects and activities for other 4-H youth in the county. They also assist with 4-H Achievement Night and the 4-H fair. Meeting dates and times are flexible to accommodate other after-school activities. For any questions about 4-H Federation, please contact Jennifer at jshelts@illinois.edu.

>>> 4-H WEEK COLORING CONTEST

All students in K-4th grades are invited to participate in the National 4-H Week Coloring Contest! Coloring sheets will be distributed to each student at school and will need to be returned to classrooms by Friday, October 12.

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> 4-H FEDERATION MEETING

The Pike County 4-H Federation will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 PM at the Farm Bureau in Pittsfield. 4-H members ranging from 8th to 12th grades are welcome to join Federation. They meet once a month to plan community service projects and 4-H activities, as well as, assist with 4-H Achievement Night and the 4-H fair. Meeting dates and times are flexible to accommodate other after-school activities. For any questions about 4-H Federation, please contact Jennifer!

>>> HANDMADE HOLIDAY MAGIC WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday, November 27 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Where:** Pike County Farm Bureau Auditorium. **Cost:** Cost: \$15 per participant. **What:** Get into the holiday spirit as we craft handmade ornaments and treats! Youth in 3rd and 4th grades are invited to attend this 4-H Holiday Make and Take Workshop. Each participant will leave with gifts and goodies ready to spread joy this holiday season. 4-H membership is NOT required to attend. Register online at go.illinois.edu/HandmadeHoliday by November 20. For more information, contact Kristin Huls khuls@illinois.edu.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

▶▶▶ PARTICIPANTS

- Mystie Bergman - Visual Arts - Clay
- Jonah Bradshaw - Corn
- Katie Curry - Creative Writing
- Milana Curry - Visual Arts - Fiber
- Ella Nora Curry - Visual Arts - Plastic
- Leroy Henry - Woodworking 2
- Ryan Henry - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment
- Thomas Henry - Shooting Sports Archery
- Lydia Kurfman - Food Preservation
- Aaron Kurfman - Electricity 3
- Emma Kurfman - Cooking 201
- Payton McKittrick - Entomology 2
- Zayne Parsons - Nature
- Mariska Sheurman - Cooking 301

▶▶▶ CHAMPIONS

- Moira Curry - Animal Science
- Whitney Kirk - Cooking 201

▶▶▶ RESERVE CHAMPIONS

- Kirkland Bergman - Woodworking 3
- Piper Lewis - Photography 1

INSPIRE AWARDS

- William Henry - Health 2
- Daniel Henry - Cooking 101

RECENT SUCCESSES

▶▶▶ PIKE COUNTY FEDERATION FUNDRAISER

The Pike County 4-H Federation teamed up with the Pittsfield Moose Lodge for a mouth-watering pork chop lunch fundraiser, raising an impressive \$700! Thanks to the dedicated 4-H members, community support, and invaluable



help from volunteers Mary Barnes and Jenny Graham, the event was a hit. Your contributions make a difference in our community!

▶▶▶ DONATION SPARKS RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PIKE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION



Before members of the newly re-established Pike County 4-H Foundation met for the first time, CNB Bank & Trust presented a \$1,000 donation, to promote youth development through Pike County 4-H. The foundation is made up of five members: Dr. Jeff Galle, Chair; Jenna Morrow, Vice Chair; Cheri Myers, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Sheppard, and Mike Vose. These individuals, each with diverse backgrounds, knowledge, and skills, understand the value that 4-H brings to its members and the transformative experiences it offers.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXHIBITORS!

▶▶▶ PARTICIPANTS

Evan Andrew - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment-Division A
Logan Andrew - Creative Writing
Danielle Beeler - Visual Arts - Plastic
Anna Biery - Woodworking
Lauralyn Caron - Visual Arts - Clay
Anna Dixon - Visual Arts - 3D Paper
Mariah Dixon - Clothing and Textiles
Darby Edmunds - Visual Arts - Leather
Madison Harrell - Cooking 101
Evan Hoelscher - Woodworking
Elizabeth Hubbard - Natural Resources
Maci Huls - Child Development
Zander Huls - Geology
Josiah Lionberger - Film
Alexis Lucie - Vet Science
Courtney Lucie - Health
Kylie McClellan - Photography
Emma Morey - Food Preservation
Josiah Morey - Cooking 101
Kerridan Murphy - Visual Arts - Fiber
Isabella Newton - Intercultural
Karlee Rampley - Visual Arts - Food Decorating
Connor Roskamp - Cooking 401
Koltyn Roskamp - Entomology
Spencer Sellens - Sportfishing
Elle Thomas - Visual Arts - Scrapbooking
Jedidiah Whitaker - Computer Science Beginner

