



4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2020



JLC CONFERENCE: This February, Lexie, Luke, Saralynn, Alex, Logan, and Cadeyn headed to JLC to build leadership skills and gain friendships.

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Macoupin County 4-H members Braylee Gilmore & Anthony Joiner headed to the State Capitol this March for Legislative Connection to advocate for Illinois 4-H and to tell their 4-H story! Great job .

To keep up with 4-H happenings in Macoupin County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at :



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4-H ART SPIN: Youth enhanced their creative side Saturday mornings in Jan-Feb with art instructor Suzi Humphreys. This year youth focused on color and painting.



4-H Recycled ART Rug Weaving: March 2nd, Karen King led youth in a rug weaving workshop at the Extension office.



4-H Health Jam kicked off at CIS in February with close to 100 students participating. Health Jam encourages a healthy lifestyle and provides education and practice in a variety of health and wellness topics. Community partners working with U of I Extension/4-H included Carlinville CUSD #1, Carlinville Area Hospital, D&D Fitness, Think First, and the Mac Co Public Health Department.

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GROW A PIZZA

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER 4-H SPIN CLUB

PARTICIPANTS WILL GROW THEIR OWN PIZZA USING SKILLS DEVELOPED IN HANDS ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES. YOUTH WILL START SEEDS INDOORS, PLANT A CONTAINER GARDEN, PLAN AND PLANT AN OUTDOOR GARDEN, HARVEST, AND USE THEIR GOODIES TO MAKE THEIR OWN PIZZA.

MARCH 19 6 – 7 PM MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION	JUNE 18 9 – 10 AM MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION
APRIL 23 6 – 7 PM MACOUPIN COUNTY EXTENSION	JULY 23 9 – 10 AM CAREY FARM-PALMYRA
MAY 28 9 – 10:30 AM CAREY FARM-PALMYRA	AUGUST 6 10:30 – NOON CAREY FARM-PALMYRA

\$10 4-H REGISTER ONLINE AT: EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM
\$20 Non-4-H OR CALL 217-854-9604 Ages 8-18

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Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep



**** Please make sure you cash your 4-H premium checks ASAP! ****

4-H Federation Community Service Meal Prep at Ronald McDonald House in Springfield

March 7 at 4pm

March 15 at 4pm

Sign up by calling 217-854-9604 (13 and above)

4-H Federation Meeting– March 29
2:30 at Extension Office

4-H Leader’s Meeting– April 7

4-H Career Trip to STL– April 13

Macoupin County 4-H Week April 19-25

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Macoupin County 4-H

Public Speaking Contest

Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Extension Office, Carlinville

Register online by March 6 at
web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/

Categories:

Formal Speech

Illustrated Speech

Original Works

Oral Interpretation

Must be a current 4-H member to participate

All 4-H members welcome!

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April 27 2020

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF LEARNING ABOUT MACOUPIN COUNTY!

MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H HISTORY NIGHT

4-H Clubs will give a 3-5 minute presentation on an important historical site in Macoupin County, IL. Refreshments to follow the program.

April 27 | 6:30 PM
Cross Church - Carlinville

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Jersey County 4-H Swine Weigh-in

Monday, April 6, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Hugh Moore Jr. Farm

RSVP to Jessica at 618-498-2913 or jjaffry@illinois.edu

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Jersey County 4-H Sheep Weigh-In

Saturday, May 2, 2020
Hugh Moore Jr. Farm
9-10 a.m.

RSVP to Jessica at jjaffry@illinois.edu or 618-498-2913

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2020 MACOUPIN CO. 4-H SHOW SCHEDULE

- Thursday, March 26**
6:00pm 4-H Public Speaking Contest
Mac. Co. Extension Office
- Saturday, June 13**
10:00am Unit 18 Horse Show
Gillespie Lake Horse Arena
- Saturday, June 20**
9:30am 4-H Mini Fair
Mac. Co. Fairgrounds
- Friday, June 26**
9am 4-H Foods/Crops/Hort Show
Cross Church Carlinville
- Monday, June 29**
6pm 4-H Clothing Show
Carlinville

2020 MACOUPIN CO. 4-H FAIR SCHEDULE

- Monday, June 8**
9:00am 4-H General Show
- Wednesday, June 10**
8:00am 4-H Swine Show
1:00pm 4-H Sheep Show
- Thursday, June 11**
10:00am 4-H Beef Show
- Friday, June 12**
9am 4-H Poultry Show
1pm 4-H Goat Show
- Saturday, June 13**
9am 4-H Rabbit Show
- Sunday, June 14**
12-2pm— General Projects Pick-Up

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Macoupin County 4-H Archery 2020



May 4
May 18
June 22
July 6
July 20
August 3

Meet at Macoupin County Fairgrounds
Group #1 6:00-7:00pm Group #2 7:00-8:00pm
August 17- County Shoot
August 23- 2pm
Fall Classic at Brittany Trap
Sept 19
State Archery Shoot-Pekin

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Macoupin County 4-H Shotgun/Rifle 2020



April 30
May 14
May 28
No Shoots in June
July 2
July 16

August 13 (County Shoot)
August 23 (Fall Classic)
August 27 (Fun Shoot)
Sept 26 (State Shotgun)

Oct 10-11 State Rifle (Bloomington)

*All Shoots at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill
at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted*

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Youth ages 8-18
Cost: \$5.00

MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H

No Sew Sock Bunny

Hop on over and join us!

