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MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to all of the 4-H families who collected items such as blankets, socks, games and snacks for senior citizens in Waterloo and Valmeyer. during the months of October and November. Items were delivered by member Mary Brinkmann to the House of Neighborly Service who will distribute them.



Mary Brinkmann with HNS employees, Tina Charron and Linda Wiederhold.



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We are looking to starting a Pen Pal program with local assisted living centers

beginning this winter to help seniors as they deal with loneliness during the COVID crises.

If a 4-H member is interested in participating, please contact Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu.

We will also be collecting donations of stationary, cards, pens and stamps to provide to the seniors.

We hope that many of you will consider this interactive community service project.

Stay tuned for more information!

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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
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2019-2020 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Top Award Applications



Jessica Branson: Animal Science 8-10

Maya Woodard: Animal Science 11-14

Lydia Johanning: Animal Science 15-19

Nora Duncan: Community Involvement/Global Awareness 11-14

Clark Deptula: Engineering/Technology 8-10

Janella Neary: Engineering/Technology, Environment/Natural Resources, Food/Nutrition/Health, Home & Family 11-14,

Erin Miller: Environment/Natural Resources, Personal Development 15-19

Valerie Branson: Personal Development 11-14

Riley McDermott: Plants & Soils 11-14

Top Livestock Record Books

Cody Schmitz: Beef 8-10

Janella Neary: Beef 11-14

Josh Middendorf: Beef 15-19,
Top Beef Overall

Avery Cope: Goat 8-10

Janella Neary: Goat 11-14, Top Goat Overall

Nate Johanning: Goat 15-19, Top Goat Overall

Jack Huebner: Horse 8-10

Jada Casto: Horse 11-14

Shelby Bove: Top Horse Overall

Elizabeth Koch: Poultry 8-10,
Top Poultry Overall

Cohen Brandt: Poultry 11-14

Madilyn Hoock: Poultry 15-19

Lillian Kolweier: Rabbit 8-10

Bridgette Yearian: Rabbit 11-14,
Top Rabbit Overall

Megan Vogt: Rabbit 15-19

Emily Vogt: Sheep 8-10

Cohen Brandt: Sheep 11-14

Lydia Lutman: Sheep 15-19,
Top Sheep Overall

Wyatt Bergmann: Swine 8-10

Lydia Johanning: Swine 15-19,
Top Swine Overall



Top Secretary Book: Deanna Schultheis

Top Treasurer Book: Madison Schneider

Top Club Scrapbook: Golden Eagles

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10 Year Members

Eric Schreder	Clover Friends
Evan Johanning	Bushy Prairie
Jeff Kern	Maeystown Clovers
Adam Doyle	Maeystown Clovers
Alexis Mueller	Maeystown Clovers
Devin Scheibe	Lucky 4-H
Ethan Krebel	Maeystown Clovers
Peter Vogt	Golden Eagles
Logan Henerfauth	Backyard Bandits

11 Year Members/
New Alumni

Ashley Hartman	Crusading Eagles
Cassie Allscheid	Crusading Eagles
Courtney Mosbacher	Maeystown Clovers
Krista Allscheid	Crusading Eagles
Lydia Johanning	Golden Eagles



**National I DARE YOU
Leadership Award
Recipient:
Megan Vogt**



**Thank
You**

**40 Year Leader:
Debbie Eckart
Lucky 4-H Club**

2019-2020 4-H ACHIEVEMENT VIDEO

*All achievements and awards can be viewed on our You Tube channel!

Check it out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0ZLzLz0q3U&feature=youtu.be>

Congratulations

4-H SHIRT SALES

The Monroe County Hoofbeats Competition Team invites 4-H members to purchase some 4-H gear to help raise funds for their upcoming competition season. One design can be put on a heather grey short sleeve t-shirt (\$15), long sleeve t-shirt (\$18), crew neck sweatshirt (\$20) or hoodie (\$25).



Click here to order: <https://aim-designs.square.site/waterloo-4-h>

Local pick up or shipping (extra charge) is available.

*To order for Christmas gifts, please place order by December 11. Orders can still be placed after that date however.

AIM will send email or call when your order is ready.

**All proceeds will directly support these 4-Her's as they compete in horse bowl, hippology, speech and horse judging.*

VIRTUAL WELCOME TO 4-H WORKSHOP

January 7, 6:30pm via ZOOM

Open to NEW (and returning) 4-H members and parents who want to know more about...

- ◆ Enrollment and Program Fee/Concession Stand
- ◆ Projects and Shows
- ◆ Where to find things on the Extension website
- ◆ Who to ask for help & **MORE!**

A Zoom invite will be sent to all new members. If you are not a new member and still would like to attend, please email Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu

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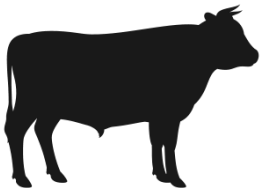
LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

It's time to start working on Record Books!

- The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
- They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand. Please remember to be very neat if writing.
- The Instruction Guide is found here: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.
- Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2021** for evaluation.



STEER WEIGH-IN



The steer weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Depending on COVID gathering restrictions at that time, a schedule may be made for families to weigh at different times throughout the morning.

A show will be dependent on restrictions as well.

Steers must be calved on or after January 1, 2020 and owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since - February 1, 2021

Please watch your email for more details as that date draws near.