▶▶▶ CHAMPIONS

Danielle Beeler - Leadership Group
Anna Dixon - Leadership Group
Gabrielle Hamelton - Floriculture B
Elizabeth Hubbard - Exploring Your Environment
Olivia Johnson - Sports Nutrition
Olivia Johnson - Leadership Group
Joshua Lionberger - Leadership Group
Josiah Lionberger - Leadership Group
Alexis Lucie - Leadership Group
Courtney Lucie - Leadership Group
Kaleb Mohr - Dog Obedience - Beginner Novice 2
Savannah Ramsey - Exploring Your Environment
Lawson Roskamp - Shooting Sports Hunting and Outdoor Skills
Lainey Sullivan - Leadership Group
Colin Weber - Documentary
Emma Whitaker - Leadership Group
Ezekiel Whitaker - Intermediate Visual Programming
Emily Wilhelm - Metal

▶▶▶ RESERVE CHAMPIONS

Nick Beeler - Visual Arts - Wood
Katherine Biery - Photography
Lilyana Bliss - Leadership
Emily Dixon - Theatre Arts
Abigail Grove - Tractor A
Grady Henson - Tractor D
Joshua Lionberger - Maker
Kaleb Mohr - Corn
Kinley Ritter - Beekeeping
Sarah Stinemates - Visual Arts - Nature
Kate Thompson - Health

INSPIRE AWARDS

Lucas Biery -
Model Rocketry

CONGRATULATIONS JAYNE ECKHARDT
- 2024 ILLINOIS 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE -

UPCOMING EVENTS

▶▶▶ FEDERATION TO KICK-OFF IN OCTOBER

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, stay tuned for additional details coming in early October! Questions may be directed to Holly Whitaker at hcsharpe@illinois.edu.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATES

- We are revamping the Shooting Sports Club starting with air rifle events in September! These events are open to children who are at least 10 years old by September 1, 2024. Current 4-H members can sign up for these events via our website by September 16, 2024: go.illinois.edu/HancockAirRifle. **Spots are limited, so register early!** Non-members must create a ZSuite account and should contact me before registering for the event (mdavis13@illinois.edu).
- Be on the lookout for archery and shotgun events throughout the 2024-2025 4-H year!
- If you are interested in becoming a certified adult volunteer for the shooting sports program, please email me at mdavis13@illinois.edu!

ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

Join us on Sunday, October 20 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 2023-2024 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!

FALL LEADERS' MEETING

Save the date! All 4-H leaders, please join me on Thursday, October 24 at the Extension Office from 6-7 PM. We will be recapping the fair and 4-H week as well as discussing upcoming events and new ideas for the 2024-2025 4-H year! Please bring your green club resource binders as well. Please RSVP by Monday, October 21. (mdavis13@illinois.edu or 217-357-2150)

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

SCHOOL POSTERS / LOCKER SIGNS



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 11. If you homeschool and would like to participate, please email me to receive a copy of the coloring sheet (mdavis13@illinois.edu).

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 continuing to get to know you all and 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 2024-2025 4-H year! ~ Madeline

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!



STATE OPPORTUNITIES

>>> ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WEBINAR

Are you age 15-18 and do you plan to attend a trade school, community college, or University after high school? Then this webinar is for you! In this webinar we will explore the application and discuss tips and tricks for success. Remember, you do not have to be a senior to apply, this scholarship is for any 4-H youth age 15-18. The Illinois 4-H Foundation generously supports this award with over forty \$1,000 scholarships. The webinar is Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required by October 5 to receive the link to the webinar.

>>> JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE **NOVEMBER 2-3, SPRINGFIELD**

The Junior Leadership Conference is for 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. This event is organized and conducted by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Workshops help participants develop leadership skills, learn about 4-H opportunities, and explore 4-H project areas. For more information or to register for the conference, visit: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/leadership-conference/junior-leadership-conference>. Register by October 1.

>>> JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE **JANUARY 25-26, SPRINGFIELD**

How do you increase livestock productivity? How do you keep your herd healthy? What traits do you want in your breeding stock? How do you successfully run your farm business? This conference is open to members in 7th, 8th & 9th grades and provides hands-on opportunity built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition. The Illinois 4-H Junior Livestock Conference will be held on January 25-26, in Springfield, and is open to 7th-9th graders. Contact your 4-H program coordinator to be one of the first to receive registration information when it becomes available!