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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving 4-H Family!!! I am so thankful for all the 4-H members, volunteers, and families who make 4-H a fabulous organization. 4-H Online is now open for you to re-enroll. Directions on re-enrolling in the 4-H Online system can be found at the enrollment links below. Still have questions? Reach out to Nicole Nelson at nenelso2@illinois.edu. Re-enrollment is due December 1, 2021, but don't delay. Members who don't re-enroll by December 1st will not be able to show at the 2022 4-H Fair.

As you prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, consider what 4-H projects you could explore during this time. Volunteer to make the dinner rolls and try a new recipe from your cooking manual, help decorate using concepts of interior design, or even practice civic engagement by volunteering at a soup kitchen. The sky is the limit when you are in 4-H!

Again, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson



ENROLLMENT OPEN IN

4-H ONLINE

Enrollment is officially open in 4HOnline! Go to il.4honline.com to enroll for the 2021-2022 4-H year!

Check out all of the cool projects you can learn more about by checking out our **Project Selection Guide** here go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide
Once enrolled, make sure to **order any project manuals** you might need by filling out the form here go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals

Enrollment Instructions here! New Members

go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineEnrollNewMember

Returning Members go.illinois.edu/4HOnlineReEnroll

Mark Your Calendars for 4-H Workshops

OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL

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Officer & Leadership Training

Do you know what the job is of an officer in your 4-H club? Do you know how to write the minutes? The order of business? When can you write a check and when you cannot? Do you feel comfortable being a leader? If you are a club officer or a club member and the answer to any of these is no, you need to attend this workshop. There is no cost to attend. Open to all 4-H members and leaders in Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties. Training will be Monday, November 8 from 5-7 p.m. in the Warren-Henderson Farm

Bureau Auditorium. Register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/ClubLeadership>

Poultry Workshop

Join us as we learn about poultry showmanship and evaluation along with the basics of embryology at our 4-H Poultry Workshop. Western Illinois University student, Luke Jesgarz, will be sharing his knowledge of all things poultry on November 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 4-H Center Auditorium in Macomb. This workshop is open for young people ages 8-18 and is free of charge. You don't even have to be a 4-H member to attend so grab your friends and poultry questions and we will see you there! Register online at go.illinois.edu/Poultry.



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Sewing Workshop

Join us to learn the basics of sewing, "One Stitch at a Time." Beginning sewing skills will be taught in this workshop so you can create your own masterpiece for the 4-H fair! Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/sewing

Gift Wrapping Workshop

Join us for a fun afternoon of learning how to wrap like a pro and even make a bow! The workshop will be held Monday, December 20 from 4-5 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Topics covered include; how to wrap a boxed gift, how to problem solve when it's an odd-shaped gift, when to use a gift bag, how to make a bow, and how to add a special twist to your gift wrap. Your friends and family will be amazed at your wrapping skills this season. Youth will need to bring 1 item to wrap. Wrapping Supplies will be included at the workshop. Register online at go.illinois.edu/GiftWrap



DIY Code & Build

Have you ever wanted to know just what makes your video game controller work? Wished you could design a way to make your drawings speak to you? Explore the technology behind these ideas at the DIY Code and Build Workshop. Using Scratch and Makey Makey technology, members will be able to experience the magic of computer science at the tips of their fingers. Workshop will be held on December 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium. Lunch will be provided. Register online at go.illinois.edu/DIYCodeAndBuild

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP



FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO WANT TO BECOME BETTER, MORE AWARE, & INCLUSIVE LEADERS

NEW SPIN CLUB COMING THIS WINTER IN KNOX COUNTY INTERESTED? LET US KNOW BY FILLING OUT THIS SURVEY!
go.illinois.edu/InclusiveLeadershipClub



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Inclusive Leadership SPIN Club

During this SPIN Club we will have conversations on how each of us can be better more inclusive leaders by acknowledging our own bias, hearing from different perspectives, and understanding how diversity, equity, and inclusion play a role in our communities and the world. We hope that you will join us for this new club! This is a great way to add to the leadership section of your awards applications.

