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4-H Newsletter

February 2022









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## **JASPER COUNTY**

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Jasper County Illinois 4-H

## **Calendar of events**

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

## **February**

- 8 Afterschool Adventures-Cooking Challenge
- 12 Beef Weigh-in
- 12 & 13 Horse Judging Workshop-Black Hawk College
  - 14 4-H Federation Meeting
  - 15 Stop the Bleed
  - 15 YQCA training
  - 19 4-H Horse Judging contest-Black Hawk College
  - 22 4-H Leader Meeting
  - 26 4-H Barn Quilt Workshop
  - 28 4-H Ambassador training

### March

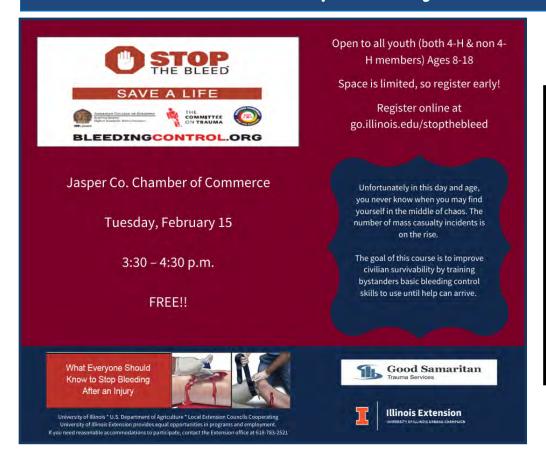
- 4-H Foundation meeting
- 4 & 5 Illinois Horse Fair judging contest
  - 8 Afterschool Adventures-Terrariums
  - 14 4-H Federation Meeting
  - 19 YQCA training
  - 28 YQCA training

## **Livestock Tagging Information**

Jasper County 4-H members exhibiting beef, dairy, swine, sheep, and goats are required to have their market animals and crossbred animals tagged to show at the upcoming Jasper County shows. Tags can be picked up at the Jasper County office during office hours.

4-H members planning on exhibiting their market steer at the Illinois State Fair, OR participate in the beef rate of gain competition must bring their animals to the beef tagging on **February 12, 9 to 10 AM** at Tarr's Farm.

Crossbred beef animals exhibiting at the Jasper County Fair also need to be tagged to exhibit. If you have an older animal with tags from a previous year, record those numbers on the tagging form.



## Jasper County 4-H Federation Meeting

Monday, February 14
6 PM

**Chamber of Commerce** 

## Jasper County 4-H Ambassador Training

Monday, February 28

6 PM

**Chamber of Commerce** 



## **YQCA**

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals:

**Pigs** 

**Beef Cattle** 

Dairy Cattle

Sheep

Goats

The YQCA training can be done either online or in person. To take the training online, go to yqca.org. Click on Sign In/Register at the top of the page, then use your 4-H Online account information to access different trainings. Before the trainings screen appears, you will fill out some basic registration information. Once the training screen comes up, you will be able to choose your age level. After choosing the age level, the next screen will give you two options for trainings. For the online training, proceed with that option.

If you would like to do the face-to-face training, you will also need to register at yqca.org, select which training and pay for the training in advance. Face-to-face trainings offered in Jasper County are listed below.

February 15—6 p.m.—Open to all youth ages 8-19

March 19—9 a.m.—Open to all youth ages 8-19

March 28—6 p.m.—Open to all youth ages 8-19

Trainings will last at least 1 hour and up to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

\*\*All trainings will be held at the Chamber of Commerce in Newton\*\*

\*\*Sign-in for the trainings will open 15 minutes prior to the training\*\*

Youth exhibiting horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats must complete the QA&E training in order to show. This is a one time training, and need not be completed each year. To complete the training, go to http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/

If you have any questions, please contact Katie at the Extension office. 618-783-2521





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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact 618-783-2521. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

# 4-H Project Selection & Books

All project selections should be made on your 4-H Online account by April 30. If your family needs a project book, please contact Katie at the Extension office

## 4-H Handbooks

2022 Jasper County 4-H Handbooks will be available online on March 2!

Leaders can pick up printed copies for their club after March 2. There will be one for each 4-H Family.

# Jasper County Project FAQ Sheets

Need a quick reminder about specific questions to 4-H projects? A new tool is the Project Quick Sheet, a new quick tip info sheet to help families with their questions about 4-H general, small animal, and livestock projects. Tip sheets will be available online, or if families need a paper copy, please contact the Extension office.

