



4-H FAST FACTS



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

March 2022

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Face coverings are no longer required at Extension-sponsored events or in Extension facilities. This includes 4-H club meetings and 4-H club-sponsored events. Anyone is welcome to use face coverings if that makes them feel more comfortable. However, suppose a club meeting location still requires masks or has COVID guidelines. In that case, you are expected to follow those guidelines.

If you have questions, please reach out to your coordinator or local Extension office staff for more information. Thank you for your continued service to the 4-H program and for helping us keep our members and volunteers safe!

Sincerely,

Sara Marten

Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator

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UIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Career Exploration

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION TOUR

Theater Arts

April 7
6:30 - 8 PM

Sangamon Auditorium
1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703

Ages 13-18

REGISTER AT: go.illinois.edu/cjmmuistour



To keep up with 4-H happenings in Montgomery County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/montgomery4h>



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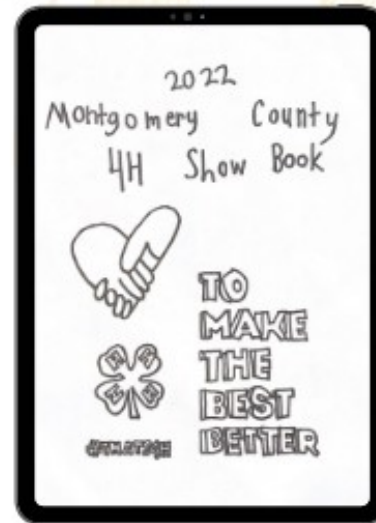
2022 Showbook Cover Contest

1ST



Noelle Clementz
Country Roots

2ND



Willow McSperritt
Wild Roots

2022 Showbook Cover Entries

Honorable Mention



Arya Gasser
Raymond Buckeyes



Brenley Clementz
Country Roots



Cady McCallum
Raymond Buckeyes



Noah Ray Ellis
Raymond Buckeyes



Kenna Clementz
Country Roots

ADULT & YOUTH

QUILTING CLASS

EQUIPMENT AND MACHINES PROVIDED
OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN

DATES:
March - 21, 28 ; April - 4, 11, 18, 25; May - 2, 9

TIME: 6:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: Montgomery County Extension Office
(#1 Industrial Park Dr., Hillsboro)

COST:
Adult - \$25
Youth - \$10
(ages 10-18)

Register at:
go.illinois.edu/cjmmquiltingclass
or call (217) 532-3941

Extra days built in just in case you miss
Class dates will be extended if needed
An adult must stay for any youth under the age of 16

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Montgomery County 4-H Archery Club



Join anytime,
open to Youth ages 8-18
Annual club fee - \$10

Meets Sundays from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

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Follow Facebook page for updates!
Montgomery County Straightshooters

Sign up at
go.illinois.edu/montgomeryarchery

Contact the Extension office
217-532-3941 or ehugh2@illinois.edu

Montgomery County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Saturday, March 26
6pm

Montgomery County Extension Office

Divisions include:

- Formal Speech
- Illustrated Speech
- Original Works
- Oral Interpretation



Register online:

extension.illinois.edu/4-h-montgomery-county

Must be a current 4-H member to participate.



4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING A LIVE ANIMAL AT THE 2022 4-H SHOWS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AREAS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS TRAINING EVERY YEAR:
-BEEF-DAIRY-GOAT-SHEEP-SWINE-



DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATION:
May 1, 2022

MEMBERS CAN ATTEND ANY SESSION. ALL SESSIONS WILL COVER THE SAME TOPICS AND MATERIAL.

Christian County Extension Office

Saturday, April 9, 9:00-10:30 AM

1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL

Macoupin County Extension Office

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00 PM

#60 Carlinville Plaza
Carlinville, IL 62626

Jersey County Extension Office

Friday, March 4, 3:00-4:30 PM
Friday, March 18, 9:00 - 10:30 AM
Friday, March 18, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

201 W. Exchange St. - Suite A
Jerseyville, IL

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 19, 9:00-10:30 AM

#1 Industrial Park Drive
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Register online at:
<https://yqca.learnrow.io>

Cost - \$3

Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth Development Educator

Training also available online. Contact the Extension office for a coupon code.



