



Greetings 4-H Families,

**Horse Green Sheets – Please submit ASAP!** – Either upload to 4HOnline or email scanned documents to [maavang@illinois.edu](mailto:maavang@illinois.edu) or mail to University of Illinois Extension, P.O. Box 1430, Woodstock, IL 60098. Upload instructions attached. See [2019-2020 McHenry County 4-H Horse Project Packet](#) for more information.

**Virtual classes begin in May!** While we know it will not be the same, instructors for our summer 4-H programs, like **Dogs, Shooting Sports, Horses, Cooking and more**, are working hard to put together some fun, educational and safe programs while we are all social distancing.

**Class times and ZOOM links will be emailed early next week! Watch your emails for leader communication!**

- Wednesday, May 20 @ 6pm & 6:45pm– VIRTUAL Dog Class – Obedience & Showmanship, *Rally O will be filled-in*
- Tuesday, May 26 @ 6pm – Virtual Archery - Beginner/Intermediate w/ Michelle Frank – *Initial class together, separate times TBD*
- Tuesday, May 26 @ 7pm - Virtual Week Night Horse Clinics begin
- Thursday, May 28 – Virtual Archery – Intermediate/Advanced/Compound with Pam Polizzi
- Wednesday, June 3 – Virtual Shot Gun safety course
- *More to come!*

**Virtual 4-H Office Hours on Fridays** –Join us on Fridays from **NOON to 1PM via ZOOM** for virtual 4-H office hours throughout the month of May. Private conference times or a call back is available by request. Anyone can register to receive a ZOOM link to the chat forum: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22222>

**Calling all 4-H Alumni!** – Check out the **Illinois 4-H Alumni** page: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni> . Share your 4-H memories, join the 4-H Alumni Association, and get 4-H Alumni news and more!

**Fair Entry** has been paused until after June 1. Please expect more details to come soon. You should have received an email from the University on **May 4, 2020 - Press Release:** <https://extension.illinois.edu/news-releases/extension-continues-transition-online-webinars-4-h-shows-events>

**SEE EVENT SCHEDULE BELOW:**

- May 17 – Public Presentation registration Deadline
- May 17 – Just Wing It, Pollinator Club ZOOM meeting
- May 18 – video submissions for Public Presentations begin through June 1
- May 20 - Virtual Dog classes begin
- May 22 – Virtual Office hours 12-1pm
- May 26 - Virtual Week Night Horse Clinics begin
- May 26 - Virtual Recurve Archery classes begin
- May 29 – Virtual office hours 12-1pm
- May – July 5 – *In-person events including meetings canceled or transitioned to an online delivery format.*
- **June 14 – Deadline for YQCA & QAEC**
- June - Fair Entry opens for General Projects
- June –Cooking 101 online
- June 1 – *decision shared from campus about Extension events for July 6-July 31*

- July 1 – *decision shared from campus about Extension events for Aug 1-15*

**All further event/activities are PENDING**

- July 11 –Computer Tech judging
- July 24, 25 – Sewing, General project judging
- Aug 3 – Foods, Horticulture, Food decorating
- Aug 4-9 – McHenry County Fair
- Aug – Dog Show

*Please be sure to check the website for more information:*

<https://extension.illinois.edu/lm/4-h-mchenry-county>

*Follow us on Instagram:*

[https://www.instagram.com/mchenry\\_county\\_4h/](https://www.instagram.com/mchenry_county_4h/)

*Follow us on Facebook @4HMcHenryCounty*

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**\*\*See Illinois 4-H Newsletter– MAY News Shorts for more state news at the end of this newsletter**



## Proud to be #4HGROWN Class of 2020

### Help us celebrate our McHenry County 4-H 2020 Graduates!

We will be featuring both High School & 8th grade graduates for the month of May! Please include: Name, Club, Graduate level, School graduating from, Photo (in cap & gown if possible), feature plans if High School graduate. Email Michele details [maavang@illinois.edu](mailto:maavang@illinois.edu) or Facebook [@4HMcHenryCounty](#)

**See the recent submissions at the end of the newsletter!**

### YouTube Channel

**NEW YouTube video** from one of our very own 4-H members, **Abbie Heidtke**, of Legendary Pioneers! Check out this demonstration video on how to create a beautiful floral arrangement for any day!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wRzFr8FMYg&feature=youtu.be>



**Yoga** with Dana McNamara going to YouTube! Need to clear your mind and stretch your body after a full day of studying? You may soon be able to tune in on your own time to

Watch for **"I think Green"** videos with Miss Kelly soon! Kelly Sadowski will be presenting part of the "I Think Green" virtual program in a series. Tune in to the YouTube Channel for more videos!