FRESHLY PAINTED LIVESTOCK AUCTION GATES!

Thank you to the Middendorf family for getting the gates that are used during the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction a nice coat of fresh paint!



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4-H ENROLLMENT: OPEN!



- 4-H Online is **OPEN** for enrollment at il.4honline.com
- Instructions were emailed to your family and will be given to you by your club leader.
- 4-H Online will have a **NEW LOOK** this year. Your email login and password will remain the same as in the past.
- You will no longer order project publications in 4-H Online. After enrolling, you will receive an email with an approval confirmation which will allow you to order on a separate site.



2020-2021 4-H PROJECT GUIDE

There are so many projects to choose from in 4-H! Take a look at this year's Project Guide for options from Beef to Visual Arts!

You must enroll in at least one project area per year. Don't forget that whatever you enroll in must be exhibited at 4-H Shows next summer!

4-H UNIVERSITY APP AVAILABLE!



4-H University
University of Illinois

Free

4-H University is an virtual learning environment that houses curriculum and activities for multiple project areas for 4-H members. **Current project areas include Cooking, Drones/UAV's, and others will be added in this digital format.** Join Illinois 4-H in ushering in a new era of youth centered, content delivery!

Now available for free in the App Store for iPhones or iPads.

4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must attend at least 4 meetings during the year, either in person or virtually.
- You must give a talk or demonstration, either in person or virtually.
- You must be enrolled in 4-H online by **January 1, 2021.**

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2019 PREMIUM CHECKS IN YOUR MAILBOX!

By now you should have received your 4-H premium checks if you exhibited a 4-H project at a show in 2019. Please be sure to cash them as soon as possible!



ATTENTION 4-H ALUMNI!

For the next several months we will be highlighting local 4-H Alum and their successes on our 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages to show our current members the positive effect that 4-H can have long-term.

Please consider answering a short questionnaire to help with this effort!
Email Kelly Brandt at kmbrandt@illinois.edu to receive your questionnaire.



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!

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

REGISTER: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

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4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL STEM CURRICULUM TRAINING!

We would like to invite volunteers and teen teachers to the **Illinois 4-H STEM Curriculum Training!** This remote-access training is your opportunity to receive hands-on experience in using **Quads Away (Drones)**, **DIY Make and Build (Maker)** and our new **eSports Pilot Curriculum**. Many things have been updated or added to these materials since their introduction to better align with your programming needs in a virtual space. Updated versions of each will be sent out to all participants (and posted immediately following the training). This training is not meant to produce content experts, but rather process experts with the skills needed to incorporate these materials into your programming.

This training will be broken into 3 separate, 2 hour trainings focused on each curriculum topic. Attendees can feel free to attend one or all of them. During the training, participants will be briefly guided through each curriculum and will have the opportunity to do some of the included activities from each. In addition, participants will have the chance to explore SPIN and community club options with the 4-H STEM Team, and other PYD professionals and volunteers. For those that choose to enroll in the Maker training Before December 6th, they will receive a set of materials to complete Activity 1: Popsicle Flashlight from the DIY Make and Build Curriculum.

Who: 4-H Educators, Program Coordinators, Volunteers, Club Leaders, Teen Leaders, the University of Illinois Extension IT department, and invited partner-organization members.

Date and Time: Friday, December 11th, 2020

- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM- Quads Away (Drones)
- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM- DIY Make & Build (Maker)
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM- eSports Pilot Curriculum

Where: Zoom call. A link will be provided with the day's agenda and other details before the training.

Please share this opportunity with your local volunteers, club leaders and teen leaders and note that you can register for this training.

Please note that registration closes on Thursday, December 10th, 2020, but to receive Maker materials, you must be registered by December 6th.

Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to myself or The Illinois 4-H STEM Team at illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu.

If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22105>




Save the Date
 Virtual
Illini Summer Academies
June 27 - July 1, 2021
 ISA will be held virtually.
 Details are coming soon!

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities.

For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

Registration for this opportunity will open on Dec. 1 and close on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January. Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).

Interested youth can sign up at the link below:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

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ILLINOIS 4-H FOOD ADVOCACY TEAM ANNOUNCES FOOD ADVOCACY GRANT

Want to do more about food insecurity where you live? With the support of the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders throughout Illinois will have the opportunity to receive financial support for projects addressing food security, food access, and food justice in their neighborhoods and communities. Applications are due Monday, December 21st for review by the Food Advocacy Team. For more information and ideas for service-learning projects, see the online application: <https://go.illinois.edu/FoodAdvocacyGrant>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

NUTRIEN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN GRANT

In coordination with the National 4-H Council and the Illinois 4-H Foundation, youth leaders will work with an industry leader in addressing topics of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Teams must consist of three youth leaders and one adult mentor.

Applications are due December 31st, 2020. Projects will be supported up to \$1,000.

Link to application: <https://go.illinois.edu/NutrienCAP>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit:

<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Extension Staff on Holiday Break	December 24-Jan. 1
Virtual Welcome to 4-H Workshop	January 7, 6:30pm (Zoom invites will be sent to new members)
Steer Weigh-in	February 20



Enjoy a joyful holiday season with your friends and family.
Thank you for your support and dedication to 4-H during 2020!
 Wishing your family health and happiness in 2021!
Monroe County Extension Staff

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