### April 2021

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### Monroe County

# 4-H Family News

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### **4-H SHOW UPDATE**

As we prepare for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

We are preparing for the possibility of returning to in-person events, based on local conditions at that time and in conjunction with current IDPH guidelines. If current local conditions are conducive to in-person events, the opportunity for face-to-face judging for Monroe County will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines.

We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible, whatever format they take.

Please see on page 2, information outlining current safety protocols to help make a summer show season possible.

One notable difference that will take place this year is that we will host <u>two</u> Show-A-Rama's (project areas are split up into two shows, and once members register to exhibit, they will be divided into timeslots). Dates for these shows will be Saturday, June 12 & Wednesday, June 16.

### **4-H SHOWBOOK**

The 4-H Showbook is ready to view with additional show dates and project guidelines: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General">https://go.illinois.edu/Showbook-General</a>

- $\rightarrow$  This Showbook contains guidelines for General Projects, Horse, Public Presentations & Food Demos ONLY.
- $\rightarrow$  Monroe County Fair classes including Horticulture, Crops and Livestock will be provided to families at a later date.

Information to register to exhibit your projects at shows will be provided to you as we draw closer to Show season. Please continue to watch your email for updates.

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### ILLINOIS 4-H OUTLINES SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS

We're looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

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The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).

2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.

- 3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
- 4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 618-939-3434. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

As excited as we are about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

We truly are stronger together. With your help, we look forward to a safe and successful summer!

### **Monroe County**

### **BACKYARD BANDITS COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Kudos to the Backyard Bandits 4-H Club who recently provided Birthday Bags to the Monroe County House of Neighborly Services. The club purchased 9 bags filled with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, candles, birthday napkins, plates, and party decorations.

House of Neighborly Services is looking for additional donations for other things for the summer. If your club is interested, please contact Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu for more info.



Caleb Seboldt delivers bags to the House of Neighborly Service.

### **GREAT TEAMWORK AT BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM!**

Thank you to all of the 4-H members and leaders that were able to help with the garden clean up at Baebler Educational Farm on March 27.

Lucky 4-H: Schultheis Family, Clark Family, Debbie Eckart Golden Eagles: Kolweier Family, Albers Family, Amy Kolweier Maeystown Clovers: Bailey DuChene



This was a great collaboration with Extension Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists!





### **CONGRATULATIONS HOOFBEATS COMPETITION TEAM!**

Great job to members of the Hoofbeats Competition Team who recently participated in the Virtual Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests. Several members are advancing to the State Competitions!

#### Jr. Hippology:

1st Paige Koch 3rd Julia Muertz

#### Intermediate Hippology:

- 1st Shelby Bove 2nd Sydney Woodard
- 4th Madelynn Mohr
- 6th Maya Woodard

#### Sr. Hippology:

3rd Bailey DuChene\* 5th Annika Olson\*

#### <u> Jr. Horse Bowl Teams</u>

<u>1st Team:</u>

- Shelby Bove (1st) \*
- Maya Woodard (2nd) \*
- Madelynn Mohr (4th) \*
- <u>3rd Team:</u>
- Sydney Woodard (3rd) \*
- Paige Koch (7th)
- Julia Muertz (8th)

#### <u>Sr. Horse Bowl Teams</u> 2nd Team:

- Bailey DuChene (7th)
- Annika Olson (8th)
  - \* Indicates Qualifier to Advance to State Competitions

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### **JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS**

Come Grow with US!

First Meeting: March 31, 1-3pm Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave. Waterloo



→ April 14, April 28, & May 12 from 1-3 pm

 $\rightarrow$  May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, and June 30 from 9-11:30 am

\*MEMBERS MAY JOIN AT ANY TIME!\*

Gardening activities are for youth ages 8 to 13. There is a \$25 fee for enrolled 4-H members and \$30 fee for all others. The fee covers snacks, supplies and a t-shirt.

Contact Sarah Ruth for more information, ruth1@illinois.edu or 939-3434.



### HUNTING-WILDLIFE-OUTDOOR SKILLS 4-H CLUB

First Meeting: Saturday, April 3, 11am

Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave. Waterloo

Open to all youth ages 8-18

This club offers the opportunity to learn more about how to track animals, use a field camera, wildlife education, safety and first aid in the woods and more!

\*No firearms are used in this club\*

Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434 if you are

interested in joining this Special Interest Club.









### **SHOOTING SPORTS: AIR RIFLE**



First Meeting: Saturday, April 10, 9am

### Baebler Educational Farm (pavilion), 4028 JJ Rd., Waterloo

This Shooting Sports Club is a great opportunity for beginners!

Limited to 10 participants.

Air rifles and safety equipment are provided or you can bring your own.

This club is led by a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.

Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434 if you are interested in joining this Special Interest Club.