To find the online copy, go to <a href="https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county">https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county</a> and look under the Fairs and Shows tab.

\*For a complete list of guidelines for all 4-H projects, check the 4-H Handbook, which is updated and distributed early spring each year\*

**Jasper County 4-H**Making a difference for life

## 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to everyone who registered by the December 1 deadline! While returning 4-H members should be enrolled by now, new youth wanting to join 4-H have until March 1 to enroll in the 4-H Online in order to show at the 2021-2022 Fair. Youth can still join 4-H after this date, but they will not be able to exhibit a project at this year's fair.

A Huge THANK YOU to the Federation Members that helped with the Toys for Kids.

## **Membership Guidelines**

Every club member needs to attend at least 2 club meetings and 1 club or county event during the 4-H year in order to be eligible for advancement to the Illinois State Fair general projects showing and in order to sell an animal in the Jasper Co. 4-H Auction. We realize it is hard to make it to all events, but we believe 2 meetings plus 1 event per year is an attainable goal. If a family is having trouble making it to a club meeting due to the day and/or time they meet each month, please contact the Extension office for a list of other club meeting dates and times. We strongly feel that for our youth to receive the full experience of the 4-H program in Jasper County, that involvement outside of the 4-H shows during fair-time is necessary.

\*For a complete list of Rules and Regulations for Jasper County 4-H, please visit the Extension website at <a href="https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county">https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county</a>. Requirements are listed under the "Fairs and Shows" tab.

## Attention 4-H Members Exhibiting Swine for the 1st year!

Are you interested in taking a Swine 4-H project but not sure how to get started? Do you want to purchase an animal, but you're not sure where to go?

Jace, Jax, & Jett Judson are ready to help! Jace, Jax, & Jett will be providing one Jasper County 4-H member the opportunity to receive a barrow that will be ready for the June 4-H Swine Show.

Youth are asked to write an essay at least 100 words in length explaining why they would like to win this animal, how they would take care of it, where they would keep it, who would help them, etc.

## **RULES:**

- ♦ Must be an enrolled 4-H member in Jasper County.
- ♦ First year enrolled in the 4-H Swine project.
- ♦ Complete an application including an essay of interest, to be at least 100 words in length.
- ♦ The winning applicant will be responsible for the care and costs incurred.
- ♦ The animal won will be exhibited at the Jasper County 4-H show.
- ♦ Animal **must be** sold at Jasper County 4-H Auction.
- ♦ Completed application forms must be turned in to the Jasper County Extension Office by March 1, 2022.
- ♦ Animal exchange arrangement will be made between the contest winner and the donor.
- ♦ Essays may be submitted via email to turkal@illinois.edu or mailed to the Jasper County Extension office at PO Box 62, Newton, IL 62448
- Do not use names of parents and grandparents in your essay. GOOD LUCK!!

#### Register online at the:

http://go.illinois.edu/winapig2022

\* Parents/Guardians may enter the information in the online registration, but the 4-H member <u>must</u> be the one to originally write or orally give the information. \*

Applications must be received by March 1, 2022.

Please contact the Jasper County Extension office with any questions 618-783-2521.

# 4-H Leader/Superintendent Meeting

The next 4-H Leader/Superintendent meeting will be on **Tues.**, **Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.** We will discuss the 2022 4-H Handbook and make any necessary changes. We will also discuss the other 4-H activities and events coming up this year.



## **Foundation Meeting**

Monday, March 1

6 PM

**Chamber of Commerce** 



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## Extension

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## **CLAY COUNTY**

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## **Calendar of events**

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### **February**

5..... Beef Weigh In

## **Upcoming Volunteer Meetings**

Tuesday, March 8 - Blair Township Hall, Hord

Leaders: 6 PM Livestock Committee/Foundation: 6:30 PM

Enrollment is open!

Register online at il.4honline.com

Contact the office for help with the enrollment process.

Thank you to **The Clay County 4-H Foundation** for paying the \$20 enrollment fee for every Clay County 4-H member.



## **Publications & Manuals**

Books can be ordered at: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/ILShop4H">https://go.illinois.edu/ILShop4H</a>

Additional project resources can be found at:

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects

## Follow us on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/ClayCountyIL4H

News and updates posted there!





