



Greetings 4-H Families,

MC4-HYF Scholarship applications are due June 1 – Please mail to Extension office BEFORE June 1. Someone WILL be checking the P.O. Box on Monday June 1. **Please DO NOT try to deliver to the EXTENSION office** as staff is presently working remotely. Farm Bureau is not responsible for Extension or 4-H taking paperwork. *See info further in newsletter.*

Don't forget to take the YQCA or the QAEC before June 14 if you are showing Livestock or Companion animals. See newsletter for details and links to the online certifications.

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 to those registered! Watch your emails for leader communication!

- Tuesday, May 26 @ 5:30 & 6:15pm – Virtual Archery - Beginner/Intermediate w/ Michelle Frank –*see email*
- Tuesday, May 26 @ 7pm - Virtual Week Night Horse Clinics begin
- Wednesday, May 27 @ 6pm & 6:45pm– VIRTUAL Dog Class – Obedience & Showmanship, *Rally O will be filled-in*
- Thursday, May 28 @ 5pm – Virtual Archery – Intermediate/Advanced/Compound with Pam Polizzi
- Saturday, May 30 @ 9:30 & 10:30am – Cooking 101 via ZOOM – Beginner & Returning members
- 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 22 – Virtual Office hours 12-1pm
- **May 23 – Community Builder/MCFB Blood Drive**
- May 26 - Virtual Week Night Horse Clinics begin
- May 26 - Virtual Recurve Archery classes begin
- May 20 - Virtual Dog classes 6 & 6:45pm
- May 29 – Virtual office hours 12-1pm
- May 30 – Cooking 101 via ZOOM 9:30 & 10:30am
- June 1 –Deadline for Public Presentations video submissions – *see May 18 email for details*
- June 3 – Virtual Shot Gun Class begins
- **June 14 – Deadline for YQCA & QAEC**
- June TBD - Fair Entry opens for General Projects
- Present – July 5 – *In-person events including meetings canceled or transitioned to an online delivery format.*

- 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/

Follow us on Facebook @4HMcHenryCounty

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- Michele Aavang, 4-H Program Coordinator, maavang@illinois.edu

****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 or Facebook [@4HMcHenryCounty](https://www.facebook.com/4HMcHenryCounty)

See the recent submissions at the end of the newsletter!



4-H Cooking 101 SPIN Club

Virtual classes begin MAY 30

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 via ZOOM:

- **Beginning** Cooking 101 members @ 9:30-10:15 am
 - **Returning** Cooking 101 members @ 10:30-11:15am
- Current members and NEW to 4-H youth WELCOME!

NEW and Returning members register here:

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

See registration for more details!

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_fd73LDd4e0Rkx25n-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

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.*

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

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/UCRgk3ryTcY8Wcww_vv_ulZgmA

4-H Introduction to Project Photography:

https://youtu.be/50R_nRCZIFk

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/project_s/project_sheets/

Oregon 4-H videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KIS0TMhFgWmf74sgDzgNg>

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

June Meeting - via ZOOM TBD at 2:30pm

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

4-H Dog Class: Virtual class **May 27 @ 6 & 6:45pm**

Class schedules were email last week. **If you missed class on May 20, please see email for instructional video and class assignments. 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 begin **May 26 & 28** Virtual Shot gun begins **June 3**

Ambassador virtual meeting – via ZOOM

June 3 -Please email Michele Aavang for questions. maavang@illinois.edu

Be sure to check the email sent last week. Lots of information for Ambassador Members!

Federation virtual meeting –via ZOOM

NO May meeting - Please call or email Michele Aavang for questions. maavang@illinois.edu

4-H Communication:

THIS EVENT IS WILL BE VIRTUAL

Instructions and a link to upload your video were emailed May 18. **Upload should be complete by June 1**



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.

CLUB NEWS:

Send your club news to

- Michele at maavang@illinois.edu or
- Quincy at 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 on-line 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 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
 - Officer Videos: <https://ohio4h.org/officerresources>



- **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*



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

- **TIP: Firefox and Chrome** work best. *Internet Explorer does NOT work!*
- See the **2019 Illinois Pick Your Project Guide** 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.



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.

4-H Family Learning Challenge

Are YOU ready to take the **4-H Family Learning Challenge??** University of Illinois Extension 4-H challenges **YOUR** family to a "social distancing" friendly learning challenge.

Nine challenges, delivered by email every other day, and completed at your own pace! Learn how to:

- Program a simple computer game
- Research your family history
- Bake some AMAZING bread
- Create a business plan
- Give back to the community from home
- and so much more!

Join us for this great (and no cost!) learning opportunity!

Your family can start the challenge at any time by visiting <https://go.illinois.edu/familychallenge>



YLT

We're Looking for New Members!

Illinois State 4-H

Youth Leadership Team

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. 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.