#### **County Corner**

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2021

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### 35th Annual Southern Illinois SHEEP & CRAFT

FESTIVAL @ Monroe County Fairgrounds Waterloo, IL

# Schedule for the day:

»Kids Corner / Games & Activities Sponsored by: M.C. Farm Bureau; M.C. 4-H Federation Waterloo Animal Hospital

»Balloon Artist · 11am-1pm Sponsored by: Renewal By Anderson

»Judging Contest begins • 9:00am open to all youth ages 8-19 please sign-up prior to contest Sponsored by: Gateway FS

**>> WOOL-PULL Pedal Pull** Registration/Kids Corner @ 10am Pull starts @ 11am under the large pavilion {Contestant weight limit~35-120lbs.}

»Shearing Demos · 9:30 - 1:30 · hourly

**Working Sheep Dogs** • 11am & 1pm Exhibition by **Robin Reasoner** {dogs on grounds approx. 10am to 2pm}

»LUNCH - CARRYOUT ONLY · 11am - 1:30pm Sampler plate featuring locally grown Lamb 1 Chop + Brat + Shaved Leg + Burger with Potato Salad & Baked Beans

> MONROE COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS

ILLINOIS LAMB & WOOL MARKETING BOARD

#### For more information, please contact:

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### Antique Tractor Display:

 Open to all makes & models
 Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: info@mcsheepproducers.com

#### Local **Lamb Cuts** Available to Purchase:

 Vacuum sealed for your freezer & available to purchase on the day of the event
 Samples to taste

### Advanced Orders of Lamb Cuts:

 Contact Tricia Lutman at 618-830-2183 or email: info@mcsheepproducers.com

Subject to change per revisions in COVID restrictions



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**County Corner** 

## **Baebler Educational Farm** Nature Adventures

### Sunday, April 25

4028 JJ Road, Waterloo

Anytime between 1pm-4pm



Enjoy an outdoor, socially distanced day with the family exploring nature!

\*Face masks required\*



Event will be held unless of severe weather threat.

For more information, contact

University of Illinois Extension at 939-3434.

### All families welcome!

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### **County Corner**



There are two sessions left of the Connecting with Cultures & Continents workshop series! If you haven't had a chance to participate yet, join us for the next session on April 28!

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### **Youth Cooking School** How does food get from the farm to our table? Youth, ages 8-14, will learn this, plus valuable nutrition tips, kitchen safety and basic cooking skills guaranteed to impress the whole family New in 2021 - YCS is guided by a local Dietitian June 7-10 Waterloo, IL Immanuel Lutheran Church

\$60 per student June 14-17 Columbia, IL St. Paul's Lutheran Church Morning and Afternoon Sessions: 8:30-11:30 am **FOOD CHALLENGE** 12:30-3:30 pm June 21-24

Waterloo, IL **Immanuel Lutheran Church** Ages 11-14

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Participants will be required to wear a face covering and follow current safety guidelines.

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### **MONROE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must be seniors in high school and/or have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2020 and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least <u>four</u> consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and/or attend the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud School districts.
4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.

The application is available at: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship</u>

DUE APRIL 15, 2021

### LUCILLE & LESTER KORSMEYER SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is available to a high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years and must be a permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County. The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities. The application is available at: <u>https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer</u>

DUE APRIL 17, 2021

### **4-H AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD NOW!**

The following updated documents have been posted to our website under the "County Awards" tab at the bottom: <u>https://extension.illinois.edu/mms/4-h-monroe-county</u>

- o 2021 Award Application
- o Award Application Tip Sheet
- o Award Application Example

Award Applications are due SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

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### **ATTENTION LIVESTOCK MEMBERS!**

IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND/OR GOATS:

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program,

by attending class taught by local veterinarians.

There will be three local options for a face-to-face training:

- April 26, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo
- May 6, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo

There is a **\$3 fee** to YQCA to certify *each year* if you exhibit one of the above livestock species.

#### TO REGISTER:

- Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login
- Choose "Sign in with 4-H Online" and Illinois 4-H Youth Development.
  - Sign into your 4-H Online account.
- Select member that is enrolled in one of the above listed livestock projects.
- Choose the appropriate age and choose "Instructor-Led Training." \$3.00.
- Choose Illinois and then the training you wish to attend, then click on the red "Purchase Course" button.
- Training must be paid for via credit card. If this option is not available for your family, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible.
  - Repeat registration process with each family member required to take the training.

If you are unable to attend one of the face-to-face trainings, you may take the YQCA training online following the same directions as above, but selecting the online training for \$12. Please contact the Extension office if this is the option you are using. Please complete by June 1.

### IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN HORSES, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CATS:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats.

You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't 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 @ <u>http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/</u>

State Info

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### **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTION UPDATE**

The Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation and the Youth Livestock Auction Committee are in the process of planning the 2021 Livestock Auction for local youth.

The group is exploring various options with the hope of a live auction; however, virtual plans are being considered if the need arises. One main consideration of the committee is being mindful of current economic conditions and the impact some of our local businesses have faced. We understand that some businesses and community members who have historically supported 4-H and FFA members in the past may not be in a financial position to participate in the auction this year.

