



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Macoupin County 4-H Families**

May 2021

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST 2021



Participants: Jaxson Strader, Reese Heyen, Nola Reid, Maria Jarden, Braylee Gilmore, Paige Heyen, Heidi Kahl, and Peter Jarden

Thanks to 4-H Public Speaking Judge Father John Henry

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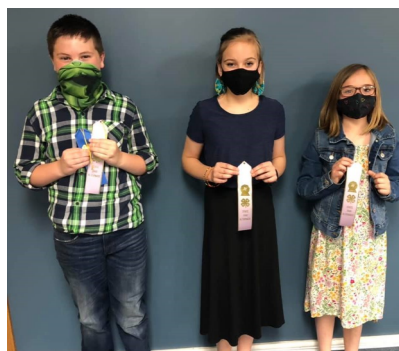
(Left) 2021 State Fair Delegates
& Top Speeches:

Maria Jarden– Slime

Braylee Gilmore– Power of
Pollinators

Heidi Kahl– Batter Up....

(Right) 2021 State Fair Alternates
Jaxson Strader– The Groot Project
Reese Heyen– More Than an
Orphanage
Paige Heyen– The Unicorn



To keep up with 4-H happenings in Macoupin County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/macoupin4h>



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CLASS of 2021



Name: Maya Bruley
Hometown: Virden, IL
4-H Club: Clover Cadets

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Name: Sam Wolff
Hometown: Brighton
4-H Independent Member

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Name: Anthony Joiner
Hometown: Carlinville
4-H Club: Fantastic Fours

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Name: Alexia Mosby
Hometown: Carlinville
4-H Club: Crazy Clovers

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Name: Victoria Hester
Hometown: Staunton
4-H Club: Green Genes

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We loved
being a part
of your
journey.



Congratulations Class of 2021!

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4-H Salsa Gardens

DON'T FORGET!!

To submit program pictures and fill out surveys for program feedback!

Pictures: go.illinois.edu/cjmmphotos
Survey: go.illinois.edu/4-Hevals



4-H Flower Arranging



Thanks Main Street Florist in Carlinville for partnering with 4-H during this flower arranging lesson!

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Macoupin County 4-H Week/ National Volunteer Week

Thanks for all your efforts celebrating Macoupin County 4-H Week and National Volunteer Week April 18-24! You all help to make Macoupin County 4-H a success!

Thanks also to all those clubs and families who took part in True Leaders in Service during the month of April by giving back to their communities .



Macoupin County 4-H Fair & Show Dates 2021

**All 4-H Show Dates in 2021
are subject to change.**

**4-H Visual Arts/Photography/Cloverbuds Show
June 7-9am-Mac Co Fairgrounds**

**4-H Livestock Shows
(Mac Co Fairgrounds)**

June 8-Sheep 9:30am

June 9-Swine 8am

June 10-Beef 10am Dairy 12:30pm

June 11-Poultry 9am Goats 1:30pm

June 12- Rabbits 9am

Unit 18 4-H Horse Show

June 12—Gillespie Lake Horse Arena

Mini Fair

Dogs, Cats, Small Pets, Tractor

June 19- Mac Co Fairgrounds

4-H Foods Show

June 21-9am-Carlinville Cross Church

4-H Clothing Show

June 24-Time TBA—Extension Office

4-H General Projects Show

June 28-Carlinville Cross Church



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4-H Fair 2021 Registration is now open! You can now go online to the link below and register your child for the 4-H Shows and Fairs. All registrations are due by June 1, except the following: Live Animals, Visual Arts, Photography, and Cloverbud Projects are due May 15. You can only register for projects your child is currently enrolled in.

Link to Macoupin County Fair Registration Online:

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15202>

(You will login with 4-H Online info)

Link to the 2021 4-H Showbook:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cjmmmacoupinshowbook2021.pdf>



Plan. Lead. Inspire. 4-H Grows True Leaders.
YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



"I HAVE A PASSION FOR
HELPING PEOPLE ~
I LOVE BEING A
MENTOR AND LEADER."

Braylee Gilmore
Macoupin County

Congratulations to new Illinois
4-H Youth Leadership Team
Member Braylee Gilmore of
Macoupin County!





4-H GRAB AND GO ART KITS



Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery 4-H

- Beadwork
- Duct Tape Art
- Recycled Art
- Paper Craft
- Fiber
- Painting



Reserve a kit at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmartkit

Kits available from local Extension
office starting May 24

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Take the STEAM at Home Challenge



Make Ice Cream

- ½ Cup Milk
(milk alternatives work great too)
- 1 Tbsp. Sugar
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- ¼ Cup salt
- 2 Cups Ice
- 1 sandwich baggie
- 1 gallon baggie

- Add milk, sugar, and vanilla into the sandwich bag. *Make sure it is sealed all the way.*
- Add salt and ice into the gallon sized bag.
- Placed the sealed sandwich bag into the gallon bag and seal it closed.
- Shake! It will take about 5 minutes of shaking to turn your ingredients into ice cream.
- Once you are done, wipe off the outside of the sandwich bag to remove any water and salt, and ENJOY!

