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### Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

First and foremost, congratulations to all of our 4-H members who are graduating from High School this year. We are proud of all of your accomplishments.

May is a great time to start deciding what you are bringing to the 4-H fair. You will do this in the FairEntry program. Directions can be found on our Facebook page. To make your fair entries, please go to the website <https://faireentry.com>. You can use the "find your fair" option to search for your fair and will sign in with your 4HOnline information. Here are a few tips that might make it go faster.

- First, review the 4-H showbook and the classes that you plan to enter
- Second, write out the class name. Keep in mind you can only have one General Show project per category. This is based on your level in the 4-H project. Please review your project enrollment in 4HOnline before you move into the FairEntry system.
- Third, go into FairEntry and click on the projects that you plan to take to the fair. You will notice that you will select the word "choose" many times. Once you have completed your selection, you will see all the classes that you entered.

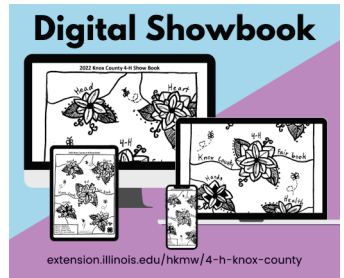
Please contact Nicole with any questions you may have about the 4-H Fair Entry process. We are happy to help but ask that you don't wait until the last minute to register.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

### Mobile Friendly Fair Book

Our Fair Book draft is live! Unsure what you need to bring to the 4-H Fair for each project? Have no fear! Our website is smart device friendly! Just go to our website [extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county](http://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county) and look under "Fairs and Show". A schedule will be added soon. **Congratulations to Layla Strom of Williamsfield Town & Country for winning our Fair Book Cover Contest!**



### Fair Entry Deadline

Members can make their fair entries by visiting [faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16521](http://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16521). Each 4-H member will make their entry as an individual. You should see a list of family members eligible to exhibit.

- Cloverbuds WILL use the FairEntry system this year
- **Families with multiple children**, once you are done selecting projects for the first child you will need to select "register another Exhibitor" to enter your second child's projects and so on. Once the family is completed you can then submit everyone at once. Otherwise you will need to wait until the office approves entries before you can enter your second youth's projects.

We ask that you are very patient and you give yourself plenty of time to complete the entries before **June 7**. The fair entry system will close at 11:59 p.m. on **June 7**. We will not have a scheduled Fair Entry Night. If you need one on one help we encourage you to make special arrangements with the office. We are happy to help but ask that you don't wait until the last minute to register.

## VIRTUAL BASIC VIDEO EDITING WORKSHOP

Youth ages 8-18 are invited to join us virtually for our virtual basic video editing workshop. No prior experience of special software is required although a personal computer or Chromebook is encouraged to fully take part in the workshop experience. The workshop will be held **May 19 from 5-6 p.m.** via Zoom. Questions to Shelby at [srcarls2@illinois.edu](mailto:srcarls2@illinois.edu). **Register By May 13** at [go.illinois.edu/VideoMaking](https://go.illinois.edu/VideoMaking)



## 4-H WELDING WORKSHOP

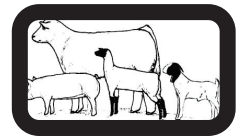
Join us **Saturday, May 28** at Carl Sandburg College for our 4-H Welding Workshop. The workshop runs from 8 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$30.

Dress Requirements: Long sleeve cotton shirt, Denim jeans, and work boots or closed toe shoes. The college will have some supplies available such as helmet and gloves, but if you have your own please bring them with you.

Participants must comply with the college's current COVID-19 protocols. Current guidelines are listed on the registration [go.illinois.edu/Welding](https://go.illinois.edu/Welding)

## WARREN COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Are you interested in livestock judging and evaluation? The **Warren County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for May 28** at the Warren County Fairgrounds. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the contest begins at 9 a.m. For more information or to request a contest flyer contact Shelby at [srcarls2@illinois.edu](mailto:srcarls2@illinois.edu).