## Clay County 4-H Memorial Scholarship

Applications can be found at: <a href="https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-clay-county">https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-clay-county</a> under *County Awards*. High School seniors and college freshman & sophomores are eligible to apply.

Applications are due April 1st, 2022.

## Clay County Fair July 22-29

Updated rule:

Livestock & exhibitors must be in place at the Clay County 4-H Fair by noon on the first Sunday of the fair week with health papers. Members who do not comply with these deadlines will be disqualified from exhibiting. Livestock will be released from all 4-H responsibilities from the fairgrounds NO EARLIER than noon on Wednesday or at the decision of the superintendent.



# Requirements to show at the 4-H Fair:

Members must attend at least 4 club meetings, events, or activities prior to the fair to be eligible to participate in the 4-H fair and 4-H auction.

## **CLUB OFFICERS OF THE YEAR**

2021 4-H Club Treasurer of the Year

Samantha Mosbarger

2021 4-H Club Secretary of the Year

Katie Muskopf

## **BEST KEPT LIVESTOCK RECORDS**

Beef: Daniel Lewis

Goat: Kamryn Turner

Swine: Jerron Lewis

Rabbit: Jacob Arnold

Poultry: Chance Steele

Horse: Alayna Steele

## **AWARD WINNERS**

2021 Outstanding 4-H Member Award

Kadie Pierson

**Honorable Mention** 

Silas Allen

2021 Outstanding 1st Year 4-H Member Award

**Maddie Goss** 

**Honorable Mention** 

Caleb Allen

## SHINE BRIGHT AWARD—In Memory of Janae

Rockell Allen Katie Muskopf

Kadie Pierson Kami Turner

Kennedy Czyzewski Kylie Rauch

Ellie Hagen Myra Dunahee













2021 4-H Week Displays

1st Panther Creek Pioneers

**2nd** Thomas Toilers

3rd Little Wabash Deer & Fawn

**Food Drive Contest:** Thomas Toilers

**Achievement Attendance:** All Around Gang









Congrats!









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## **Calendar of events**

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## **February**

19..... Integrated Goat Parasite Management Workshop

23..... Federation Meeting

26..... Public Speaking Workshop

## March

5..... Terrarium Workshop



Follow us on Facebook for all the latest news & updates.

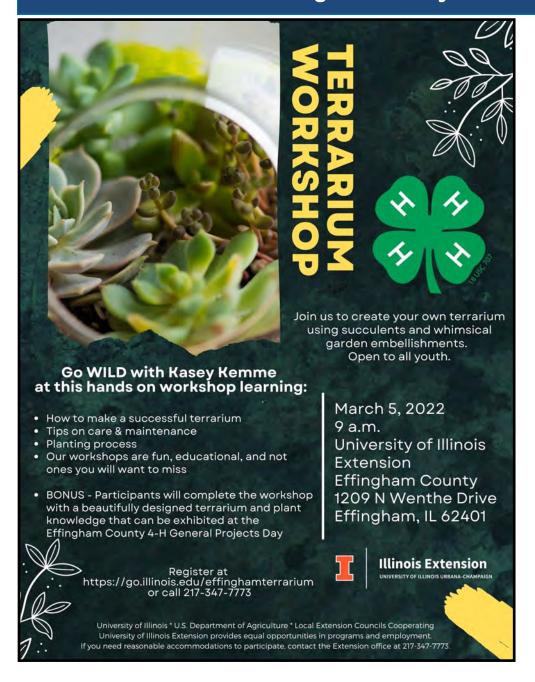
https://go.illinois.edu/EFFCO4HFACEBOOK

## Effingham County 4-H Federation

Calling all club presidents and vice presidents- you are invited to join us for pizza and our monthly Federation meeting. In honor of President's Day, we want to get to know you!

We have extended our club to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Any member 6<sup>th</sup> and up, feel free to join us!

Join us on Wednesday, February 23 at the Extension Center at 7:00 pm



4-H Pledge

I pledge
My HEAD
to clearer thinking
My HEART
to greater loyalty
My HANDS
to larger service
and
My HEALTH
to better living,
for my club,
My community,
My country, and
My World



Effingham County
Exhibit Day
at Illinois State Fair
Sunday, August 14

## Horse & Dog Ownership/ Lease Forms

4-H members who plan to exhibit dogs or horses at the Effingham County Dog and Horse exhibitions must complete the ownership/lease forms and provide them to the Extension office by May 1. Forms are available at the Extension office or visit <a href="https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/eff">https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/eff</a> dog horse ownership form - effingham 2020.pdf

In order to participate in any Effingham County 4-H show days, you must be enrolled in your 4-H projects by May 1, 2022!