Did you know 'cold' doesn't really exist? It is simply the absence of heat!



Candy Company

LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP AND RUN A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS, JUNE 1 - JUNE 22
2 - 3 P.M.

COST \$10

AGES 8-18

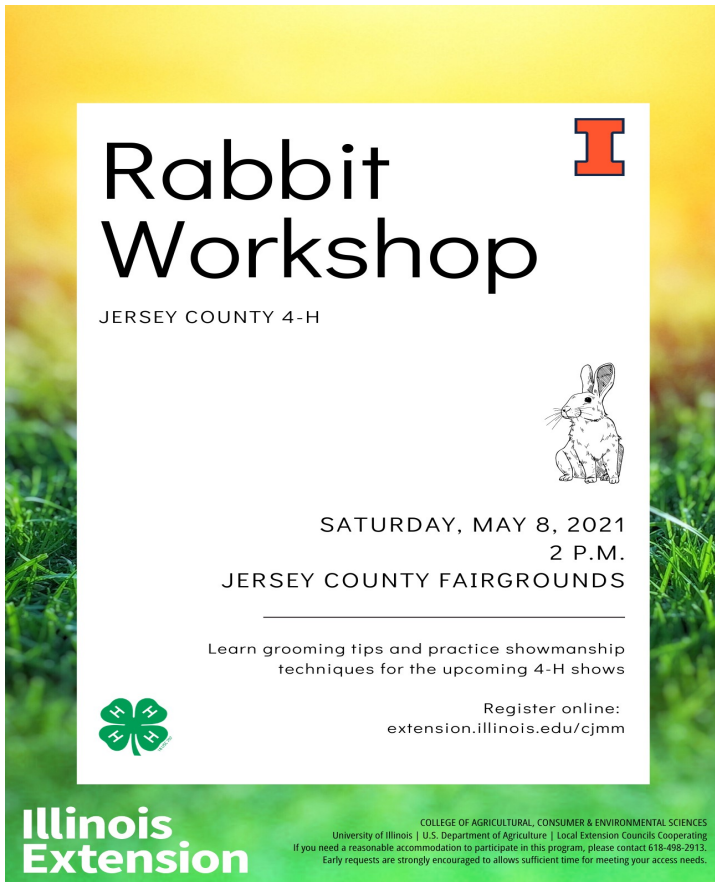
SESSIONS 1-3 WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM. THE FINAL SESSION WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM](https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)




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If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact 618-498-2913.
Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.



Rabbit Workshop


JERSEY COUNTY 4-H



SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021
2 P.M.
JERSEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Learn grooming tips and practice showmanship techniques for the upcoming 4-H shows

Register online:
extension.illinois.edu/cjmm



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Join Macoupin County 4-H and University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness

PACE THE PLAZA WALKING CLUB




FREE

FAMILIES WELCOME TO JOIN!

AGES 8-18

PLEDGE YOUR HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING
May 10, 17, 24
3:30 - 4:30 PM
Meet at Extension Office - Carlinville Plaza
Register by May 3 at go.illinois.edu/walkingclub

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RECYCLED ART SODA CAN FLOWERS

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
10-11am
Macoupin County Extension Office
Youth ages 8 - 18
Cost \$8

Design and create your very own garden flower from a soda can with volunteer Vicki Laughlin.

Register online at
go.illinois.edu/cjmm
or call 217-854-9604

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NATURE EXPLORERS SPIN CLUB

Get ready to go outside and learn about our natural world using easy lessons and activities to explore the great outdoors!

Best suited for ages 7-14

UPDATE

We have run out of fully-supplied kits but will be offering packets with all printed activity instructions and list of supplies for you to purchase on your own.

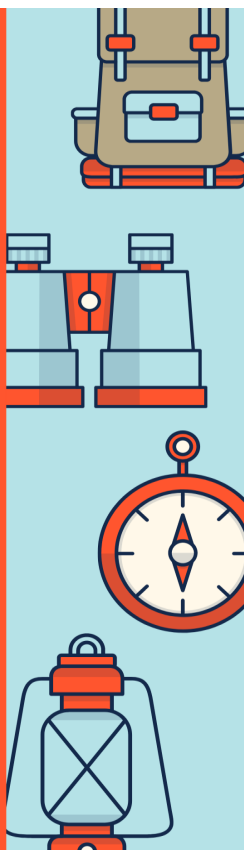
REGISTER AT
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/NATURESPIN

Packets will be mailed to you at the address you give on or after May 15. Limited number of packets available. Please limit one per family.