## FEDERATION BOARD APPLICATION

Knox County 4-H Federation Board is a long-standing tradition that provides board members with leadership opportunities as they serve the greater Knox County membership. The board plans activities, workshops, service events, and much more. 4-H member must be at least a high school freshman this school term to apply. Application deadline for the Knox County 4-H Federation Board is **May 31**. Online Federation Application – <https://go.illinois.edu/KnoxFederationBoard> Online Leaders Comments – <https://go.illinois.edu/FedAppLeadersComments>

Hard Copy Federation Application & Leaders Comments – can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> at the bottom of the page under “Resources” -> “Knox County 4-H Federation” Interview Date is **June 2**.

## YOU BE THE JUDGE AT ILLINOIS 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Registration is open for the 2022 Livestock Judging Contest to be held **June 20** at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana! The Illinois 4-H Livestock judging program teaches youth to identify breeds of livestock and helps them make decisions which improve their local herds. Register here by June 17: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockJudging22>



## 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](https://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.

## FARM CAMP

The Spurgeon Garden Farm will welcome 32 girls ages 12-14 with a desire to learn how to grow your own food and how that process can directly affect how we learn, grow, develop, decide and create our own lives.

Taking place July 11-17, 2022, campers will be housed at Knox College and bused to Spurgeon Gardens, 126 Arizona, East Galesburg, IL, this week-long, overnight camp will have hands on activities, arts & crafts, field trips and much more. Applications for campers and for those wanting to volunteer at the camp, may be picked up at the University of Illinois Extension Office, 180 S Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, IL. For more information, contact Wendy Ferguson, horticulture program coordinator at [wendyf@illinois.edu](mailto:wendyf@illinois.edu).

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# GET PREPARED FOR FAIR

## ARE YOU FAIR READY?

Your 4-H team is busy working to plan the 2022 4-H Fair. We need you to do your part to make sure you are ready for fair. Remember that all members should have attended 4 meetings to be eligible to show at the 4-H show. You must also have given a talk or demonstration, although some clubs might have additional requirements. Think you are going to struggle to meet these requirements? Reach out to Nicole to form a plan!

## STATE FAIR NOMINATION PROCESS - SHEEP & GOAT

Sheep and Goat Nomination forms have been emailed and mailed to our families for this year. Please look over them carefully as some details have changed. Forms must be completed between **March 15- May 15, 2022**. A clear, close up image of the ear with the scrapie tag must be included. Forms will need to be signed by 4-H Extension Staff by the deadline. Reminder, Ewe lambs (Females) are eligible for the Premiere Carcass Show. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Nelson 309-342-5108 or [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu) Forms can also be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Fairs and Shows"

## 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 you 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.

## 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"

## CHECK OUT THE MASTERS AT THIS YEAR'S STATE FAIR

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7 p.m. **Friday, August 12**. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/21). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

Knox County's Master Showmanship Contest will be held during **Monday, July 18** at 5 p.m. The participant with the highest score will represent Knox County during the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest.

## SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, and Horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants.

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## 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”

## WIU LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

We are honored to announce that was the fifth year for the Bruce A. Engnell Memorial Award. The top Senior and Junior individuals receive a trophy as well as had their names added to the trophy that will remain in the Extension Office. This year it went to Junior – Leah Mills of Clinton County and Senior – Preston Rhode of Livingston-McLean County.

Congratulations to our Knox County participants.

**Juniors Blue Team:** Sadler Spring, Jack Webel, Cal Shreeves, Graham Link

- 8th Overall, 7th Cattle, 10th Sheep, 7th Swine
- Individual Honors—Sadler Spring 5th Swine

**Juniors Purple Team:** Lola Link, Alexis Main, Anna Link, Rowan Main

- 9th Overall, 8th Cattle, 8th Sheep, 9th Swine
- Individual Honors—Lola Link 2nd Swine, Alexis Main Tied 6th Sheep

**Seniors:** Jack Link, Anna Webel, Addysen Link, Dane Hennenfent

- 1st Overall, 2nd Cattle, 4th Sheep, 2nd Swine
- Individual Honors—Jack Link 4th Overall, Tied 2nd Swine; Anna Webel 8th Overall, Tied 6th Cattle, Tied 3rd Sheep; Addysen Link Tied 10th Overall

## REGIONAL HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY RESULTS

**Junior Horse Bowl:** Emily Conlee, Avery Stegall, Rylan Holman, EmmyLou Harris, Julian Henry

- Team 2nd Overall, Emily Conlee 4th Overall, Avery Stegall 7th Overall, Rylan Holman 10th Overall