### **NEW! McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship information**

Attention all eligible 4-H members! If you are 17 or 18 year of age as of September 1, 2019 and in your last year or one year out of high school, you are eligible to apply

for The McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship. The application can be accessed by clicking the following link. The complete application is due to the McHenry County Extension Office by June 1, 2020 to be considered for the scholarship. Please read complete instructions. *Copy may also be downloaded from the Extension website beginning Monday or email Michele for pdf copy if you have difficulty accessing the files.*

#### To access the application:

1. Click on [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rinn-xH1\\_vQgwQPt\\_fD73LDd4e0Rxk25n-WhCRbYVG0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rinn-xH1_vQgwQPt_fD73LDd4e0Rxk25n-WhCRbYVG0/edit?usp=sharing)
2. If you have a gmail and Google Drive: Click "File" Click "Make a Copy"  
*A new copy of the application will be created on your Google Drive that you will be able to begin editing by adding your information straight to the document.*
3. If you do not have gmail: Click "File" Click "Download" Click "Microsoft Word"  
*This will save the document onto your computer where you will be able to add your information to the document.*

When completing the application, you should only be adding information to answer the questions. Please **do not modify** the application format. If you have any questions please let us know. We look forward to receiving your applications. Good Luck!

### 4-H Club meetings – Virtual meetings are

**HAPPENING!** Contact me if you would like me to set up a ZOOM meeting using the University account to add some extra security for your club meeting. I am happy to “pop-in” to answer any questions or concerns you might have before handing the additional “Host” option benefits through the university’s paid subscription. Please contact your leader to see if this might be an option for your upcoming May meeting.

### 2020 4-H Fairbook now on the website:

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020\\_mc4h\\_fairbook\\_final.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2020_mc4h_fairbook_final.pdf)

Please see Fairbook posted on the website for more information about individual fair projects. Although the Fair book has tentatively been approved by the state office, it is still being edited for changes.

### **ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19.**

**\*Disclaimer-** Please continue to check the website for the latest version of the 2020 4-H Fair book as updates will be made to certain sections. Any changes or errors in the rules and regulations will be posted online and will be the FINAL



*AUTHORITY. Therefore, any errors in this program book will not excuse failure to comply with current rules and regulations.*



### **4-H Cooking 101 SPIN Club**

**Virtual classes coming soon!!!**

Join the 4-H Cooking 101 SPIN Club to learn more about: Snacks, Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Quick Breads, Desserts, Food safety, Kitchen safety, Measuring, Introduction to cooking, Food preservation. The club will also review planned projects for the fair so you can put your best foot forward in competition!

**TWO classes are being offered:**

- **Beginning** Cooking 101 members @ 9:00-10:15 am
  - **Returning** Cooking 101 members @ 10:30-12:00pm
- Current members and NEW to 4-H youth WELCOME!

**NEW and Returning members register here:**

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21979>

### **Looking for Project resources:**

If you have project resource books, now would be a great time to use them! Read through them, find some great ideas for projects, answer questions or puzzles, do experiments, try out recipes or creations and much more. If you do not already have manual(s), you may be able to find some of them online.

Check out the **Project selection guide** to find a link or the title of the project book:

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2019-20\\_project\\_selection\\_reference\\_price\\_guide\\_updated\\_december\\_2019.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2019-20_project_selection_reference_price_guide_updated_december_2019.pdf)

You may also purchase resources from **Shop 4-H Mall:**

<https://shop4-h.org/>.