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
- Let your program coordinator reach out to the 4-H Foundation
- 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

Community Food Drive

Galesburg Broadcasting (WKAY-FM/WAAG-FM/WGIL-AM/WLSR-FM) wants you to help with the Community Food Drive! They will be collecting non-perishable food and cash to benefit local food pantries. The first Food Drive is **Saturday, November 13th** from 8am-4pm. Locations include both Hy-Vees in Galesburg and Walmart. Students to be accompanied by an adult. They are looking for groups to do 2-hour shifts at one of the locations. If interested, contact Chris at kfm@1053kfm.com

Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank Diaper Drive

The Knox County 4-H Federation and Unit federations will be collecting diapers to donate to the Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. More information, dates, and deadlines will be coming to our Facebook page and website soon!

I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Unit-Wide Policies

It is important for you to review the **Unit-Wide policies** and to become familiar with them. If a **deadline** lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned into the drop box by Monday before 7:59 a.m.

- **December 1st** - Re-enrollment deadline & College Contract deadline. The step-by-step guide will be emailed to you once 4-H Online opens for re-enrollment.
- **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1, 2021 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 4-H shows at the fair.**
- The \$20 program fee is required. We will invoice your 4-H club; pay your 4-H Club or work with them on your 4-H Club's payment arrangement.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. You must be physically present at the 4-H meeting or logged in and attending via a Zoom option. Excused absences do not count as attending.
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- **January 1** – All Livestock Project enrollment deadline (Cat, Cattle, Chicken, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, and Sheep). This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock** project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Again, you may add this online.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your project enrollment when you re-enrolled in 4-H Online. However, if you need to add a general show project you may do so before this deadline. This is where you tell us what projects you want to learn more about!
- **May 1**—Horse project member's ownership/lease paperwork and pictures due to the office.
- **May 1 – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members (aside from cats, dogs, and horses). If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person. For non-food-producing animals (cats, dogs, and horses), **QAEC** will still be required by **May 1 for those that have not completed it**.
- **June 1**- Dog project member's ownership/lease paperwork and pictures due to the office.
- **4 Weeks Before Fair** -Entries are **due online** by 11:59 p.m in FairEntry. Please keep in mind that staff cannot help you after hours that day. It is suggested that you have the entries completed online before office closing at 4:00 p.m. that day. *Just because you enroll in a project doesn't mean you are automatically entered in the fair. Late entries will not be accepted. **Please make sure you complete your online entries. This is where you tell us what projects you plan to bring.** Watch the newsletter and the 4-H Facebook page for dates where you can stop in and get help with entries. <https://faireentry.com/>*

If at any time you have questions, please contact your local extension office and the 4-H staff will be happy to visit with you. Deadline reminders will be made via the Hilite and Social Media pages. The 4-H staff is excited for the new 4-H year and supports your adventures in the 4-H program.