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BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

Grow your leadership potential - Learn something new - Teach others - Give back

Back by Popular Demand!

19th Annual 4-H DAY WITH THE Cardinals



4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the San Francisco Giants!

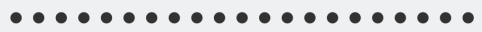


May 14
1:15PM
\$25/ticket
**All sales final*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1 @ 11:59PM

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

CORE TRAINING (choose one to attend)



Saturday, March 12
Macoupin County Extension Office
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

This training is required in order to attend future curriculum training. You only have to attend this training once in your 4-H career.

- CORE Training Includes:**
- Ages & Stages of Youth Development
 - Experiential Learning Model
 - Teaching Techniques
 - Teambuilding (using Real Colors)
 - Communication Skills



OPEN TO AGES 14+

FREE OF COST Lunch Provided

REGISTER

go.illinois.edu/cjmmteenteachertraining

QUESTIONS?

Email marten1@illinois.edu



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Montgomery County Extension at 217-532-3941. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your needs.

Register here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

**Please note - groups that wish to sit together MUST submit one order.*

TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS WILL BE MAILED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL!

Ticket/t-shirt questions? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu
Parade/raffle questions? Contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu

UNIT-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE



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MAKE A KITTY KICK STICK

DONATE TO A LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER

KITS WILL INCLUDE DIRECTION, MATERIAL, AND FILLER FOR 3 KICK STICKS.
YOU MAY CHOOSE TO ADD CAT NIP OR BELLS

Register now and pick up your kit after **April 1**
go.illinois.edu/cjmm4hservice

4-H INTERNATIONAL

Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.



Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade.

The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM and also Tuesdays at 9AM or 4PM.

*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18. Register at go.illinois.edu/globalclub

Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

Host an international youth this summer

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. 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 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age gender and interests. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.



For more information or to apply, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange)

OR

Contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Photos due
11:59 p.m. on
March 31, 2022

"Hit Me with Your Best Shot"
4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/BestShotPhotoContest>
Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>
Questions? Email fourhphoto@umn.edu

 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022.

Find more information here: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules [here](#).

STATE CONTEST

We are currently looking for Judges and Volunteers for the State Public Speaking Contest on April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign.

Registration for Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Volunteers & Judges: go.illinois.edu/4hpublicspeakingvolunteer

Types of Volunteers needed:

- **Judge (Types of Speeches – Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation)**
- **Assistant to the Judge** – assist the judge with scoresheets, time keeping, etc.
- **Door Monitor** - Assist with opening/closing speaking room doors at appropriate times and keep track of room schedule.
- **Registration Table** - Assist with check-in of participants. Escort participants to the room where they will speak.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING
CONTEST

If you have questions please contact us:

Cindy Ogwal, College & Career Readiness Specialist, State Public Speaking Contest Director: cowusu@illinois.edu
Carla Blue, State 4-H Events, blue1@illinois.edu, 217-244-6916.

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NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Deadline to apply: March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.



The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18.

<http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

-  earn a \$5K scholarship
 -  serve as a national youth spokesperson
- ...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/#JOANNhearts4H.

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/



4-H Family Spirit Award



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4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award: <https://go.illinois.edu/FamilySpirit22>

Please [contact us \(illinois4hfoundation@mx.uillinois.edu\)](mailto:illinois4hfoundation@mx.uillinois.edu) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!

MEMORIAL CAMP



Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

4-H Memorial Camp - Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director

Lead Male/Female Counselors

Lifeguards

Outdoor Education Director

Arts & Crafts Director

Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director

Recreation Director

Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*.



Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS



Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

New Date: March 19, 2022 - Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

Montgomery County is looking for a volunteer to lead the air rifle club. If you are interested please contact Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Registration details coming in January, but save these dates:

- Sat., March 26, 2022** Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)
- Sat., May 7, 2022** 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)
- Sat., July 16, 2022** Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

- April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
- May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
- June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>