



4-H FAST FACTS



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

September 2020



Macoupin County 4-H Hunger Ambassadors Partner with USDA to Distribute Dairy Kits

During the month of September on Saturday mornings 4-H members will be helping hand out dairy kits to families in the community. These dairy kits include 2 gallons of milk, 1/2 gallon of chocolate milk, cottage cheese, sour cream and other cheese products. 4-H Federation members joined forces to help the cause. Thanks to everyone for their efforts in giving back to others. Keep up the good work!



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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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VIRTUAL STATE FAIR RESULTS 2020

Austin, Aegea	General Projects / Foods and Nutrition / 50200: 4-H Cooking 101	Award of Excellence	
Barber, Katelyn	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50346: Scrapbooking-Intermediate	Award of Excellence	Inspire
Behme, Alexander	General Projects / Robotics / 50292: Robotics Innovation Open Source	Award of Excellence	Champion
Behme, Claire	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50352: Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division B on Wood, Metal or Textiles	Award of Excellence	Champion
Behme, Mary	General Projects / Natural Resources / 50259: Outdoor Adventures 1-3	Award of Excellence	
Boyett, Lucas	General Projects / Tractor / 50306: Tractor A	Award of Excellence	
Brill, Maris	General Projects / Clothing and Textiles / 50153B: STEAM Clothing 3 - A Stitch Further Sewn Non-Clothing	Award of Excellence	Reserve Champion
Broida, Maxwell	General Projects / Small Engines / 50294: Small Engines	Award of Excellence	Champion
Burris, Grace	General Projects / Clothing and Textiles / 50152C: STEAM Clothing 2 - Simply Sewing Sewn Clothing	Award of Excellence	Inspire
Burris, Lillian	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50334: Food Decorating-Advanced	Award of Excellence	Champion
Camerer, Levi	General Projects / Tractor / 50306: Tractor A	Award of Excellence	Inspire
Camerer, Lucas	General Projects / Woodworking / 50359: Woodworking 3	Award of Excellence	Reserve Champion
Cloninger, Anna	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50341: Heritage Arts	Award of Excellence	
Cloninger, Caleb	General Projects / Woodworking / 50358: Woodworking 2	Award of Excellence	Inspire
Cummings, Trace	General Projects / Electricity / 50177: Electricity 1	Award of Excellence	
Dugan, Casey	General Projects / Foods and Nutrition / 50201: 4-H Cooking 201	Award of Excellence	
Fulton, Samantha	General Projects / Civic Engagement / 50146: Civic Engagement 2	Award of Excellence	Reserve Champion
Gilbreth, Shepard	General Projects / Electricity / 50177: Electricity 1	Award of Excellence	
Gilmore, Braylee	General Projects / Interior Design / 50242: Design Decisions-Beginning	Award of Excellence	Champion
Gilmore, Wyld	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50321: Leather	Award of Excellence	
Harding, Makenna	General Projects / Natural Resources / 50259: Outdoor Adventures 1-3	Award of Excellence	
Harding, Payton	General Projects / Clothing and Textiles / 50152C: STEAM Clothing 2 - Simply Sewing Sewn Clothing	Award of Excellence	
Helling, Alexandria	General Projects / Health / 50227: Health 2	Award of Excellence	
Helling, Logan	General Projects / Intercultural / 50233: Passport to the World-Indiv	Award of Excellence	
Hester, Lexi	General Projects / Leadership / 50250: Leadership 2	Award of Excellence	Champion
Hester, Tori	General Projects / Communications / 50367: Creative Writing	Award of Excellence	
Heyen, Reese	General Projects / Foods and Nutrition / 50201: 4-H Cooking 201	Award of Excellence	
Jarden, Grant	General Projects / Aerospace / 50130: Model Rocketry	Award of Excellence	Champion
Jarden, Peter	General Projects / Crops / 50171: Corn	Award of Excellence	Reserve Champion
Joiner, Anthony	General Projects / Forestry / 50212: Forests of Fun 1	Award of Excellence	Champion
Joiner, Carter	General Projects / Health / 50227: Health 2	Award of Excellence	Champion
Joiner, Saralynn	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50339: Fiber	Award of Excellence	
Kaburick, Hallee	General Projects / Interior Design / 50242: Design Decisions-Beginning	Award of Excellence	Inspire
Kahl, Lyla	General Projects / Animal Science / 50135: Animal Science	Award of Excellence	
Killam, Ashlyn	General Projects / Health / 50226: Health 1	Award of Excellence	
Knes, Libby	General Projects / Foods and Nutrition / 50204: Food Science 1 - 4	Award of Excellence	Reserve Champion
Lamm, Iris	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50336: Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A on Canvas, Paper or Glass	Award of Excellence	
Lockwood, Mason	General Projects / Natural Resources / 50259: Outdoor Adventures 1-3	Award of Excellence	
Mosby, Alexia	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50340: Glass/Plastic	Award of Excellence	
Murphy, Carter	General Projects / Animal Science / 50135: Animal Science	Award of Excellence	
Noblet, Aidan	General Projects / Entomology / 50183: Entomology 1	Award of Excellence	Champion
Pauline, Gabe	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50348: 3-D Design/Mixed Media	Award of Excellence	
Raney, Nicholas	General Projects / Natural Resources / 50263: Wildlife 2	Award of Excellence	Champion
Rhodes, Carly	General Projects / Foods and Nutrition / 50208: Food Preservation	Award of Excellence	
Ribble, Mylee	General Projects / Aerospace / 50131: Aerospace Display	Award of Excellence	
Rice, Tye	General Projects / Robotics / 50288: Junkdrawer Robotics 2	Award of Excellence	Champion
Rosentreter, Allison	General Projects / Foods and Nutrition / 50208: Food Preservation	Award of Excellence	Champion
Royer, Natalie	General Projects / Photography / 50269: Photography 2	Award of Excellence	
Rutan, Tristan	General Projects / Consumer Education / 50168: My Financial Future Beginner	Award of Excellence	
Schroeder, Calli	General Projects / Veterinary Science / 50320: Veterinary Science	Award of Excellence	
Schroeder, Lane	General Projects / Natural Resources / 50266: Wildlife 1	Award of Excellence	
Titus, Victoria	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50348: 3-D Design/Mixed Media	Award of Excellence	Inspire
Trimm, Kayleigh	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50336: Chalk/Carbon/Pigment Division A on Canvas, Paper or Glass	Award of Excellence	
Turner, Garrett	General Projects / Crops / 50171: Corn	Award of Excellence	
Wagner, Joscelyn	General Projects / Visual Arts / 50338: Computer-Generated Art	Award of Excellence	
Wolf, Luke	General Projects / Electricity / 50179: Electricity 3	Award of Excellence	
Wolf, Samuel	General Projects / Crops / 50171: Corn	Award of Excellence	