KNOX COUNTY 4-H AWARDS NIGHT

First-Year Members

Bracken Busy Bees

Mia Lujan
Gregory Mowen

Delong Livestock

Alleah Rickard
Shelby Taylor
Austin Lincoln

Knox County Power Clovers

Aylah Buescher
Claire Price
Cooper Price

Lynea Ulm

RoboStorm

Emily King

Rusty Spurs

Julian Henry
Savannah Hernandez
Addisyn Honeyman

Aliyah Navejas

Aiden Whiting

Shooting Sports

Talia James
Grant Oyler
Taitum Van Winkle

Union

Megan Carpenter
Baylie Mayfield
Sadler Spring
Haley Steele

Walnut Grove Progressors

Harmony Buchanan
Dayshaa Garcia
Adam Robertson

Walnut Grove Progressors Cloverbuds

Vincent Brown

Wataga Trailblazers

Kelsey Stone
Natalyn Toland
Bryce Tucker

Williamsfield Town & Country Cloverbuds

Vincent Alfrey
Baylor Kutkat-Tonkin
Evelyn Onion
Tucker Onion
Corbin Weaver

Graduating Cloverbuds

Vincent Alfrey
Vincent Brown
Jane McCormick
Tucker Onion
Corbin Weaver

I Dare You Award

Ethan Main, Walnut Grove Progressors
Emma Seiboldt, Walnut Grove Progressors

Club Officer Awards

Secretary Award

Abigail Cain, Rio Livestock

Treasurer Award

Sidney Stiers, Williamsfield Town & Country

Reporter Award

Dylan Nimrick, Delong Livestock

Historian Award

Paige Lydic, Rio Livestock

Ten Year 4-H Members

Bracken Busy Bees

Haley Brooks

Cloverleaf

Chase Davis

Delong Livestock

Katelyn Engel

Joe Sandoval

Hague Hustlers

Shelby Bailey

Henderson Aggies

Natalie Nelson

Rio Livestock

Isabella Kuelper

Rusty Spurs

Thalia Jimenez

Kayla Whiting

Walnut Grove Progressors

Gillian Jurgensen

Noah Seiboldt

Nathan Welch

Williamsfield Town & Country

Ethan Emken
Kennedy German

Experience Level Award

Bronze

Haley Brooks
Danica Lambert
Kolt Malone
Patrick McKeown

Silver

Grant Alexander
Sidney Stiers
Trent Stiers

Gold

Dylan Nimrick
Drake Nimrick
Paige Nimrick

Diamond - by county standards

Emma Seiboldt

Excel Level Recognition for Clubs

Wataga Trailblazers

Club Membership Award

Williamsfield Town & Country

Top Club Award

Rio Livestock

National 4-H Week

Displays

1st - Williamsfield Town and Country
2nd - Rio Livestock
3rd - Delong Livestock
People's Choice - Henderson Aggies

Treat Jars

1st - Bracken Busy Bees
2nd - Wataga Trailblazers
3rd - Delong Livestock
People's Choice - Delong Livestock

Illinois 4-H Hall Of Fame

Jeanne Gardner

4-H Alumni Award

Joshua Gibb

4-H Meritorious Service Award

Rhonda Flack

1st Year - Bronze Award

Samuel Holman
William Kelly

2nd Year

Amy Finley
Seth King
Shannon King

3rd Year

Kara Downin
Valerie Hawkins
Koreen Jurgensen
Ashleigh Schneider

4th Year

J.T. Downin
Kimberly Minarik
Jennifer Plue
Matt Wetterow

5th Year - Silver Award

Leah Newell
Jolene Parrish

6th year

Tracey Bailey
Sarah Brown
Melissa Huizenga
Mark Peterson
Jennifer Ulm
Joe Webel

7th Year

Erica Alexander
Lori Engel
Rob Link
Doug McGinnis
Michael Moody

8th Year

Jessica Kuelper

9th Year

Carrie Hawkinson

Kimberly Inniss

10th Year - Gold Award

Janelle West
Jay West

11th Year

Ronda Brooks
Denny Easley

12th Year

Kendra Betz
Michael Betz
Robert Brown
Bill Hennenfent

13th Year

Debra Jackson
Jeff Pemberton
Charles Rodgers
Ken Williams

14th Year

Joy Link

15th Year - Pearl Award

Tabitha Beardsley
Rebecca Hennenfent

18th Year

Grant Strom

21st Year

Rebecca Curry

23rd Year

Christinel Cain
Jarid Cain

29th Year

Jeanne Gardner

38th Year

Diane Holmes

46th Year

Pete Holmes
Randy Newell

COVID Guidance for the 4-H New Year

The 4-H New Year is here and we are so excited to introduce new tools, new projects, and launch into the next great 4-H year!