*We are working to put more resources together for you. Here are just a few to get you started...*

**Illinois 4-H Facebook page** – Livestock videos

**Livestock – Right From the Start, Safety Basics:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRgk3ryTcY8Wcvv\\_ulZgmA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRgk3ryTcY8Wcvv_ulZgmA)

**Illinois 4-H Chick Embryology:**

- <https://uofi.box.com/s/g46tkod75lm3ickvd2h58w84vmmo8lgg>

**Washington State University - Learning Links:**

- <https://extension.wsu.edu/king/learning-links-4-h-and-more/>

**Iowa 4-H Project Hot Sheets:** 2-page pdf for just about every project you can download.

- **Hint:** Illinois 4-H may be going to something like this soon! Let me know if you like them...
- <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Topic/4-H-Youth-Development/Project-Hot-Sheets?S=0&A=0&F=0>

**OSU 4-H:** <http://4h.okstate.edu/literature-links/lit-online>

**NDSU Project Sheets:**

[https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/member\\_information/projects/project\\_sheets/](https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/member_information/projects/project_sheets/)

**Oregon 4-H videos:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KISOTMhFgWmf74sgDzgNg>

**Dog Training:**

- **AKC:** <https://akc.tv/watch/19/2372/video-3/sit/?ctx=/watch//4/2367/series/akc-training-tips>
- **4-H Dog training:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCBDCD7B57BA95063>
- **4-H Minnesota:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTZxQQIZCk4zZcfrkcwKQzY5Y0HVYkOS6>
- **Zak George Dog training videos:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZzFRKsgVMhGTxffpZgTJIQ>
- **Nebraska Virtual Dog Club:** <https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-dog-club>
- **Dog videos:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL42A6FB1633ED450E>
- **Oregon Obedience:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5F613829F9AD3A5A>
- **Oregon Showmanship:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05NGAoSoF7I&list=PL63E4740A35EF4E7E>

**Extension Horses** - Free online courses through mid-April:

- <https://www.extensionhorses.org/>

**Vet School 101:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3GJQyrRPG8>

**Sewing:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLO-TOuC-MO2RqNVK5AhGVwXZuNb1TwDLD>

### **“Just Wing It” Pollinators Club**

**May Meeting - via ZOOM May 17 at 2:30pm**

Discussion topic will be will be discussing hive preparation, installing a nuc into a hive, and our plan for raising butterflies for the fair. Both NEW & RETURNING members are welcome. New to 4-H members should

enroll in **4HOnline.com** to become a member of McHenry County 4-H. Contact Randy Mead if you are interested in joining the call Sunday: [rmeadtoys@gmail.com](mailto:rmeadtoys@gmail.com)

**4-H Dog Class:** Virtual meeting coming soon!  
Class schedules will be sorted and you will be contacted by the instructor. Classes begin **May 20!**  
*See Project resources for LONG list of training videos to start interacting with your furry friend!*  
**AKC has some new materials coming out just for 4-H!**

### **4-H Shooting Sports:**

Online resources coming soon. Class schedules will be sorted and you will be contacted by the instructor next week. Virtual Archery classes may begin **May 26 & 28**

### **Ambassador virtual meeting – via ZOOM**

**June 3** -Please email Michele Aavang for questions.  
[maavang@illinois.edu](mailto:maavang@illinois.edu)  
*Be sure to check the email sent out today. Lots of information for Ambassador members!*

### **Federation virtual meeting –via ZOOM**

**TBD** - Please call or email Michele Aavang for questions.  
[maavang@illinois.edu](mailto:maavang@illinois.edu)

### **4-H Communication:**

**THIS EVENT IS WILL BE VIRTUAL**

You will receive instructions and a link to upload your video after **May 17-registration deadline.**  
**Upload should be complete by June 1**  
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=21954>



### **Public Speaking & Horse Speaking Contest**

This contest is open to all youth interested in presenting in the following categories: formal speech, illustrated speech, oral interpretation, or an original work. Horse project members are eligible to participate in Horse Speeches for points toward Horse Master.

### **COMMUNICATIONS: PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Formal Speeches** (4-8 mins) share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of the four topics on which to speak (Topical Response)
2. **Illustrated Speeches** (4-8 mins) may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-

dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation.

3. **Original works** (4-8 mins) must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live.
4. **Oral Interpretation** (4-8 mins) must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry.

**HORSE SPEECHES** - Horse Project members may earn points towards the 2020 Horse Master Competition

1. **Original individual formal speech** - Junior 5-10 minutes, Senior 7-10 minutes
2. **Original individual presentation:** 9-12 mins. either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
3. **Original team presentation:** 10-15 mins. either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
4. **Interpretive Reading** 3-5 mins is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical.