# Publications & Manuals

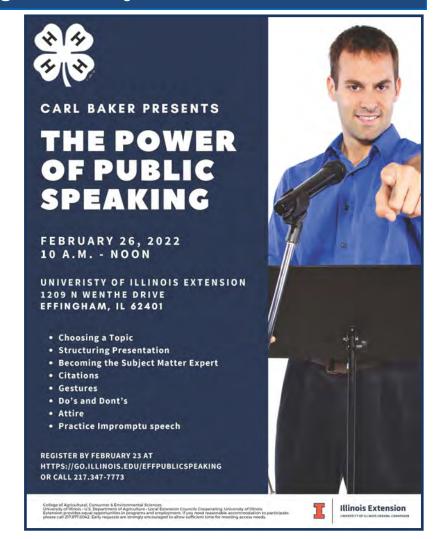


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Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest will be held April 30, 2022.

Tentatively - at Parkland Community College in Champaign, Illinois. Updates on the University and State guidelines will be sent regarding changes due to Covid-19 as we get closer to the event.

The deadline for submission to the Extension Office will be April 7.

**Location**: Parkland Community College, Champaign IL (To be confirmed)

**Sponsors**: Compeer Financial and the Illinois 4-H Foundation



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If you would like to do the face-to-face training, you will also need to register at <a href="yaca.org">yaca.org</a>, select which training, and pay for the training in advance.

Watch for the dates to be posted for the face-to-face trainings offered in Effingham County



# Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification



Youth exhibiting horses, llamas, rabbits, poultry, dogs & cats must complete the QA&E training in order to show. This is a one time training, and need not be completed each year.

To complete the training, go to <a href="http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/">http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/</a>

Failure to complete QA &C will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being canceled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs.

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

The program cannot capture the information for the county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

If you have any questions, please contact Patti at the Extension office 217-347-7773.

## **Clover Card Challenge**

The club that sells the most Clover Cards by March 10 will receive \$50 in prize money to be used how your club would like such as a pizza party, shirts for your club, etc...

This total will include the ones that your club has sold before today. The cost of the cards is \$20. Cards are available at the Extension Center. Cards need to be paid for when picked up. You may write a check and it can be held until you bring in the money from selling the cards at which time your check will be returned.

# Thanks for helping the Effingham County 4-H Foundation! Good luck!



# **Fayette County 4-H**



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## Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

## **February**

5 .....Beef Weigh In

21 .....Terrarium Workshop

## Follow us on Facebook:

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## **Upcoming Livestock Committee meeting**

Thursday, March 17 - 7 PM

**Fayette County Extension Office** 

## **Fayette County Fair**

July 8-13, 2022

## Requirements to show at the 4-H Fair:

Members must attend at least 4 club meetings, events, or activities prior to the fair to be eligible to participate in the 4-H fair and 4-H auction.

Enrollment is open!

Register online at il.4honline.com



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## **Fayette County 4-H**



## 4-H PROJECT WORKSHOP

Build your own terrarium!



You will get to choose your own plants, rocks, and decorations!

Join us to create your own terrarium using succulents and whimsical garden embellishments.

Open to all youth.

- · How to make a successful terrarium
- · Tips on care & maintenance
- Planting process

Register at https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj or call 618-283-2753 by February 14

