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## 4-H Hilite

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### To Make the Best BETTER



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### Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Are you feeling lucky? I am! I love the month of March because it gives us another reason to wear our green attire and promote 4-H. As of March 1, you will no longer be able to make changes to the general show project selection online. As a reminder, you had to have your livestock project selected by January 1. Don't forget that you will need to have attended four meetings, give a talk/demonstration, and completed YQCA or QAEC (livestock only) to show in the 4-H show.

There are so many opportunities within this newsletter, and my question to you is, "what are you waiting for?". Whether it is registering for workshops, applying for a scholarship, or starting your 4-H projects, don't wait until tomorrow, get started today!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

### Dog Obedience Orientation



### Dog Show & Obedience Orientation

If you are registered for a 4-H dog project and would like to participate in the 2022 Knox County 4-H Dog Show, then you must attend the Dog Obedience Orientation event on **Thursday, March 31 at 6 pm** at the Knox County Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd., Galesburg. You just need to bring yourself and your parent, no dogs.

### YQCA & QAEC

4-H members enrolled in **dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats** must complete their annual YQCA training by **May 1**. Register at <http://yqca.org/>



QAEC training is required for members enrolled in **cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit**. This training must be completed once in a member's career. Training must be completed by **May 1**. [web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/)

### 4-H Fair Premium Checks

The 2021 4-H fair premium checks have been sent out. Please make sure to cash them as soon as possible. This helps us a great deal with our paperwork.



### Project Manuals

If you need to order a project manual, don't delay! Request any project manuals you may need at [go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals](http://go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals). The sooner you order, the better! We cannot guarantee that we will have what you need on hand right before the show.

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## COOKIE BAKING & FOOD DECORATING WORKSHOP

Join Knox County 4-H Federation on **March 12 at 9:30 am** as we learn how to bake cookies and learn food decorating basics. This workshop is open to members ages 8-18. Those that attend will learn to make a batch of jackpot drop cookies and the basics of decorating. Some of what we make is yours to keep! Registration is free. The workshop will be held at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd in Galesburg. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Nelson at 309-342-5108 or [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/CookieBaking> by **March 4**.

## FEDERATION MEETING

The purpose of the 4-H Federation is to cooperate with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program in unifying and strengthening the 4-H Youth Development program in Knox County. Federation bands together the local 4-H clubs into a central representative body for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, carries out unit-based 4-H activities and events such as camps, contests, fund-raising activities, recreational events and achievement night. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Nicole for more information; 309-342-5108 or email [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). ***Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 20 at 6 PM in the Knox Agri Center Meeting Room.***

## 4-H FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

Any 4-H members interested in creating an original design for the 2022 Knox County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **March 28**. The entry that is selected for the cover will receive a prize and will have their art on display. **To be considered for the contest and to receive the prize, entries must meet the following requirements:** **Title:** Knox County 4-H Fair Book **Paper:** 8.5x11 piece of paper with at least 1/2 inch border on all sides. **Ink:** Black ink or Black Marker (pencil isn't dark enough and the book is printed in black and white) **Originality:** Everything must be freehand. You may not use a computer or copyrighted graphics. **Fair Date:** Leave a 1x3 inch space for the Extension Office to insert the dates and locations of the 4-H Show and Project Show. **4-H Clover:** The 4-H Clover may not be distorted or rotated. Do not place text or pictures over the 4-H Clover. For a list of guidelines regarding the 4-H Clover, please contact your local Extension office. **Deadline Extended: March 28**



## 4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.

### PLANTING DATES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR APRIL 9!

Knox County is coordinating a workday on April 9 to plant these trees together at the Knox County Nursing Home, Knoxville, IL, from 9 am to noon. Come out and help us with this project! It's a great way to earn points for your Experience Application. Learn more here <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>

## ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are ***True Leaders in Service***, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. ***The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!***

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4<sup>th</sup> "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>

**Federation will be hosting our County Service Event cleaning up the Knox County Fairgrounds on April 23 at 10 am**

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## SAVE THE DATE—Public Speaking

Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. The State contest will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign. **Our local contest will be held on Thursday, March 24 at the Knox Agri Center.** You must be enrolled in a Public Speaking project in 4HOnline by March 1 to be able to participate.

## ILLINOIS STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

There are 4 divisions in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique. Beginner: 8-13 years of age. Advanced: 14 years of age and older. Please note that 4-H members are able to attend the State Contest in only one category.

- **Formal Speech** | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes
- **Illustrated Speech** | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes
- **Original Works** | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team
- **Oral Interpretation** | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes

We offer a "4-H Pledge" class to 4-H youth ages 8-10 years old as of 9/1/21.

Food Demonstrations are also held at this time. You must be enrolled in a Foods Project to participate.

## Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest Volunteers Needed

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

## KNOX COUNTY 4-H FAIR

We are currently finishing up the details on our 2022 Knox County 4-H Fair. We want to help you plan ahead in case our 4-H families need to request time off of work or want to invite family and friends to the fair. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

- Dog Show—June 11
- Horse Show—July 10
- General Show, Clothing Show, and Cloverbud Judging—July 16
- Livestock Shows—July 17-19

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS—OUR DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Mark your calendars! Knox County's day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is **Friday, August 12**. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking passes for the State Fair will **NOT** be available to purchase ahead of time in our offices. This is to help mainstream the parking process on the fairgrounds.



## SUMMER HELP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

We are looking for help this summer! Are you or someone you know interested in a summer job where you can gain experience while still being a part of your favorite youth organization? We are looking for one motivated and enthusiastic person to assist us in planning and implementing our summer programs including the 4-H Fair. If interested, please contact Nicole Nelson at [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu) by **March 16**.

## CHANGES IN FAIR PROJECTS

The following changes are coming to the General Show. There will be more details in your 2022 Fair Book. **Animal Science** ~ Animal Science will be broken into two classes based on number of years in project. Animal Science 1 will be for youth enrolled in this project 1-2 years. Animal Science 2 will be for youth enrolled in this project for 3 or more years. **Food & Nutrition** ~ Cooking 101, 201, 301 and 401 will now have additional classes. You will be able to enter in each class under the project level you enrolled in.

## 2022 STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Don't get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young. The 2022 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Fairs and Shows"

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

- **COMPEER FINANCIALS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Must be a resident of Compeer's 144 county territory. **Application Period: January 1 – March 15, 2022** (application must be received by). <https://www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/scholarships/high-school-senior-scholarships>

- **DON TEEL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 1**. Submit completed applications to: Knox County Extension, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Ste 108 Galesburg, IL 61401. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

- **KNOX COUNTY SWCD—MAX AND FRANCES SANFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must be Knox County residents enrolled or planning to enroll in an Agricultural or Environmental related program. Applications are due **April 1** <https://knoxcountyilswcd.wixsite.com/knox/about>

- **GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide 15 \$1500 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, or technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada. Applications are due by midnight (Central Time) on **April 14**. Application can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/220095171367151>

- **KCAHCE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is designed to be awarded to Knox County 4-H Members, relatives of KCAHCE members (past and present), or KCAHCE members who are attending college. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **April 15**. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

- **KNOX COUNTY 4-H AND EXTENSION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation offers scholarships each year to incoming freshman and sophomores attending a university, college, junior college, or technical school. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **May 14**. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

## REGISTERING FOR EVENTS:

4-H has so many opportunities for its members to take part in. Did you know the local extension office will help cover the cost of state conferences and events? It's true! Make sure you follow the correct procedure so you don't miss out on any opportunities. The Extension office will cover half of the fee up to a total of \$300 per year per member. The local 4-H Foundation may choose to cover more of the cost.

- Contact your local program coordinator and let them know about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Once the Extension Office has paid their portion and the Foundation has covered the amount they choose, you will be invoiced for the remaining balance
- Please do not pay until you have been invoiced for the total remaining cost

## LET'S GET SOCIAL!

We'd love to connect with you on social media! If your club has a picture or story you'd like to feature on the State social media pages, send it our way! Tags do not work reliably in Facebook, but feel free to connect on Facebook Messenger with a post to share or email the picture and your club name, county, and a line or two on what's happening in the photo to [carissa7@illinois.edu](mailto:carissa7@illinois.edu). What makes a great picture that's easy to share?

- Good lighting (make sure we can see everyone!)
- Mask/safety protocols are being followed
- Everyone in the picture has a signed release form as part of their onboarding paperwork
- Your picture tells a story! Action shots are great, or pictures where you can easily tell what's going on even if you don't read the caption. So, a tight group shot of kids together isn't as inspiring as a picture of kids around a garden they just built or actively working on planting.

**Follow along on the state pages for news, announcements, and stories!** Instagram: @illinois4h Facebook: @Illinois4H

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## NOTE DATE CHANGE

(program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

### **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](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) for flyer and/or register at: [go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining](http://go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining)

## 2022 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

**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](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



Archery | Pistol



Rifle | Shotgun



The shooting sports program provides a supportive environment in which young people can experience hands-on, fun learning experiences.

It instills a love of outdoor sportsmanship while also teaching safe and responsible handling and use of archery equipment and air rifles.

**This activity is open to kids ages 8-18.**

**An informational meeting will be held March 19 from 2 PM - 4 PM  
at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd.**

For more information or to join contact Julian Inniss  
309-342-5108 | [jinniss@illinois.edu](mailto:jinniss@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 Tournament **May** – Largemouth Bass Tournament **June** – Channel Catfish 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>

## CAMPING & OUTDOOR LIVING

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](#).

**Registration Dates:** Feb. 7, 2022- until full: 4-H Members and non-members

**Camp Dates:** June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

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 [arda-vis1@illinois.edu](mailto:arda-vis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

**FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.**



## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

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: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>

## 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 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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 also Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM.

