



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

May 2020

## Virtual 4-H Show Announcement & Registration Process

On May 4th, all 4-H members and families received communication from Dr. Lisa Diaz, Illinois State 4-H Program Leader, announcing that all in-person events sponsored by Illinois Extension through July 5 will be canceled or moved to an online format. This includes all 4-H club meetings, events, and summer exhibit opportunities. Both the Macoupin and Montgomery County 4-H programs and their summer shows are affected by this announcement and are adapting their judging experiences accordingly.

### 2020 Virtual 4-H Show Information

For this year's 4-H shows, we will be using the online Fair Entry system – which has been used to register for the 4-H shows for the past few years. Members will still register for the proper classes as usual. For the virtual show, each entry will also include pictures, videos or documents of your project for the judge to review. These **MUST** be uploaded during the registration/entry process. Instructions are included to guide you through entering your projects and uploading the proper documents for each. Also included is a list of picture requirements for uploading during registration.

An overview of the proposed timeline for entry and judging is included below:

- June 13 – 19 – Fair Entry will open for members to enter the projects AND supporting documents (pictures, videos, etc.)
- June 22 – 26 – Judges will review and give feedback to projects within the Fair Entry system.
- By July 6th – Results will be released and state fair delegates and alternates will be notified.

### Livestock-Specific Show Information

All June 2020 4-H livestock and other live animal exhibits are also being moved to a virtual format. Livestock entries will still register for the appropriate classes and shows as outlined in the show book through the Fair Entry system. In order to capture the animal and its movements, we hope that members can 'show' their animals at home, capture it on video, and submit these videos along with their online entries. More details surrounding specifics for livestock shows, requirements, and updated deadlines will be shared separately in the near future.

Please reach out if you have any additional comments or questions. More details coming soon.

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<https://www.facebook.com/macoupin4h>



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## Congratulations to our 2020 4-H Graduates!

*“Be Fearless in the Pursuit of  
What Sets Your Soul On-Fire” -  
Unknown*

*Congratulations*  
**4-H SENIOR  
CLASS OF 2020**



**EMILY  
BARR**

Macoupin County 4-H  
**Pioneers 4-H Club**  
**9 year 4-H Member**

Future Plans:  
Attend SIUE  
Major: Speech Pathology &  
Audiology

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*Congratulations*  
**4-H SENIOR  
CLASS OF 2020**



**JOSCELYN  
WAGNER**

**Clover Cadets 4-H Club**  
**8 year 4-H Member**  
**4-H Top Shots**

Future Plans:  
Attend Prescott College in AZ  
Major: Marine Sciences &  
Sustainable Agriculture

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*Congratulations*  
**4-H SENIOR  
CLASS OF 2020**



**ALLISON  
ROSENRETER**

Macoupin County 4-H  
**Lucky Birds 4-H Club**  
**10 Year Member**

Future Plans:  
Attend McKendree University  
Major: Pre-Occupational  
Therapy  
Minor: Psychology

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*Congratulations*  
**4-H SENIOR  
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**AVA  
AUSTIN**

**Clover Cadets 4-H Club**

Future Plans:  
Attend LLCC  
(Lincoln Land Community College)  
Major: Chemistry/Chemical Engineering