**Senior Horse Bowl:** Ava Kilburn, Grant Alexander, Ellis Rogers, Blake Meeker

- Team 3rd Overall, Ellis Rogers 7th Overall, Blake Meeker 9th Overall

**Hippology:** Junior- Julian Henry 7th Place, Intermediate-Grant Alexander 1st Place, Avery Stegall 2nd Place, Emily Conlee 3rd Place, Senior-Ellis Rogers 3rd Place

## STATE HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY AND SPEECH CONTEST RESULTS

**Junior Horse Bowl:** Emily Conlee, Avery Stegall, Rylan Holman, EmmyLou Harris, Julian Henry

- Team 2nd Overall, Avery Stegall 2nd Place, Emily Conlee 4th Place, Rylan Holman 7th Place, Julian Henry 10th Place

**Hippology:** Intermediate-Grant Alexander 4th Place, Avery Stegall 9th Place Senior-Ellis Rogers 8th Place

**Speech Contest:** Blake Meeker 1st Place Senior Formal, Blake Meeker 1st Place Interpretive Reading, Julian Henry 2nd Place Interpretive Reading, Grant Alexander 2nd Place Senior Extemporaneous

## 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





## SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date **June 4, 2022** Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman’s Club Hosted by Marshall-Putnam 4-H Shooting Sports Registration opens April 25, 2022– closes May 24, 2022 <https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp>

Our target is fun and we aim for a bullseye!

## 2022 4-H STATE SHOOT – SAVE THESE DATES (BUT KEEP PRACTICING NOW!)

4-H State Archery Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Pekin Archers, Pekin, Illinois

4-H State Shotgun Shoot- Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, Illinois

4-H State Rifle Shoot- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at Central Illinois Precision Shooters (CIPS), Bloomington, Illinois

4-H State Pistol Shoot- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 at CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois

## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS WANTED!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county! 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., 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).

## STATE 4-H FISHING TOURNAMENT READY TO GO!

Easy to enter, easy to win! April 1-30 is crappie time. Learn rules and how to enter here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>

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. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



## CAMPING & OUTDOOR LIVING

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

**Camp Dates:** June 5-9, 2022    June 12-16, 2022    July 5-9, 2022    July 17-21, 2022

Program details and registration materials are available on our website: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp> To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) or Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) (217) 762-2741

## The FTC Compass award winner Mr. Michael Betz

Mr. Michael Betz, 12 year 4-H robotics coach, won the FTC (FIRST, Tech, Challenge) Compass award. The Compass Award recognizes an adult coach or mentor who provides outstanding guidance and support for a *FIRST* Tech Challenge team throughout the year. The winner of the Compass Award is determined from candidates nominated by student team members.

Mr. Betz earned this award at the State competition in Elgin, Illinois. Along with the support of his co-coach and wife, Kendra Betz, assistance coach Jolene Parrish, and the Binary Bullets 4-H team.



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



## ACES FAMILY ACADEMIES

The University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will host ACES Family Academies on **July 14-15, 2022**. ACES Family Academies is a two-day learning experience for alumni to bring youth ages 8-13 to stay on campus, eat in the residence halls, and participate in interactive classes, all while learning about ACES majors, programs, and research. Cost is \$125. **Registration deadline is June 3, 2022**. Full schedule and educational session information is available online. <https://acesalumni.illinois.edu/events/aces-family-academies>

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

## 4-H EQUITY CHALLENGE



Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+. Learn more here:

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity>true-leaders-in-equity-institute/>

## TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on **July 11-14** in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. **Apply by June 6**. Register now at:

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity>true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application/>

## CROP SCOUTING COMPETITION, AUGUST 4, 2022

Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Savoy, IL 61874. Check-in and registration start at 8 a.m. The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 1:30 p.m.

- The competition is open to high school students completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2022. They will work in teams of 2 to 5 students led by an adult coach. Coaches can be FFA advisers, agriculture teachers, seed dealers, co-op employees, and others. No more than three teams per sponsoring organization (e.g. company, school, club).
- This will be an outdoor event.
- Meals: Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided.
- Prizes: \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd.

Questions? Contact program coordinator Chelsea Harbach at [harbach2@illinois.edu](mailto:harbach2@illinois.edu).



