



4-H FAST FACTS



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

January 2020

2 Members Win State Level Achievement Awards



Each year, 4-H Members are recognized at the county level for their accomplishments in leadership, project mastery and community service. Members with higher scores may apply for awards at the state level as well. This year, two local members applied and received the IL State 4-H Awards. Erin and Kendall were both acknowledged at a banquet in October.

Records are due each August, if you would like more information, please talk with your leader or the Extension office.

4-H Project Night March 6

See inside for more details

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*Christian, Jersey,
Macoupin &
Montgomery Counties*

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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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4-H PROJECT NIGHT

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

PIZZA AND DRINKS
PROVIDED

**MARCH
6
6-8PM**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRESENTER?

- SHARE 10 MINS ABOUT YOUR PROJECT
 - APPLIES TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
 - PRACTICE LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- CONTACT ELISHA WITH YOUR PROJECT IDEA

Looking for member willing to share about a project area and help newer members learn to create projects ready for fair.

Let Elisha know if you can help:
ehugh2@illinois.edu

REGISTRATION

<https://bit.ly/2XgN7oo>
Contact Elisha with questions
ehugh2@illinois.edu

Held at the
Extension office

Leadership Training Ages 12 and up



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](https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/4-h-montgomery-county)

COST:
\$10
Lunch
Provided

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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:

web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h

Or call 217-532-3941

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

Or call (217) 532-3941



BECOME A 4-H TEEN TEACHER

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

CORE TRAINING

January 18 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE
9AM-3PM
Lunch Provided

This training is required in order to attend future curriculum trainings.

Get trained to help with Ag Lit & 4-H programs.

REGISTER

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

QUESTIONS?

Email marten1@illinois.edu

OPEN TO AGES 14+

FREE OF COST

FUTURE CURRICULUM Training Subjects

- May Include:
- DIY Code & Build Using Makey Makey
 - Pollinator & Environmental Education
 - Cooking Basics
 - Gardening
 - AG LIT



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

Christian County Extension Office

Saturday, April 25
9:30 am - 10:30 am
1120 N. Webster St.
Taylorville, IL

Montgomery County Extension Office

Saturday, March 14
9:30 am - 10:30 am
#1 Industrial Plaza
Hillsboro, IL 62049

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

Instructor - Sara Marten, 4-H Youth Development Educator

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**4-H
SHOWBOOK
COVER
CONTEST!**

**WINNER RECEIVES
\$20 GIFT FROM
4-H MALL**

Help us design a new showbook cover
for the 2020 4-H Fair

SEND YOUR ENTRIES BY JANUARY 13.

Entry Requirements

1. "Montgomery County 4-H Show Book" and the year "2020" must be shown somewhere in your design.
2. Use any fair or project theme.
3. Must be a 4-H member
4. Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
5. Your entry must be on white paper.
6. No entries with trademarked characters/symbols other than the 4-H clover, accepted.
7. Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.

Montgomery County 4-H

Archery Practice

Meets Sundays 1-3pm
Starting January
At the Extension office



Must be enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H to participate. Join Montgomery County 4-H today and contact the Extension Office 217-532-3941 or Elisha ehugh2@illinois.edu
Youth ages 8-18 years as of Sept. 1, 2019

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Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

January 18 | Dixon

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Register at go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic. There is no cost to attend. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.



Save the Date for *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Spring trainings

February 1 | Mt. Vernon
March 21 | Sterling

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. The first spring training will be **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements: Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.

Apply today: 76 scholarships total \$118,000

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. **Apply Online** @ www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Watch the Deadline.** You must apply **BEFORE** February 1. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, their mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. They proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture and those with family farming backgrounds.

FAMILY FUTURE LEGACY
IAA Foundation Scholarship Program
More than **\$875,000** in scholarships are awarded annually through the Illinois Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus.
Visit www.iaafoundation.org
Application Period: **December 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020**



Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

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It's 'udderly' amazing

February 29 | East Peoria

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.)

The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Registration is prior to the quiz bowl test which begins at 11:30 a.m. The contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5:00 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at hotel OR they can go (with adult supervision) across parking lot to Steak 'n Shake. County Extension staff must register participants before Feb. 14.

Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team.



Nominate someone for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 21.

Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.



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YES! you can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com.

Compete in regional horse contests and earn your trip to state!

April 18 & 19 | Champaign

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!



- **4-H HORSE BOWL:** Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 19** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.
- **4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST:** There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 18**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.
- **4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST:** 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more @ <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 18** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. 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.

Our regional contest is:

- **Central Regional:** April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College.



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. 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 project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

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mark your calendar!



January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
January 18	Teen Teacher Core Training, Hillsboro
January 20	YQCA training for Livestock, Jersey county
February 1	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Jefferson County, Mt. Vernon
February 6	QCA training for Livestock, Macoupin County
February 17	4-H leadership Program, Hillsboro
February 22 – 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
March 6	Project Night, Hillsboro
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 10	4-H Expansion & Review
March 14	QCA training for Livestock, Montgomery County
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
April 7	4-H Committee meeting
April 10	Unit YLT training and planning session, Hillsboro
April 14	YLT Career Exploration Trip
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	QCA training for Livestock, Christian County
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies
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 an Clothing Shows
June 30	Visual Arts and Technology Show
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
August 15	STATE FAIR EXHIBIT DAY: