



# 4-H FAST FACTS



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

February 2020



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Macoupin &  
Montgomery Counties*

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## Montgomery County Straight Shooters Compete For The First Time As A Team

Late January, the Montgomery County Straight Shooters competed in Sangamon County with another archery club. This was their first match, in what coach Dave hopes is a yearlong series of competitive shooting for his group. The club, which has spent that last year honing their skills, were eager to test their capacity. The club meets regularly throughout the year at the 4-H park during warm months and in the Extension office warehouse during winter. Members and non members are welcome to join the class that will start in February.

**Montgomery County 4-H Archery Practice**

Meets  
February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22  
At the Extension office

Follow Facebook page for updates  
Montgomery County Straightshooters.

Must be enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H to participate. Contact the Extension Office 217-532-3941 or Elisha ehugh2@illinois.edu

Youth ages 8-18 years as of Sept. 1, 2019  
Members pay the \$10 club fee and non members pay the 4-H enrollment fee \$10.

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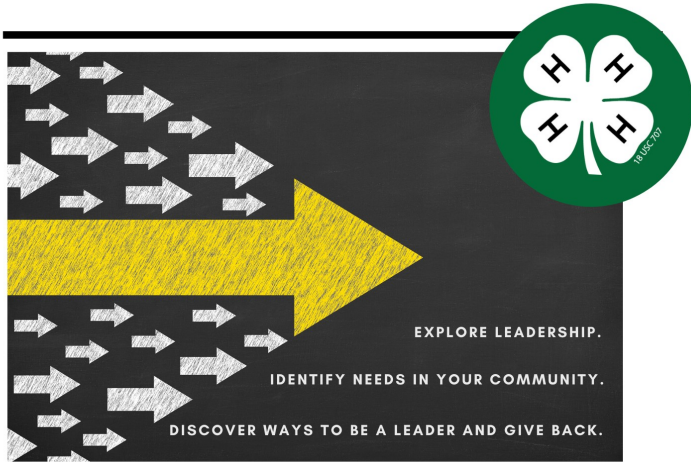
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## creating leaders, cultivating change

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2020

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH, AGES 12 AND OVER

REGISTER ONLINE: [EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/4-H-MONTGOMERY-COUNTY](http://EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/4-H-MONTGOMERY-COUNTY)

**COST:**  
\$10  
Lunch  
Provided

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## YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING ANIMALS ENTERING THE FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEM WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMAL CERTIFICATION (YQCA). THE TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY.

**Jersey County Extension Office**  
Monday, January 20  
9:00 am - 10:00 am  
&  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
201 W. Exchange St. - Suite A  
Jerseyville, IL

**Montgomery County Extension Office**  
Saturday, March 14  
9:30 am - 10:30 am  
#1 Industrial Plaza  
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**Christian County Extension Office**  
Saturday, April 25  
9:30 am - 10:30 am  
1120 N. Webster St.  
Taylorville, IL

**Macoupin County Extension Office**  
Tuesday, February 6  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
#60 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville, IL 62626

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

Cost - \$3



LEARN FROM OTHER  
4-H MEMBERS:

- ABOUT 4-H PROJECTS AVAILABLE
- HOW TO COMPLETE A PROJECT
- WHAT TO BRING TO FAIR
- HOW TO WIN AWARDS AT ACHIEVEMENT

## 4-H PROJECT NIGHT



MARCH  
6  
6-8PM

PIZZA AND DRINKS  
PROVIDED

### REGISTRATION

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Contact Elisha with questions  
[ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)

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### Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification QAEC

Members in remaining animal projects or those that are exhibiting a poster will still complete the Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC) training. This training is completed once within the 4-H member's career for each specie that they are enrolled in. Deadline for completing this training is May 1 in order to exhibit in the 2020 shows.

Wondering if you already completed QAEC? Check our website under "fairs, shows and Awards for a list of who has completed QAEC and in what areas. This list will be updated again by April 15<sup>th</sup>.