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>

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. 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 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!*

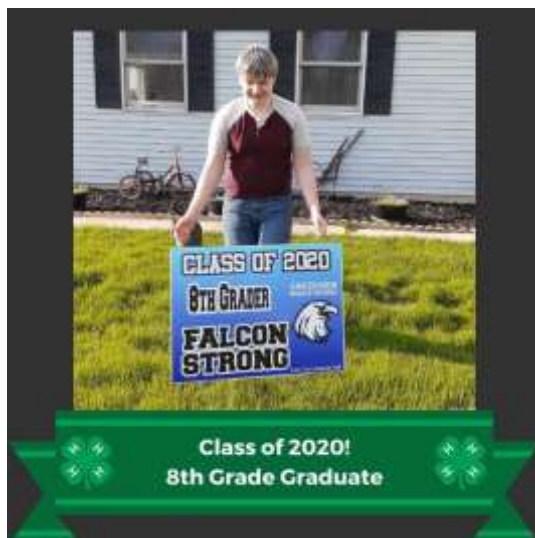


Dana McNamara is an early Huntley High School graduate in December 2019.

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.



Cassidy Jeschke will be celebrating her 8th grade promotion from Creekside Middle School this May and she will be attending Woodstock High School in the fall. Cassidy is a six year member of Cougars 4-H Club and a member of 4-H Ambassadors and Federation. Cassidy participates in many project areas including Family Heritage, Health & Nutrition, Cooking, Intercultural – Passport to the World, Photography, Visual Arts – Food Decorating & Chalk/Carbon/Pigment. Cassidy has received two plaques in Cooking and one in health for her projects. She absolutely LOVES going State Fair with her projects!

Cassidy has played violin for Orchestra for five years, is a member of the color guard and has a Black belt in Tai Kwon Do!



Aidan Cook will be celebrating his 8th grade promotion from Trinity Oaks Christian Academy Junior High School this May and he will be returning to Trinity Oaks Christian Academy High School in the fall. Aidan has been member



of Community Builders 4-H Club and is an avid member of the Dog SPIN. Aidan is extremely proficient in the Dog project where he participates in Obedience, Showmanship and Rally Obedience!



Riley Prentice will be celebrating his 8th grade recognition from Alden-Hebron Middle School. He will be attending Alden Hebron High School in the fall. Riley has been a member of Hebron Helping Hands since 2015 and is currently treasurer for the club. He has been a member of the Woodworking SPIN club for 4 years & Archery/Shooting Sports for 5 years. He shows Woodworking, Metal Art, Wood Art, Nature Art & shooting sports & Cupcake decorating. Riley has played baseball for Hebron since he was 8 years old. He loves traveling with his family, going on bike adventures around the area, working with his dad, building things and volunteering in his community through 4-H, VBS & his local fire department.



Ethan Abraham is 14 years old and is graduating 8th grade this year. He will be attending Alden-Hebron High

School in the fall. He has been a member of the Hebron Helping Hands 4-H club for six years. He has shown pigs, beef, air rifle, and sewing. Ethan is the second oldest of 4 children. He is an energetic tractor loving kid who loves to drive anything with a motor, especially tractors and skid steers. He helps out local farmers whenever he can. He loves farming and repairing things in his free time. Ethan also enjoys playing baseball, basketball, football and wrestling. Congratulations Ethan and good luck in high school!



Trever Harp is celebrating his 8th grade promotion from Zion Lutheran School. He will be attending Marengo Community High School in the fall. Trever is a 7 year member of the Cross County Farmers where he is currently the Treasurer. He shows beef, sheep and swine each year and has also participated in Shooting Sports.



Nolan Vanderstappen is an 8th grade graduate of Alden-Hebron Middle School, he will attend Alden-Hebron High

school in the fall. He has been a member of the Hebron Helping Hands 4-H club for 6 years and is a 3rd generation 4-H member. Nolan loves to show dairy cattle, swine, woodworking, metal art, gardening, archery, air rifle, shotgun and sewing.

Nolan is also very active in sports, he has played baseball for 8 years, football 2 years, wrestling for 1 year, ran track 2 years and has played basketball for 5 years. Nolan loves to help on the family farm, camp with the family and just be outside in general.

Congratulations Nolan and we wish you the best of luck in High School.

my 4-H leaders and peers in helping shape me into the person I am today."

Carly Gritmacker
AH Class of 2020 President
4H Youth Representative



Carly Gritmacker graduated from Alden Hebron High School as salutatorian with a 4.2 GPA. She has been a part of Hebron Helping Hands for 6 years and 4-H Ambassadors for 5 years. Carly's projects include Cake Decorating, Scrapbooking, Leadership, Creative Writing, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, and 3D Mixed Media. Last year, her Creative Writing project received a Champion and Inspire Award.

During high school, Carly was in cheerleading and softball for 4 years, dance for 2 years, and volleyball her Senior year. She was also Class President her Junior and Senior year, Student Council President her senior year, and on the yearbook club for 4 years. Carly plans to continue her education at McHenry County College in Culinary Arts and in Baking and Pastry before transferring to a 4-year university to study Business.

"4-H has really guided me to discovering my passion in life, cake decorating! 4-H has also taught me so much about leadership, community involvement, and how to make a positive impact in those around me. Thank you to