**For more information, see the following 4-H STATE websites:**

**IL 4-H State:**

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/communications>

**IL 4-H State contest information and scoresheets:**

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest>

**IL 4-H Horse Speaking Contest Information and scoresheets:**

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>

### **CLUB NEWS:**

**Send your club news to**

- Michele at [maavang@illinois.edu](mailto:maavang@illinois.edu) or
- Quincy at [quincys@illinois.edu](mailto:quincys@illinois.edu)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**About YQCA or Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals**

**For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:** All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program certifying online via the website: <http://yqca.org>. The cost for the online training is \$12. **PRINT A COPY FOR YOUR**



**RECORDS. You may need this for fair, especially STATE FAIR!**

## About **QAEC** or Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification

**For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:** The **Quality Assurance and Ethics** training is still required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats & small pets. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who do not complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

**NOTE:** Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either **a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.**

## **We Want YOU!:** Adult or Teen Volunteers needed!

Do you have a passion, skill, or talent that you would like to share with young people? As a 4-H volunteer, you can share your skills and experience to help transform a new generation of confident, young leaders. To learn more: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers>

- Start a SPIN Club. SPecial INterest Clubs can be short-term commitments for as little as six meetings. Whether 6 Days/weeks/months are up to you.
- Older youth members can start their own clubs with a screened adult after Teen Teacher training.
- Club minimum is five 4-H members.
- Additional SPIN Club leaders needed for the following possible clubs:
  - Aerospace, Astronomy, Edible Science, Fitness Club, Family Heritage
  - *Rain to Drain – Slow the Flow*
  - Solar Sprint Car challenge
  - Got a suggestion of your own? Send it in!
- Email Michele [maavang@illinois.edu](mailto:maavang@illinois.edu) for details or to submit your idea!

## Looking for **Club Officer Resources?**

See the **Illinois 4-H website:**

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/club-resources>

- **4-H Officers Handbook** and other resources are available through the Extension office. See attached packet for more helpful resources.
- **Online Video trainings** that may be helpful:



- Volunteer trainings: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/volunteers/training>
- Parliamentary procedure: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=AaHckDjTxZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=AaHckDjTxZE)
- Officer Videos: <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>



**4HOnline:** <https://www.4honline.com>

- **TIP: Firefox and Chrome** work best. *Internet Explorer does NOT work!*
- See the **2019 Illinois Pick Your Project Guide** to for details on new projects such as Child Development, Family heritage, Leather –Visual Arts, Sports Nutrition: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects>
- Use the **Project Selection Form** to help record your favorite projects when you enroll in **4HOnline**.
- **New to 4-H?** Please follow the instructions to create your 4-H Family and enroll in 4HOnline.
- Add additional projects for the new 4-H year.
- If you would like to order projects books for your project, please make sure to click the arrow in the drop down box below the project selection box – called “select project materials”.
  - If you do not complete this step, no book will be ordered for you.
  - If you click in this box and nothing appears, then there is no project book available for that particular project or it is *only* available online.
- **Select Payment:** Families may pay by Credit/Debit card or choose to pay by check.
  - \*If paying by CREDIT CARD, please review card expiration date and 3-digit code.
- All Members and Volunteers must submit the **“Extension Participant Volunteer Agreement to Assume Risk...”**.
- **IMPORTANT TO NOTE: ALL previous members and adult volunteers MUST RE-ENROLL to participate in 4-H club meetings, activities and workshops.**

## To receive Emergency **TEXT** alerts:

- Type in your "Cell Phone" number where indicated

- Check the box "You wish to receive notices via text message:"
- Select Cell phone carrier service.

*\*NOTE – you may need to click the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page in order for the information to save*

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**Illinois 4-H Newsletter:**

Be sure to see the **MAY Newsletter Shorts** for important info on happenings in our county and around the state in 4-H.



**The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge** is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020. Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>

### **4-H Fishing Fun Fest**

continues until May 15, 2020. Current year 4-H members enrolled in Sportfishing 1, 2, or 3 enter the contest by taking a picture of their bass or catfish with a ruler and a secret item announced each week. May 1-8 they include a sketch of a 4-H Clover (see sample provided by Hannah S., Jackson Co.) and upload to a Jot form. Rod and Reel prizes each week!