With this in mind, the committee decided each youth will be limited to selling only one animal to reduce the total number of animals being auctioned this year.

If you have any questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact the Monroe County Extension office at 618-939-3434.

### **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW UPDATE**

We are working to plan 4-H livestock shows for the fair season taking into account COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines (see page 2).

The Monroe County 4-H Showbook including classes and show times for Livestock will be provided to families in upcoming weeks.

Information to register to exhibit your livestock projects at shows will be provided to you as we draw closer to Show season.

NEW IN 2021: Livestock exhibitors will now be paid premiums for <u>TWO</u> livestock entries per class number. Previous year rules allowed for exhibition of two entries per class, however, premiums were only paid for one entry.



4-H members and clubs are invited to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!

Registration opens 3/18: <u>https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?</u> <u>RegistrationID=23183</u>

### **4-H MEMORIAL CAMP, FAMILY CAMP RETREATS!**

According to restrictions outlined in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, we will not be able to hold our traditional Summer Youth Camps during the summer of 2021. We will, however, be holding 3 day/2 night **Family Camp Re-treats** with each family getting their own cabin!

Activities: While at camp you can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a camp fire and so much more! To meet COVID restrictions at activity areas, there will be sign-up sheets for all activities after participants arrive.

**Meals:** Meals will be served family style with each family getting their own table. Outside dining will be available and encouraged!

**Required:** At least one participant per family must be 4-H age (5-18 years old). COVID testing will be required of all participants at the gate to camp prior to entry for each session. If anyone in the family tests positive, the family will not be allowed to attend that session and a full refund will be given. We strongly encourage attendees to limit their activities with others outside their family for three days prior to their retreat. Masks and social distancing are required. Due to the nature of Family Camp, a parent or guardian must stay with their children for the duration of their camp session.

Registration: Registration is available online at https://go.illinois.edu/2021familycamp

We can take up to 32 families with a maximum of 160 participants per session. The camp session must have at least 25 families (100 participants) per session in order for it to be held. If a session has to be cancelled, full refunds for that session will be given.

#### Dates:

Family Camp 1: June 6-8 Family Camp 2: June 18-20 Family Camp 3: July 9-11

There is the possibility that more dates could be added if these fill up and there is enough interest.

#### Fees:

Cabin Rental Fee (required): \$200 Participant Fee (8 years old and older) \$75/person

Participant Fee (4-7 years old): \$50/person 3 years old or younger: \$0

If you are in need of financial assistance please contact your local Extension office to see if any scholarship funds are available.

**Questions?** Please contact Monika Hammerschmidt at <u>hammersc@illinois.edu</u> or Andy Davis at <u>arda-vis1@illinois.edu</u>, (217) 762-2741.

Come join us for a fun family get away where everyone gets to be a camper at 4-H Memorial Camp!

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### **REGISTRATION OPEN: 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT CERTIFICATION FIELD DAY TRAININGS**

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July for Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines/ These are one-day only!

June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)

July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

\*\*Monroe County can always use additional Shooting Sports Instructors, especially in the areas of Archery & Pistol. Please contact Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu or 939-3434.



### **4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS**

Meet with other volunteers and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas & questions!

Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include: One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! & Summer Fun!

Link to register for the May 20, 2021 Volunteer Café Conversation:

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738

### **4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - CLOVERBUDS**

Are you interested in starting a Cloverbud group in your Club or would you like to enhance your current Cloverbud group?

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352

#### **Calendar of Events**

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Nature Adventures Day	April 25, Baebler Educational Farm
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Teens as Teachers Informational Zoom Meeting	April 27, 6pm, Virtual
Public Presentations Show (must be enrolled in	April 29, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Public Presentation project)	
Goat & Sheep Weigh-in	May 1, 8:30am, Monroe County Fairgrounds
4-H Horse Show	May 8, 9am, Monroe County Fairgrounds -Horse
	Arena
Connecting with Cultures & Continents: The Zulu	May 25, 4-6pm, Virtual
People	
Food Demonstration Show	June 7, Monroe County Fairgrounds-Fine Arts Building
Show-A-Rama 1 (Cooking, Food Decorating, Food	June 12, 8:30-11:00am, Monroe County
Science, Floriculture, Woodworking, Visual Arts,	Fairgrounds
Small Engines, Tractor, Welding)	
Show-A-Rama 2 (Animal & Vet Science, Clothing,	June 16, 6-8:30pm, Monroe County Fairgrounds
Int. Design, Photography, Technology, Nat. Res.,	
Shooting Sports, Etc.)	
Illini Summer Academies	June 27-July 1, Virtual
Science Camp	June 28-July 1, Monroe County Annex
Youth Cooking School	June 7-10, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Youth Cooking School	June 14-17, St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Columbia
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Youth Cooking School Food Challenge	June 21-24, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
Monroe County Fair (horticulture, crops, livestock	July 18-25, Monroe County Fairgrounds
shows) Monroe County Day @ IL State Fair	August 15, IL State Fairgrounds-Springfield



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