APRIL 2
6:00-7:15 PM
MAC CO EXT. OFFICE
60 CARLINVILLE PLAZA

Join us for a fun visual arts workshop where youth will make sock bunnies. They will make one to take home and one to share at the local nursing home.

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

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FOR REAL LIFE

MACOUPIN COUNTY 4-H & MAURICES
PRESENTS

Shopping in Style

Thursday, April 16
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Location: Maurices
(18B Litchfield Plaza, Litchfield, IL 62056)
Ages: 14 and above

SPACES LIMITED

FREE STYLING SESSION

Maurices is partnering with 4-H to help de-code the dress code. Learn tips to dress for your body type. Find your personal style and your best color. Learn from personal stylists on how to dress your best for whatever life throws your way.

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RECYCLED ART SODA CAN FLOWERS

Thurs, April 30, 2020

Macoupin County Extension Office
Youth ages 8 - 18
Cost \$10

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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April 15 is the Add/Drop Date for all 4-H projects in order to exhibit at fair.

4-H Showbooks should be printed by March 20, so be on the look out for more information! There will also be a online link.

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Host an international youth this summer



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 22 through August 17.

Be aware:

- 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.
- Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

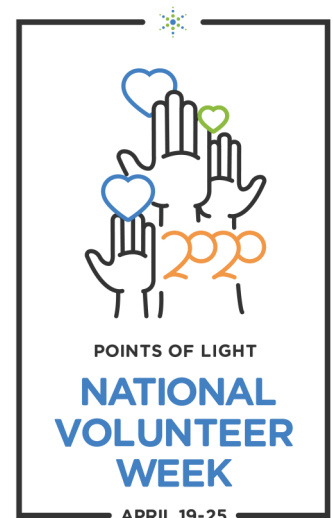
April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

During this week we celebrate Macoupin County 4-H Week. Celebrate and promote 4-H! Get creative and have some fun.



We're going to the Capitol

May 6-7 | Springfield

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

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Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM
St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.



Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

1. Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!
2. Click the "Tickets" down arrow.
3. Select "Non 4-H Member Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)
4. Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

State Robotics Challenge



May 9
McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

- Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.
- Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.
- Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM
Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



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Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.



- Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
 - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
 - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
 - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
 - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
 - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
 - **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
 - **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
 - **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
 - **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
 - **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
 - **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.



4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

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Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

ARRIVAL TIMES

BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11

BEEF: Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11

BEEF: Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11

DAIRY: must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18

GOATS: Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12

GOATS: Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16

GOATS: Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21

SHEEP: Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13

SHEEP: Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15

SWINE: Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12

SWINE: Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13

POULTRY: must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

SHOW TIMES

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/

SWINE: 7 PM on 8/12

SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY: 8:30 AM on 8/22

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP: 7:30 PM on 8/14

BEEF: Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12

BEEF: Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13

BEEF: Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time TBA on 8/13

BEEF: Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Short-horn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on 8/14 (other breed times TBA)

BEEF: Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15

DAIRY: Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19

DAIRY: Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19

DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20

DAIRY: Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20

DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21

DAIRY: Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21

GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14

GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14

GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14

GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16

GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22

SHEEP: Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15

SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17

SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13

SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14

SWINE: Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15

POULTRY: 10 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17

RABBITS: All Others 9 AM on 8/22

RELEASE TIMES

BEEF CATTLE: released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/15

DAIRY CATTLE: released after 4 PM on 8/22

MEAT GOATS: released after the meat goat show on 8/14

DAIRY GOATS: released after the dairy goat show on 8/16

PYGMY GOATS: released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22

MARKET SHEEP: released after the market show on 8/15

BREEDING SHEEP: released after the breeding show on 8/17

SWINE: released after the barrow show on 8/15

POULTRY: released after the poultry show on 8/17

MEAT PEN RABBITS: release after the show on 8/17

ALL OTHER RABBITS: release 8/23

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Coming Events

March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 26	4-H Public Speaking Contest 6pm Extension Office
March 28	Northeast Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
April 2	No Sew Sock Bunny Workshop 6:00pm at Extension
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 4	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Knoxville
April 16	4-H Shopping Style Session at Maurices in Litchfield
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week/Macoupin County 4-H Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County
April 27	Macoupin County 4-H History Night 6:30 Cross Church Carlinville
April 30	4-H Soda Can Art Workshop 6pm at Extension
April 29 – May 10	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 6-7	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition
May 9	4-H Day at the Cardinals
August 15	Exhibit Day at State Fair: MACOUPIN COUNTY