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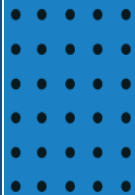


**February 2020**

Montgomery County 4-H is looking for 4-H members wanting to volunteer as owl observers for a project through the Dept of Natural Resources. DNR is researching the preferred style of nest for the barred owl. Young observers are needed, to watch the nest and note which nests the owls are using.



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**When:** observe for 30 mins. each week mid Feb- Mid May

**Who:** Youth Ages 8-18

**Where:** Bremmer Sanctuary, Hillsboro

## OWL OBSERVATION

Email Elisha at [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)

FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

**Cost:**  
Adults \$25  
Youth \$10 members  
\$20 non members

## QUILTING CLASS

EQUIPMENT AND MACHINES PROVIDED

Feb 17, 24, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
6:30-8pm  
Extra days built in just in case you miss.  
Class dates will be extended if needed

Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro  
To Register Go Online :  
[web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)  
Or call (217) 532-3941



## 4-H Sewing Club

**LEVEL 2**



You must have completed our beginner level class prior to this class.

**Meeting Dates:**

Feb 20, 27

Mar 5, 12

6:30 - 8:00 pm Thursdays

**Cost:**

\$25 Adults

\$10 Youth Members

\$20 Youth Non-members

A parent or grandparent must stay with youth.

To Register Go Online:

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Or call 217-532-3941



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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 Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

## Help sew new curtains for camp!

March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello

Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing)

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!



## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor



4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp). Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Andy Davis @ [ArDavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ArDavis1@illinois.edu) or call (217) 762-2741.

## Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp)

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

- Week 1: June 2-6
- Week 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30



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## Shooting Sports volunteers needed

Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:
  - **Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28** at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.
  - **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.
  - **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

## Check out these state contests

### STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

April 18 | 8 AM

David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held on April 4 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield**

Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology).

### STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

April 19 | 8 AM

Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held on April 4 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield**

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl).

### STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking). There are 5 divisions:

- **Original individual formal speech**
- **Original individual presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.
- **Original team presentation:** either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.
- **Extempore speaking:** topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4- to 6-minute speech.
- **NEW IN 2020: Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

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## 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.



## Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide



Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day 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

## Speaking for Illinois 4-H & Legislative Connection

**Legislative Connection** will put your leadership skills to test as you communicate the value and impact of 4-H. We'll help you practice persuasive public speaking techniques and show you how to use data and examples to enhance personal 4-H stories with legislators. Members of the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team and those 4-H members trained through the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program will tell the 4-H story to legislators in two sessions; March 4-5 and May 6-7.

**Speaking for IL Training**—next training will be in Whiteside county on March 21. Registration is on the state 4-H website.



## Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp)

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



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## Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.



## Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29.**
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

Our exhibit day is:

### August 15

Christian, Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford

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## mark your calendar!



February 1	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Jefferson County, Mt. Vernon
February 6	YQCA training for Livestock, Macoupin County
February 6	4-H Leader meeting
February 17	4-H Leadership Program, Hillsboro
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
February 21	YLT Food Packaging 6-7pm
March 4-5	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
March 6	Project Night, Hillsboro
March 10	4-H Expansion & Review
March 14	YQCA training for Livestock, Montgomery County
March 20	YLT Meeting 6pm-7.45
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
April 7	4-H Committee meeting
April 10	Unit YLT training and planning session, Hillsboro
April 14	YLT Career Exploration Trip to Purina (invitation only)
April 17	YLT Food Packaging 6-7pm
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	YQCA training for Livestock, Christian County
June 22	Cat and Dog Shows
June 23	Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy and Beef Shows
June 24	Sheep and Goat Shows
June 26	Swine Show
June 27	General Show
June 29	Food and Clothing Shows
June 30	Visual Arts and Technology Show
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
August 15	<b>STATE FAIR EXHIBIT DAY:</b>