Project Spark Sheets <https://go.illinois.edu/4hsparksheets> Project Selection Guide <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide>

This year, we'll have a continued focus on keeping our youth, families, and volunteers safe during 4-H experiences. As such, anyone attending a 4-H indoor meeting or event **must wear face coverings** (that cover the nose and mouth) regardless of vaccination status, except for when eating and drinking. At outdoor meetings and events, face coverings will be encouraged, and attendees must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible. In addition, **social distancing of at least 6 feet between attendees from different households** must be followed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing procedures will also be in place. If anyone attending has a medical exception to face coverings, we encourage you to reach out to your local Extension staff for help in providing an accommodation. As always, we will continue to monitor and follow IDPH, CDC, and University guidelines and will keep you updated of any changes.

We continue to be humbled by the care you have taken to keep each other safe. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do and we are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely, Lisa Diaz Illinois 4-H Director



Travel Abroad Update!

Travel abroad update

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Program information can be found [here](#). For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#). For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/> Instagram: @states4hinternational See your online newsletter to access links.

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.

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

Club Reports

Club Report Submissions are due by the 26th of each month by 11:59 PM to Nicole, 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 October meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H Club was held on Sunday, October 10th at the Abingdon Fall Festival Grounds. We held a short meeting, discussing the Window Display and Cookie Jar contests and reading through important dates in the Highlight. After the meeting was adjourned, we enjoyed a potluck and games with the Willing Workers 4-H Club from Warren County. Our next meeting will be held on November 14th at the Orange Township Building in Delong.

Federation Report by Emma Seiboldt The Federation held a fun day and awards ceremony on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at the Knox County Fairgrounds in the Compeer building. The fun day was from 4-6pm, with fun activities. These activities included building rockets and shooting them off, a pumpkin decorating contest, viewing projects, watching the robotics team, and more! There was also a meal served to everyone that was able to join us on that night. The awards ceremony began at 6pm, with many 4-H members being recognized for their excellence, dedication to 4-H, and the years they have been involved. There was an alumni, hall of fame, and club leader awards also given out. The Federation led the awards ceremony, which went extremely well. Pictures were taken throughout the night, which will be posted on the Knox County 4-H Facebook soon. Thank you everyone for supporting 4-H, and we look forward to a wonderful year leading up to the 4-H fair!

Collegiate 4-H at WIU!

Illinois 4-H doesn't stop at the county level! We want to help prepare you for the future! Join the Collegiate 4-H chapter at Western Illinois University to build your professional development portfolio, build leadership skills and continue to give back to others through community service. If you know any WIU students that would be interested please have them contact Beth Chatterton for meeting details at chattert@illinois.edu. They can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/wiuilcollegiate4h



Native American Heritage Month

Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Stay tuned for ideas on how you and your club can help celebrate this month!

4-H Family Spirit Award

Applications are now open for the 2022 4-H Family Spirit Award! This annual award recognizes an Illinois family who has substantially benefited from and who continues to advocate for the Illinois 4-H program over multiple generations! Applications are being accepted now through May 2022 on the Illinois 4-H Foundation website at: <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/con.../family-spirit-award>



Dates to Remember

November 1	DEADLINE: Illinois 4-H Scholarship Application
November 1	DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due
November 1	DEADLINE: State Livestock Ambassador Team Application
November 8	Officer & Leadership Training
November 13	Poultry Workshop
December 1	DEADLINE: Re-Enrollment & College Contracts
December 11	Sewing Workshop
December 20	Gift Wrapping Workshop
December 21	DIY Code & Build Workshop
January 1	DEADLINE: Livestock Project Enrollment
January 7	DEADLINE Sustaining the Future Award Due
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
May 1	DEADLINE: YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed)

Farmer's Forecast

Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to 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!

December: Backcountry Braves **January:** Bracken Busy Bees **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 **October:** Union **November:** Victoria Cloverleaf
December: Walnut Grove Progressors

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. ***Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 21 in the Knox Agri Center Farm Bureau Board Room.***

#GOALS

The beginning of every 4-H year is the best time to set your goal or goals for your 4-H year. Whether it project goals, community service, or roles in your club. Not sure where to start? Ask your fellow club members, 4-H leader, or the 4-H office. We are all here to help you succeed and make 2022 your best year ever!



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