# 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.

**Delong Livestock Report** by *Dylan Nimrick* The March meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H Club was held on March 13th at the Orange Township building. Under old business we talked about the recent livestock judging competitions. We also talked about ideas of a fun activity that the whole club could do together as a group. Paige Nimrick and Jack Link discussed federation and encouraged members to attend the meetings. Will Carlson and Cora Buchanan gave talks and Shelby Taylor gave a demo. The club played a game. The next meeting will be held on April 10th at 6pm at the Orange Township building.

**Williamsfield Town & Country Report** by *Jaden Doubet* The Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club held a meeting on Sunday, April 3rd at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church. We discussed important upcoming dates and deadlines, our May Day basket activity for the next meeting and upcoming Federation activities. Prior to the meeting, members participated in a scavenger hunt and mentor groups. Following the meeting, several members presented their talks and demonstrations. Our next meeting will be held on May 1st at the Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

**Federation Report** by *Emma Seiboldt* The Knox County 4-H Federation Board held a Volunteer Appreciation Meal for club leaders and other 4-H volunteers on April 13th. Without our volunteers, Knox County 4-H would not be the same. These people put their time and effort into making this organization the best it can be. The Federation Board wanted to say a special 'thank you' to all those volunteers. We were able to serve all attendees with a spaghetti dinner, along with delicious cupcakes for dessert. There was a great turnout, and we were able to socialize with our local 4-H volunteers.

Throughout the month, the Knox County 4-H Federation Board completed club visits, Rusty Spurs and Union on April 10th. We were able to spread the word about Knox County 4-H Federation, and the activities that we are able to participate in throughout the year. Applications are due on May 31, with interviews to follow on June 2nd. For those who are elected to be Knox County Federation Officers, save the date June 6th for a cookout with the new and old board!

The Fairgrounds Cleanup was held on April 23rd, and the Federation Board was able to cleanup the fairgrounds for our upcoming 4-H Fair!

## 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/3FgUlb0>

## 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>



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIAPER DRIVE WINNERS!

Our diaper drive and service event for Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank was a huge success! Nearly 1,500 individual items donated and so many more packaged! Thank you to all who donated items and put their helping hands to work at a service event. A big congratulations to our winning club, K'ville Clovers!

## 4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

Many thanks to everyone who joined us this morning to help plant trees including members of the K'ville Clovers 4-H Club, Knox County 4-H Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, Community Members, and Knox County Soil and Water staff and volunteers. It was a great morning to be outside working in the soil. 25 oak trees were planted in Knox County as part of the 4-H Green Communities Trees Program, a partnership between Illinois 4-H and the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts. 31 counties across the state are taking part in this program!





## Dates to Remember

May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> YQCA yearly certification and QAEC
May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Horse Ownership & Lease Paperwork
May 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> 4-H Family Spirit Award Application
May 14	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation Scholarship
May 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Sheep & Goat Self Nomination before State Fair
May 19	Virtual Video Editing Workshop
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
May 20-22	Spring Family Camp
May 28	Warren County Livestock Judging Contest
May 31	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Federation Application
June 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Dog Ownership & Lease Paperwork
June 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Entries Due
June 2	Federation Interviews
June 6	<b>DEADLINE:</b> FairEntry Registration
June 11	Knox County 4-H Dog Show
June 20	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion
July 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Junior State Fair Livestock Entries Due
July 10	Knox County 4-H Horse Show
July 11-14	True Leaders in Equity Institute
July 16	Knox County 4-H General & Clothing Show
July 17-19	Knox County 4-H Livestock Show
July 24 – 30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show
August 12	Knox County's Day at the State Fair
August 12-14	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
August 27	Illinois State 4-H Dog Show

## 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!

**May:** Henderson Aggies **June:** Knox County Power Clovers **July:** Rio Livestock  
**August:** Rising Clovers **September:** Rusty Spurs **October:** Union  
**November:** Victoria Cloverleaf **December:** Walnut Grove Progressors



### 4-H AT HOME

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes. Get started here: <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/internet-basics/>

### TSC PAPER CLOVER DRIVE

It's Paper Clover Time! Mark your calendars for April 27-May 8, and head into Tractor Supply Co. to purchase a paper clover and support scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp and leadership events! Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4 H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential. 100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4 H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4 H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4 H nationally.



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