



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

July 2020



## ANTHONY JOINER JOINS STATE 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The State Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills. 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.



**4-H Alumni Rachel Wolff and 4-H Member Anthony Joiner will be a part of the State 4-H Food Advocacy Team for 2020-2021.**

This is a new youth-led statewide leadership opportunity focused on Food Access and Food Systems leadership. Congrats!

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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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## 2020 4-H Fair Goes Virtual

THANK YOU and Congrats to all participants in this year's 4-H virtual fair. This year's 4-H fair looked much different. There was no in-person judging or the hustle and bustle of venturing out the fairgrounds to exhibit a project. Instead 4-H members were offered an alternative opportunity to exhibit their hard work. The 4-H Fair went virtual through an online fair entry system. Members were asked to complete their projects as planned and then upload required photographs, videos, and documents during Macoupin County 4-H Virtual Fair week, June 13-19. June 22-26 was judging week where valued volunteers evaluated projects and determined top awards. For full 4-H fair results, please check out the link below (under the Fair tab):

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE DIY DOG TOYS

July 28  
3pm

Join 4-H Federation Member Katelyn on Zoom as she completes a demonstration on how to make dog toys from t-shirts.



Register online at:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-macoupin-county>



## Local 4-H Members take part in 4-H International Pen Pal Program

- ◆ Braylee Gilmore- Norway
- ◆ Nick Raney- Japan
- ◆ Alex Behme- Taiwan
- ◆ Braley Wiser- Japan
- ◆ Allison Rosentreter- Japan
- ◆ Saralynn Joiner- South Korea
- ◆ Alexia Mosby- Japan
- ◆ Luke Wolff- Japan
- ◆ Logan Helling- South Korea
- ◆ Allie Helling- South Korea



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**JOIN US FOR THE FUN 4-H FAMILY LEARNING CHALLENGE!** Have fun, find new hobbies, try new things, get some 4-H swag, and grow closer as a family in this work at your own pace challenge!  
**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, and so much more!

Plus, if you complete all the challenges by the end of July, you will receive an **AWESOME 4-H Swag Bag**

(while supplies last!) sponsored by the State 4-H Office and the Illinois 4-H Foundation!  
So what are you waiting for? Sign up, share with your friends, and let's have some fun!!  
**SIGN-UP AT: [go.illinois.edu/FamilyChallenge](http://go.illinois.edu/FamilyChallenge)**

## ILLINOIS 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Will be held virtually via [LivestockJudging.Com](http://LivestockJudging.Com)  
July 16, 9am - July 17, 5pm

REGISTER BY JULY 13 at <https://go.illinois.edu/statejudging>

- Juniors 8 – 14, Seniors 15 – 18 years of age as of January 1st.
- Questions on 3 classes
- 3 sets of reasons for Senior division only
- Senior and Junior division teams made up of 4 individuals – Judge 4 individuals and count the top 3 individuals.

Send questions to Dan Jennings  
([djennin@illinois.edu](mailto:djennin@illinois.edu))



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## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXPO

Sept 11-13, 2020 (beef / sheep / dairy goats / pygmy goats / rabbits / poultry)

Sept 18-20, 2020 (swine / dairy cattle / meat goats)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL.

This is not a 4-H sponsored activity but may be of interest to you enrolled in related 4-H project areas. For more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Documents/20%20JrLivestock.pdf>

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JUNIOR HORSE SHOW

August 29-30, 2020 (English Show Portion)

September 5-6, 2020 (Western Show Portion)

Open to ages 8-21. Held at Du Quion State Fairgrounds, Du Quion, IL

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## **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>



## **TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE TIMELINE EXTENDED TO JULY 31, 2020!**

4-H members and clubs have been engaged in amazing The **True Leaders in Service**, designated day of service may have passed however we are asking Illinois 4-H Clubs to keep the momentum going as they continue to focus on the 4<sup>th</sup> "H" and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Even though Illinois has moved into the Phase 3, the *Recovery* stage of the COVID-19 response, communities are still in need of support. **To meet this need we are extending the timeline for 4-H Clubs to go through July 31, 2020!**

Illinois 4-H'ers have been collaborating virtually as they collected and donated food to stock the shelves at local food pantries experiencing greater needs; making cards, videos, and encouraging yard signs to support vulnerable populations including shut-ins and senior center residents; and they have put their sewing skills to work as they made face masks which were distributed at medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

Find resources and the link to register your plan for service outreach at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service outreach is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this is your time to make a difference!

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

We are so excited to announce a new series Illinois 4-H will be launching in August, 2020. Be on the lookout for updates on the **4-H Volunteer Cafe Conversation** series. This will be an opportunity for volunteers across Illinois to meet and chat with volunteers to discuss timely topics, share ideas, and access tools & techniques to support 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will be posting topics and dates on the Illinois social media and email!

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## ILLINOIS 4-H LIVE



### DATES TBA

### TIME TO SHINE!

Online Competition  
Registration Required (Link Below)  
Top 3 Advance to State  
8-13 & 14-18 Age Brackets



### 4-H LIVE

Despite a global pandemic, Illinois has not stopped doing amazing things. Illinois 4-H LIVE is an opportunity for young people to be highlighted and recognized for their talent, skill & passion for the creative and performing arts. U of I Extension staff will establish regional competitions online, allowing top performers from around the state to compete in an online statewide showcase in the Fall of 2020. This showcase will provide an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Illinois youth and celebrate the importance of sharing art and creativity during difficult times. Fall dates for Regional 4-H LIVE competitions will be released soon. For more information, contact Mark Becker ([mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu))

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/ILLINOIS4-HL](https://go.illinois.edu/illinois4-hl)

### ILLINOIS 4-H OPEN SOURCE AG

With the generous support of the BRANDT Corporation, Illinois 4-H is entering into the initial phases of a new program where youth can get hands-on experience with cutting edge Ag Technologies. With the support of U of I and our business partners, youth will have the opportunity to work directly with a team of specialists in the State Office as well as collaborate with U of I Undergraduate students. Thanks to the help of our student interns from the Crop Science department, we are nearing the completion of our first FarmBot prototype on campus at the Student Sustainable Farm. If you know a young person interested in innovative applications for technology in agriculture, please contact Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist for more details at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu).



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## mark your calendar!



**August 3-9**      **Macoupin County 4-H Virtual State Fair Week**

**August 30**      **4-H Award Experience Application due!**

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/award/illinois-4-h-experience-award-individuals>

**Sept 1**      **Robinson & McAllister Scholarship Applications due!**

**\*Phase 4 Covid Restrictions still in place for all 4-H in-person programming.\***



REMINDER: All 4-H Members who participated in 4-H Virtual Fair 2020 will be receiving a 4-H t-shirt along with their award ribbons! Thanks for taking part in this years virtual show! More details coming soon!