\*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18 . [go.illinois.edu/globalclub](http://go.illinois.edu/globalclub)

Send questions to [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)



### Host an international youth this summer- Sign up soon as spots are limited

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://facebook.com/illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois S4-H Coordinators:

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

## Youth Mental Health First Aid for 4-H Volunteers

**Saturday, March 12 -- Register at:** <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24525>

*Participants will come away with a nationally recognized certification and a bag of tools/educational supplies to bring back to their clubs! As youth development volunteers, it is very important for us to have the resources and knowledge available to make smart*



*decisions regarding the youth in our care and help keep people safe. Introducing our **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on March 12 @ Will County Extension in Joliet, IL.** Leaders will learn all how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among youth and how to talk with your club members about this important topic! Leaders will also come away with a HUGE tool bag of items to bring back to your club including swag, info cards, and so much more! You will also receive a nationally recognized certification - a great professional development opportunity!*

# Club Reports

Club Report Submissions are due by the 26th of each month by 11:59 PM to Nicole, [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu)  
Please keep your submissions to a maximum of 200 words to ensure space for all club reports.

**Williamsfield Town & Country Report by Jaden Doubet** The Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club held a meeting on Sunday, February 6th at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church. We discussed important upcoming dates and deadlines, our Ethnic night activity for the next meeting, and our community service project. Prior to the club meeting, members who are a part of the FFA Parliamentary Procedure team gave a demonstration. After the meeting, several members presented their talks and demos. Our next meeting will be held March 6th at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

**Federation Report by Emma Seiboldt** On Saturday, February 19th, the Knox County 4-H Federation Board volunteered at the Loving's Bottom Diaper Bank in Galesburg. Previously, there was a contest between 4-H clubs to see how many items they could donate to the diaper bank. The prize will be given out to the winning club within the next month or two. All of the Federation officers enjoyed volunteering here, and it would be a great service event for all clubs to participate in. The 4-H Federation Board will be writing "thank you" cards to our Knox County 4-H volunteers who have supported and served this organization. The Federation Board will honor these volunteers at the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation meal. The Cookie Baking and Food Decorating workshop will be held on March 12. The Knox County 4-H Federation Board will be holding this event and are still looking for participants. All Knox County 4-H members are invited, and the registration for this workshop is still open online



## 4-H FAMILY SPIRIT AWARD

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://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

Please contact us 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!

## NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### 4-H YOUTH IN ACTION

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>

### 2022 SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

**Application opens on January 18, 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. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

## 2022 4-H STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Non-Reasons	
Thalia Jimenez	6th Place
Addisyn Honeyman	29th Place
EmmyLou Harris	30th Place
Julian Henry	31st Place
Rylan Holman	35th Place

Reasons	
Ava Kilburn	2nd Place
Grant Alexander	3rd Place
Ellis Rogers	7th Place

*Congrats!*



## Dates to Remember

March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> General Project Enrollment
March 12	Cookie Baking & Food Decorating Workshop
March 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Compeer Financials High School Senior Scholarship
March 19	Shooting Sports Orientation
March 19	Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions
March 20	Federation Meeting
March 22	Tractor & Lawnmower Safety Driving School
March 24	Knox 4-H Public Speaking Contest
March 28	<b>EXTENDED DEADLINE:</b> Fair Book Cover Contest
March 31	Dog Obedience Orientation
March 31	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Minnesota 4-H Photography Contest
April 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Don Teel Scholarship & KCSWCD Max & Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship
April 2	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest
April 14	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Growmark Foundation Scholarship
April 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> KCAHCE Education Scholarship
April 23	True Leaders in Service Day & Fairgrounds Cleanup & Federation Meeting
April 23 & 24	State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contest
April 30	State 4-H Public Speaking Contest
May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> YQCA yearly certification and QAEC
May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Horse Ownership & Lease Paperwork
May 14	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation Scholarship
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
June 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Dog Ownership & Lease Paperwork
June 6	<b>DEADLINE:</b> FairEntry Registration
June 11	Knox County 4-H Dog Show—Tentative
July 10	Knox County 4-H Horse Show—Tentative
July 16	Knox County 4-H General & Clothing Show—Tentative
July 17-19	Knox County 4-H Livestock Show—Tentative
August 12	Knox County's Day at the State Fair



## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations are a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. **Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM** TOPICS will include: Be Our Guest! And Under FAIR Pressure! Link to register for the May 19, 2022 Volunteer Café Conversation: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=25159>



## Farmer's Forecast

Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). Articles are due no later than the **26th of the month at 11:59 PM**. Need Ideas about what to write? Just ask!

**February:** Cameron Kids **March:** Delong Livestock **April:** Happy Hustlers **May:** Henderson Aggies **June:** Knox County Power Clovers **July:** Rio Livestock **August:** Rising Clovers **September:** Rusty Spurs  
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