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**4-H Enrollment opens
October 1!
Details coming soon!**

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4-H OFFICER TRAINING

**Open to any current 4-H officers or any members
who are interested in becoming an officer!**

TWO SESSIONS - 9:00-10:00 AM VIA ZOOM

**OCTOBER 17 – BEING A BETTER OFFICER
(TOPICS INCLUDE: COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC SPEAKING,
KEEPING MEETINGS ENGAGING)**

**OCTOBER 24 – OFFICER ROLES &
RESPONSIBILITIES
(OFFICER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES; HOW TO RUN A
MEETING/PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE)**

**Register at go.illinois.edu/cjmm4-Hofficertraining
or call Montgomery County Extension Office at
217-532-3941**

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 4-10, 2020

"Make a 4-H Sign Sunday" Oct 4

Display the sign all week in your yard or window!

"Social Media Monday" Oct 5

Thank a 4-H volunteer on social media today!

"Tasty Tuesday" Oct 6

Have a family meal together!

"4-H Spirit Wear Wednesday" Oct 7

Wear Green or a 4-H T-shirt

"Thankful Thursday" Oct 8

Write a thank you note to a 4-H supporter, Alumni, or volunteer

"Friendship Friday" Oct 9

Reach out to a friend today and tell them about 4-H!

"Community Service Saturday" Oct 10

Do something helpful for your community today!

#OPPORTUNITY4ALL

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THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE 4-H!
THANK YOU!

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National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2020

Theme: Opportunity4ALL

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **Opportunity4ALL**. We are lifting up youth voices and helping kids get equal access to the resources they need to thrive. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 4 – 10. 4-H Spirit Day will be held Wednesday, October 7. Encourage your clubs to show their 4-H pride and wear a clover! Use the hashtag #Opportunity4All or #National4HWeek as you share your 4-H activities on social media. We will be sharing more information in the coming weeks.



Other dates to consider for October 2020

- October 1-31 – STEM Challenge Month
- October 4-10 – National 4-H Week
- October 7-18 – Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion

Inspire your club to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week

During times of COVID19, please plan accordingly to adhere to all social distancing guidelines in your area. Some face to face activities may not be feasible this year.

- Post 4-H window signs in your windows (downloadable) "Proud 4-H Member Lives Here" or "Proud 4-H Volunteer Lives Here"
- Change your Facebook cover for National 4-H Week
- Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school. – 4-H Spirit Day will be held on Wednesday!
- Start a county 4-H alumni club or solicit 4-H Alumni names through the paper and newsletter to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association.
- Host a "To Me Opportunity Means _____" event in your community. (downloadable file) Have 4-H members, alumni, volunteers share their sign on social media to promote 4-H.
- Join the National 4-H Week Spirit week on Illinois 4-H Facebook page.
- Use the Facebook Photo Frame to show you are a proud member of 4-H
- In a 4-H meeting or remote schooling, use the 4-H zoom backgrounds during National 4-H Week.
- Have a flag-raising ceremony at a local bank, park, business, veterans club or school. Could the 4-H flag also be hosted by a business during National 4-H Week?
- Print bookmarks (downloadable) and ask banks to include a bookmark or flyer about 4-H at their drive-thru facilities.
- Share handouts or bookmarks with schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- Get Social! Start a social media engagement post—What did you gain in 4-H? and distribute it to your social media channels and encourage other club members to post too.
- Post 4-H alumni signs, National 4H week signs, or join 4-H signs in the yards of current or past 4-H members.
- Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- County Window Display Contest to have clubs host a 4-H window display in a local business.
- Write letters to your congressional leaders or local legislators about how important 4-H is to you.
- Attend a city council meeting and have the mayor/councilmen sign the Proclamation. Or have them present via Zoom or Google Meet to your 4-H Club and share on social media.
- Host a quiz night—Are You Smarter than a 4-Her?
- Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/phone/computer stores.
- Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- Promote 4-H entrepreneur projects at the banks.
- Promote 4-H family projects at the doctor offices.
- Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards, church message boards.
- Take a plate of 4-H cookies to local businesses with an appreciation poster for them to post.
- Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- Have a county-wide or club community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses or have a photo contest to see which ones get the most likes.
- Create a 4-H promotion to run at the local movie theater during previews.
- Have members bring projects and speak at local civic organizational meetings.
- Plant a tree in honor of 4-H.