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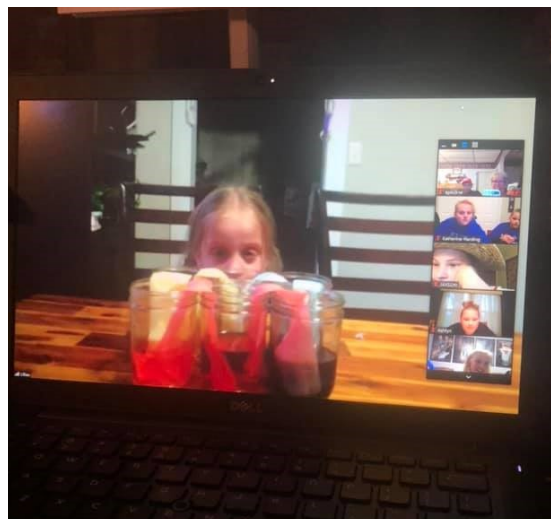
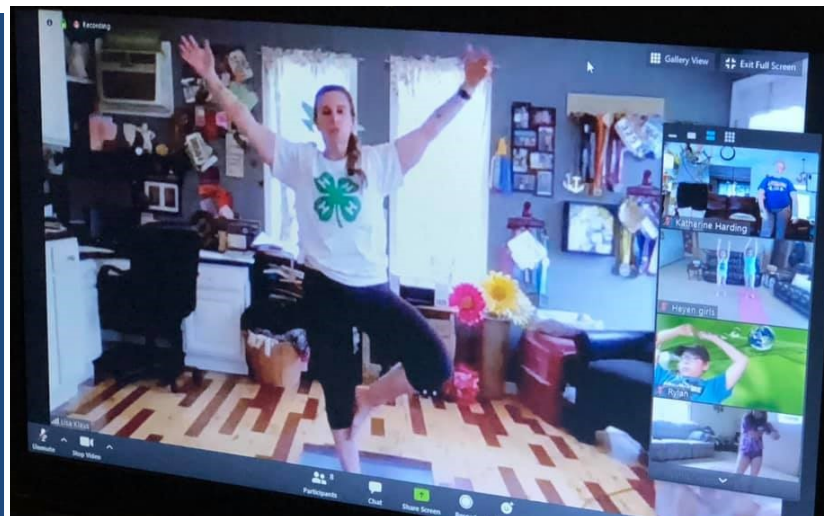
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## Take the STEAM at Home Challenge



## 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!**

## Being Together,

## While We Stay Apart

4-H Families have stayed together as we have been asked to stay apart! Clubs have met on Zoom, a variety of workshops have been offered online, volunteers have sewn face masks for those in need, clubs have shared flowers and cards with local residents in need of some cheer, talks and demos have been completed through video chats, and so much more! Way to stay #4Hstrong

We miss you and are so proud of your efforts! We are in this together.

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## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



## 2020-2021 ILLINOIS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Applications Due June 1st  
[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HYLT](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HYLT)

## Youth Leadership Team - Applications Now Open

The Illinois Youth Leadership Team applications are now open! If you know of any outstanding 4-H members or recent alumni age 16-20 who excels in leadership please encourage them to apply! The Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills. Members of this team serve as ambassadors for Illinois 4-H at various events throughout the year, they also plan and run the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The Team is actively involved in assisting the State 4-H Office in planning, implementing, and evaluating various 4-H events and activities; representing Illinois at National 4-H Conference; and serving as a youth voice of the Illinois 4-H Youth Development Program.

For more information please visit [go.illinois.edu/4hyt](http://go.illinois.edu/4hyt).  
Applications are due June 1st: <https://www.jotform.com/build/200865983373162>

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## Extension webinars being offered

University of Illinois Extension helps individuals, families, farmers, businesses, and communities solve local problems to improve lives of Illinois residents. Check out the list of online webinars and trainings at <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/webinars>.

**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. Details can be found at:

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





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**Barred Owl Nest Box Citizen Science Project** reminders: May marks the month owlets are ready to leave the nest. Many nest boxes were hung in parks that have not been accessible this spring but please remind your 4-H families to check again to see when access may be possible. The owlets may be gone, but investigate the box for signs such as pellets, feathers, etc. Please send any information to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

Nest Box reporting sheets are here:

[https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet\\_20171103.pdf](https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DataSheet_20171103.pdf)

## Collecting Food Access Stories

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

## 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 out the link below to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7hhXcL-6fQ&feature=youtu.be>

## 4-H COVID Idea Challenge

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

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



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## mark your calendar!



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- July 9– Macoupin County Public Speaking Contest

Please continue to check out our county website at [extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-macoupin-county](https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-macoupin-county) and our Macoupin County 4-H Facebook and Instagram for event details and upcoming online workshops!



Thanks for all your efforts celebrating Macoupin County 4-H Week and National Volunteer Week April 19-25! 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 and doing so, while practicing social distancing and shelter in place orders. You are the best!