Details found at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-fishing-fun-fest>

## **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 by September 1, 2020.
- **Length of service:** Two years
- **Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](http://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.
- **Deadline:** June 1, 2020

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 Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

### **Collecting Food Access Stories**

The Illinois 4-H State Office is putting a call out for stories that highlight the creative, innovative, and inspiring work that 4-H youth are doing to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. If you have a young person or a club in your area that is going out of their way to create greater food security and food access through service learning projects, advocacy, social media campaigns, or community service, we want to hear about them and help their work get highlighted by the U of I College of ACES Extension communication team. Please send a brief description of their project, a contact, and a photograph (where possible) of their work to [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu). Thank you for all the important work you're doing to support our young people.

### **4-H Maker Monday Series**

Maker Mondays is a YouTube Segment featuring the Illinois 4-H STEM Team, that guides youth through the process of designing, fabricating, and finishing anything we can think of, from cosplay inspired outfits, to custom themed drones and gadgets. These videos are designed



to inspire and encourage youth to expand their imaginations, and build/make whatever they can think of.

Our videos are not meant to transform youth into content experts, but rather into process experts with the tools and skills needed to find the answers to questions they have. Every video lists the materials and tools needed, and many videos will have accompanying downloads. In our first video, we make Mandalorian Armor from scratch using basic tools and a 3D printer!

Click the link below to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7hhXcl-6fQ&feature=youtu.be>

## **4-H COVID Idea Challenge**

5 finalists will be selected and pitch their idea to a panel of content experts as well as Maker and rapid prototyping experts, live streamed on Saturday, May 30 (link available the week of event). We will provide one person or collaborative team \$1000 in resources, and guidance to aid in the rapid prototyping of your idea. Additionally, if the idea qualifies, we will aid the winning person/team in sharing their idea to virtual platforms like the National Institute of Health's 3D Print Exchange (if 3D Printable), as well as other open source COVID 19 solutions platforms both locally and nationally. This is a timely opportunity to showcase the inner Maker in our youth, with the potential to impact their communities.

Go to: [go.illinois.edu/covididea](http://go.illinois.edu/covididea) for details

Please feel free to share this email with those you think would be potentially interested. Thanks, and [Subscribe to our channel](#) if you enjoyed our content!

## *Congratulations to the Class of 2020!*

We are very PROUD of our graduates who are [#4HGrown](#) in McHenry County!



**Dana McNamara** is an early Huntley High School graduate in December 2019.

Dana began her 4-H career as a 4-H Cloverbud at age 5 and been a member of McHenry County 4-H ever since! Her 4-H club membership includes Community Cloverleaves 4-H Club, Ambassadors, Federation, McHenry County 4-H Youth Foundation Youth Director, Speaking for Illinois 4-H team.

Dana plans to attend Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa this fall. Dana's major will be majoring in Pre-Law; with a minor in psychology. Drake University has a 3 + 3 program that Dana intends to enter into; 3 years undergraduate school with 3 years in Drake's Law School.

Some of Dana's other interests and membership include competitive dance, dance instructor, volunteering, National Honor Society, Buddies Club, and member of Trinity Lutheran Church.



**Jacob Stewart** of Community Builders 4-H Club will be celebrating his 8th grade promotion from Creekside Middle School this May. He will be attending Woodstock High School in the fall. Jacob is very active in both his club and county activities including Robotics, Federation, and Shooting Sports. Some of his project interests include Animal Science, Civic Engagement, Cooking, Photography, Visual Arts, Robotics and Shooting Sports, Air Rifle. Jacob also enjoys showing livestock such as Sheep, Goats and Rabbits.



**Ben Fossmeier** of Community Cloverleaves 4-H Club will be celebrating his 8th grade promotion from Marlowe Middle School this May. He will be attending Huntley High School in the fall where he will join the Marching Red Raiders. Jacob is a six-year member of his club and participates in the Visual Arts – Glass/Plastic project area.