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4-H Federation Kick-Off
is Oct 4 2:30pm @ Ext
Office-Carlinville

Open to 4-H members
ages 13-18

- Make new friends
- Plan county events
- Gain leadership skills
- Career Exploration Trips



JOIN MACOUPIN COUNTY

4-H FEDERATION KICK-OFF 2020

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KEEP ONE, GIVE ONE!

Macoupin County 4-H cares
about your safety. You can hook
your face mask to this lanyard,
so you don't lose it!
Keep a lanyard for yourself, then
give one to a friend & tell them
why you love 4-H!!



During 4-H Week, we will be handing out 4-H lanyards to all our
Macoupin County 4-H members. Join us in the Keep One, Give One

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COLLEGIATE 4-H

JOIN COLLEGIATE 4-H AT U OF I

A great way to meet people at U of I is by joining C4-H, the registered student organization for 4-H alums attending University of Illinois. For more information, contact Brittney Muschetto at uiuccollegiate4h@gmail.com.

The **Illinois 4-H Scholarship** is a merit-based scholarship to award outstanding work in project areas. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the following categories: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creative Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/ Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth and STEM/Robotics. The deadline to apply is November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.



Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!



CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

Is your 4-H Club doing outstanding work in the areas of Community Service, Leadership or Project Mastery? If so, you should apply for the Illinois 4-H Club Award! Clubs receiving this award will receive a \$75 cash incentive and an award certificate. This is also a great tool to set goals and plan for the upcoming 4-H year. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Illinois 4-H Project Guide:

Hard Copies Coming Soon!

Check out the projects by Going online at:

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



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JUST THE HELP YOU NEED FOR YOUR 4-H CLUB

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

- Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H
- Click on the **Clubs** tab.
- Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page
- Find these helpful documents:
 - ◇ **Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.
 - ◇ **Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.
 - ◇ **Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.
 - ◇ **More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



Let's
CHAT

We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and 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. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

Session #2 - Thursday, November 19, 2020

Session #3 - Thursday, February 18, 2021

Session #4 - Thursday, May 20, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! Registration link will be provided soon

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Code of Conduct – Thursday, October 15, 2020
- Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 7, 2020
- Parliamentary Procedure – Date Pending

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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS FALL UPDATE

After a survey of shooting sports discipline instructors; key volunteers; and state shooting sports venues - the decision has been made to move all in-person state shoots to a virtual tournament format for health and safety reasons. This will allow for smaller, local competitions to be conducted and supervised by certified Level I 4-H discipline instructors who will then report the youth scores centrally through an on-line system. Only Level I certified instructors may enter scores from 4-H members.

Also, we are happy to announce that our 2020 Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports team members who were scheduled to attend the National 4-H Shoot last June (cancelled due to COVID-19) will be invited to shoot at the same national event in 2021 if they are still age eligible.. Our 2020 virtual shoot results and the data from 2019 State Shoots will then be used to fill any gaps in the 2021 Illinois team.

The virtual shoot will run for the months of September – December, 2020. Registration will be free and have both a Junior (11-13 years) and Senior (14-18 years) division! Disciplines offered will be compound archery; recurve archery; shotgun (trap); and air rifle. The rules, registration link, and score submittal link are attached to this email and also posted on the Illinois 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-virtual-shoot-fall-2020>

Virtual Shoot registration opens Sept. 1st

There are no current plans to conduct an in-person 4-H Shooting Sports adult certification training in the fall of 2020 at this time. This situation is still pending and is dependent on pandemic management guidelines.

PROGRESS IN A NEW SUSTAINABLE AG PROJECT

In collaboration with the Illinois 4-H Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau, and the FarmBot company we are beginning to roll out several pilot sites for the implementation of STEM programming in Ag Education. This educational program is aimed at developing the critical thinking and STEM-related skills of Illinois youth by bringing them into contact with precision agriculture technology and promoting design-thinking approaches to agriculture's greatest challenges. See this link for a short interview with Illinois Farm Bureau to learn more about the progress we've made.

<https://vimeo.com/438292870>

Save the Date:

4-H Committee Meeting Monday, Oct 5

Details coming soon!