## **Fayette County 4-H**

## 2021 Fayette County 4-H Awards

#### **4-H Leaders**

## **Caprine Kids**

**Buffy Chandler-9** 

Sara Frutiger-17

Jackie Chandler-17

Erin Pierce-1

#### **Golden Harvestors**

Joan Schaal-37

#### **Loudon Bunch**

Amanda Miller-15

Marsha Wright-29

#### **Ramsey Senors & Senoritas**

Janice Kramer-9

Joi Sieben-9

#### **Shafter Friends**

Julie Wollerman-20

### St. James Hornets

Jo Stine-33

Mona Durbin-17

## **Sefton Clovers**

John Schaub-6

Melissa Barker-5

#### **Experience Award**

## **Bronze**

**Kelly Hayes** 

Kieara Hayes

Kiralyn Hayes

**Emmalyn Wright** 

Ethyn Wright

#### Silver

**Curtis Cole Crockett** 

**Kendal Pease** 



#### 1st Year Member

Chance Frutiger

**Brailee Lockart** 

Ethyn Wright

Sydney Sefton

Tanner Miller

Ella Benning

**Emily Fasnacht** 

Fred Towler

Gracie Wright

Kinley Walker

Kaly Benning

Levi Schaub

### **5th Year Member**

Macey Sapp

Benji Lowe

**Brock Willenborg** 

Emmalyn Wright

Rozlyn Willenborg

Abram Austin

Wade Stine

Waylon Williams

Addisyn Sigrist

Ivy Daiber

Kendal Pease

#### **Livestock Records**

## <u>Beef</u>

Nate Miller

**Poultry** 

Keelie Miller

#### Treasurer of the Year

**Emmalyn Wright** 

#### 10th Year Member

Josie Strauch

Kieara Hayes

Ali Willenborg

Cassi Payne

**Kelly Hayes** 

**David Stine** 

Isabella Daiber

Jacob Doedtman

Julianna Berg

## Cloverbuds

Mattie Austin

Keagan Bartels

Kamden Beasley

Landon Berg

**Eve Cole Crockett** 

Landyn Crabtree

Kamden Meinhart

Havzel Miller

Khylee Miller

Kimber Miller

**Bruer Patton** 

Adrie Voelker

Levi Voelker

## **4-H Week Display**

#### 1st Place

St. James Hornets

## 2nd Place

Ramsey Senors & Senoritas

## **Excel Club Award**

Loudon Bunch

## Congratulations!



# Illinois 4-H

## 4-H Memorial Camp-Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp website and on our Facebook page.

## **Registration Dates:**

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only

Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

**Camp Dates:** 

June 5-9, 2022 June 12-16, 2022 July 5-9, 2022 July 17-21, 2022

## **4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment**

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

**Outdoor Education Director** 

**Arts & Crafts Director** 

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

**Recreation Director** 

**Climbing Tower Director** 

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp <u>website</u> towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.

Contact Andy Davis <u>ardavis1@illinois.edu</u>, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



## 2022 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Volunteer Certification Trainings

Contact your local Uofl Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

<u>Sat., March 26, 2022</u> - Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

<u>Sat., May 7, 2022</u> - 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

<u>Sat., July 16, 2022</u> - Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

## Special Workshop -

## **Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions**

New Date: March 19, 2022

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level!

Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at <a href="mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu">sinclair@illinois.edu</a> for flyer and/or register at: <a href="mailto:go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining">go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining</a>



# Illinois 4-H

## Host an international youth this summer

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language, all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.



Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For more information or to apply, visit: <a href="http://www.states4hexchange.org">http://www.states4hexchange.org</a>.

Find us on Facebook @ <u>facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange</u> or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ <u>rosenbohm07@comcast.net</u> or Elisha Hughes @ <u>ehugh2@illinois.edu</u>.



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the "Companies Crushing Pollution" Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards!

Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:



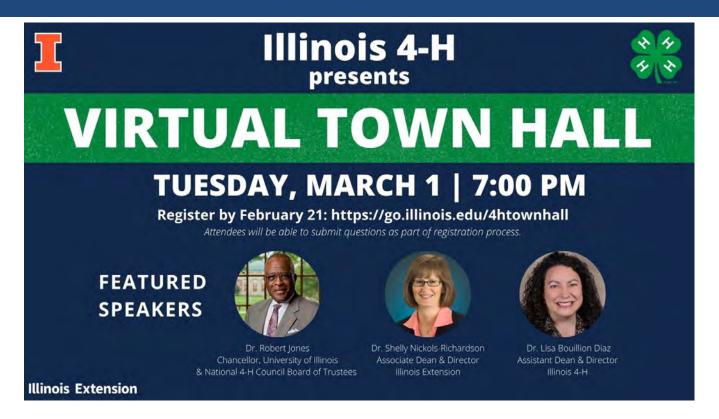
🥟 serve as a national youth spokesperson

...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <a href="https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0">https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0</a>



# Illinois 4-H



## Save the Date – March 1, 2022 Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall.

Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



## 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18. <a href="http://grants.4-h.org/index.do">http://grants.4-h.org/index.do</a>



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