**Andrew Schwartz** is a McHenry East High School Graduate. Andrew was a member of the Trail Blazers 4-H club for 9 years, but has been attending 4-H meetings and activities since he was born. He is currently a member of the Legendary Pioneers. His main project is Mya Crone is an 8th grade graduate from Harvard Junior High School and will be attending Harvard High School. She has been a member of New Wave 4-H club for 6 years and enjoys showing swine, beef and goats. She is active in Student Council, National Junior Honors Society, Cheerleading and Theater. She looks forward to joining FFA and participating in the high school musical in the fall. Woodworking, but other project areas include Visual Arts and Models. Andrew has volunteered to help with recording for the judges at fair time and has learned valuable leadership skills from his 4-H experience.

Andrew will be graduating a Distinguished Warrior. He has been active in Cross Country, Track, Surround Sound Choir and was "Mr Photogenic" in the Mr. McHenry East Contest. He is a clown at times, loves sports, loves to sing and to drive his 87' Lincoln. He was also active in baseball and has been an umpire at the VFW for the McHenry league for the past 5 years. And he loves hanging with his niece/Goddaughter!

Andrews plans are to join the Army after his graduation. Currently, it has been put on hold until they are given the ok to continue.



**Mya Crone** is an 8th grade graduate from Harvard Junior High School and will be attending Harvard High School. She has been a member of New Wave 4-H club for 6 years and enjoys showing swine, beef and goats. She is active in Student Council, National Junior Honors Society, Cheerleading and Theater. She looks forward to joining FFA and participating in the high school musical in the fall.



**Elise-Marie White** is a Woodstock North High School Graduate. Elise has been a member of Greenwood Handi-Helpers for 7 years, currently serving as club President and Secretary. She has learned many skills during her time in the 4-H such as sewing, gardening, caring for dairy goats. One special project, Elise had the opportunity to take to Illinois State 4-H Fair was her entry in Theatre for special effects / gore makeup. Elise looks forward to the

4-H Fair every year where she can spend time in the goat barn and ride all the carnival rides with her friends!

Elise plans to attend McHenry County College in the fall and pursue a career in Radiology.



**Karly Duber** will be celebrating her 8th grade promotion from Harvard Junior High this May. She will be attending Harvard High School in the fall. Karly is a first year member of New Wave 4-H Club and participates in Poultry, Horticulture- Floriculture and Visual Arts – Scrapbooking project areas.

In school, Karly is a member of student council, National Junior Honors Society, band, honors choir and volleyball. Outside of school she has been training in dance for 10 years. She has spent several years on the competition team. Aside from dance, her interests include singing, playing guitar, acting, crafting, and watching 80s movies.



**Elijah Binz** is an 8th grade graduate of Harvard Jr. High School. This fall he will be moving up to Harvard High

School where he hopes to continue his favorite activities of soccer, basketball, running, baseball, and playing the trumpet. He will also pursue the seal of bi-literacy through his work in the dual language program. Elijah is a four year member of New Wave 4-H Club. He enjoys showing swine, woodworking projects, and photography. Elijah can't wait to make more memories during his next 4 years of school, McHenry County 4-H, and the fair!



**Nathaniel Gambardella** will be graduating from 8th grade at Creekside Middle School in May and attending Woodstock High School in the fall. Nathaniel is a four year member of the Woodstock Wannabees and has participated in visual arts, woodworking, photography, cooking and geology project areas and exhibiting at the fair. Nathaniel participated in the Strategic Gaming club at Creekside for three years and has been in BSA Scouts for eight years.



**Chase Jeschke** will be celebrating his 8th grade promotion from Marengo Community Middle School this May and attending Marengo High School in the fall. Chase is a six year member of Legendary Pioneer 4-H Club and



shows Swine. In addition to Swine, Chase has also participated in Cooking, Sportfishing and County Collection project areas.



**Kaetlyn Jeschke** will be graduating from Marengo High School in May. Kaetlyn has been a member of the Legendary Pioneers 4-H Club since she was 9 years old! Kaetlyn has been showing Swine for 9 years as well as participated in Cooking and international Night in the past.

Kaetlyn will be attending Grand Canyon University in the fall and majoring in accounting.



**Riley Vest** will be celebrating his 8th grade promotion from Harvard Junior High this May and he will be

attending Harvard High School in the fall. Riley is a four year member of Harvard Prairie Toppers 4-H Club where he is currently serving in the officer position as Secretary. Riley participates in showing Swine, Woodworking, Shooting Sports, and Visual Arts – Cake Decorating project areas.