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4-H SENIOR SCIENCE CAMP



FORENSIC SCIENCE

Wednesday, July 14

1 - 3 PM

Macoupin County Extension Office

For ages 12-14

Cost \$5 (fee waivers available)

Learn about finger printing, blood typing, and more forensic science principles as you discover clues and solve a mystery!

Register online at go.illinois.edu/cjmm or call Macoupin County Extension Office at 217-854-9604.



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4-H JUNIOR SCIENCE CAMP



FORENSIC SCIENCE

Wednesday, July 14

9:30 - 11 AM

Macoupin County Extension Office

For ages 8-11

Cost \$5 (fee waivers available)

Learn about finger printing, blood typing, and more forensic science principles as you discover clues and solve a mystery!

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YOUTH CANNING CLASS:

CAN MY SALSA

July 12, 2021

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Macoupin County Extension Office
Carlinville, IL

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We would love to hear how 4-H has impacted your life!

Complete the 4-H Senior Survey by May 1 to receive a 4-H memorabilia tassel.

Complete the survey online: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgradsurvey>

Host an international student: Host a Japanese 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!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.
- Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.
- Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made

Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



Registration Open: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. 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)

Contact your local U of I Extension Office for registration information.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



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NEW 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.

Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu to submit a request!



Barred Owl NestWatch 2021

Remind your 4-H families to be checking on their nest boxes! Reporting can be made back directly to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

We will be using the NestWatch check data sheet developed by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf to record our Barred Owl citizen science data.

4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids!

Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family 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 campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>



4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20 @ 7 PM



Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to 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. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

Register at:

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



Illinois 4-H is being asked for help with an important research project!

I-Pollinate is a citizen science initiative and will be offering \$100 to each of 54 small “study” gardens established by Illinois 4-H members this spring if they agree to report back on-line their observations of which annual, ornamental flowers pollinators prefer on their gardens. The task at hand though is to spread these gardens out statewide – so only one garden per county will be allowed until all 54 are registered. Leaders can apply for funding by completing a training and registering their garden. These are small garden plots with specific plants – literally only 4’ x 6’ in size.

A detailed training will open April 26th, and data collection won’t start until National Pollinator Week June 21st but I wanted to give you a teaser now! Be thinking of who to invite from your local areas! Along with the \$100 reimbursement for supplies and materials, 4-H members completing the reporting observations will receive an I-Pollinator Certificate; permanent sign for their garden; and an honorary pin! Good stuff for a future entomology project display!

This project is designed by Dr. Alex Harmon-Threatt of the UofI with the support of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois extension. More information can be found at ipollinate.illinois.edu

Travel abroad with 4-H- Start planning now for a trip in 2022

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks

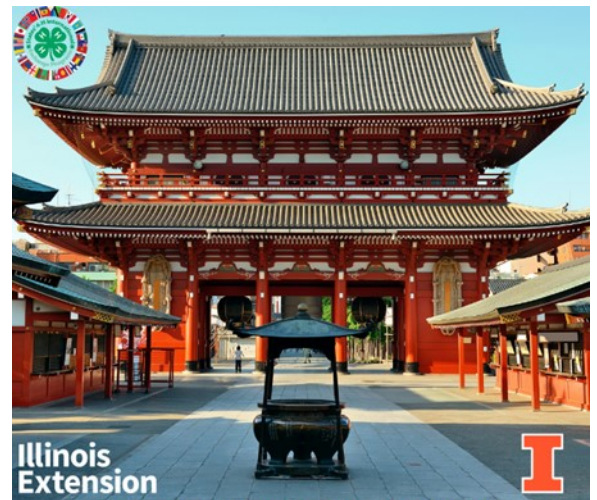
(dates vary by program June-August 2022)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years
(price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>



Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

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For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org> or contact us by email:

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Schleich Toys Story Contest

Schleich Toys now carries 4-H bundles, along with a story starter contest where kids get to use their imaginations to come up with the next chapter in a creative tale. All the info about the contest and the partnership can be found on their website: [https://www.schleichs.com/en/US/4h?](https://www.schleichs.com/en/US/4h?&promo_name=branding&promo_id=us_4h_story&promo_position=slider_3)

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The story contest will have several iterations (it's like a choose your own adventure book) and will run all summer into early fall.

Fifty cents from each figurine sold during this partnership (ends April 2022) goes to 4-H.



Congrats Anthony Joiner!

- Shelby Basham, Kankakee County
- Olivia Charles, Carroll County
- Remington Curry, Pope County
- Anthony Joiner, Macoupin County
- Lorena Kraemer, St. Clair County
- Lauren Mohr, McLean County
- Lydia Oker, Kendall County
- Greta Shaffer, Adams County
- Sara Smallwood, Clark County
- Delaney Smith, Champaign County



4-Hers that showed at 2020 Virtual 4-H Shows - you will be receiving your 4-H premium check in the mail! Please work to get them cashed as soon as possible!