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## 4-H Hilite

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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 enroll. Nicole emailed out directions on enrolling in the updated 4-H Online system. Still have questions? Reach out at [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu). Even though re-enrollment is due December 1, 2020, don't delay! Members who don't re-enroll by December 1<sup>st</sup> will not be able to show at the 2021 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! Check out the 4-H grateful journal on page 6.

Again, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Shelby R. Carlson

### 4-H Enrollment

Time is flying! **December 1** will be here before we know it. If you are having troubles enrolling please let us know. We have all had to reset a password (or three) or had trouble remembering if we did something correctly in our lifetimes. Please know that you are always welcome to stop by and use our computers to enroll or re-enroll, or simply ask questions. We just ask that you try to call ahead so we can make arrangements to best fit your need and keep you safe. Give Nicole a call at 309-342-5108 You can find instructions in your email on the new 4HOnline.



**ENROLLMENT  
OPEN IN**

**4-H ONLINE**

# Virtual 4-H Meeting Options

Some of you may not be comfortable meeting in person. Some clubs may not be able to offer a virtual option. That's okay! Our office will be offering a virtual meeting option if you are unable to meet with your club virtually or in person. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 24 at 5:30. Email Shelby at [srcarls2@illinois.edu](mailto:srcarls2@illinois.edu) for more information or to get the meeting link.**



## Unit-Wide Policies

- The new year begins September 1. Please make sure you read and understand the policies. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a **deadline** lands on a weekend, the paperwork needs to be turned in the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m. before the office opens.
- **October 11** - RISK forms need to be turned into the office by all new members and those who do not have one on file. Medical forms need to be turned into your leader.
- **December 1** - Re-enrollment, project selection, and RISK forms need to be completed. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2021 4-H shows at the fair.** Check with your club leader about the \$20 program fee. Each club will be invoiced for the total amount due.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. **This year attending meetings virtually as well as in person counts for attendance .**
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets to the Extension Office monthly** after each 4-H meeting. Attendance reports may be emailed, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary Record Book. You may print it out.
- Treasurers need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online Treasurer Record Book.
- **January 1** – Livestock and Companion Animal (dogs and cats) Project Enrollment deadline. 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.
- **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 enrollment in December, but if you need to add a general project you may do so before this deadline.
- **May 1** - Horse project members' ownership/lease papers 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, horses, poultry, and rabbits). For all other animals, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement for all of us at the county level. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person. **For all other animals (cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits), QAEC will still be required.**
- **June 1** – Dog project members' ownership/lease papers due to the office.
- **4 weeks before show** – Online entries will be due at the close of the day. This is where you tell us what projects you are bringing to the fair. Keep in mind—do not delay!

## Officer & Leadership Training

Do you know what your job is as an officer of your 4-H club? Do you know how to write the minutes? The order of business? When you can 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 Knox County. Training will be Friday, **November 6** from 4-6 pm, in the Knox Agri Center Meeting Room. Online registration is open until **November 3**. This training is geared towards younger, less experienced members. A more advanced training will be held this winter for older members.

<https://go.illinois.edu/OfficerLeadershipTraining>



## State Fair Viewing is Now Available

We're pleased to share the results from the 2020 virtual State 4-H General Project Show – not just the placings, but photos of the projects themselves! The 4-H'ers did an amazing job of creating their projects and then adapting to presenting them through online 4-H shows over the summer. This was a new experience for everyone, and we're so proud of them for making the most of it. To view the 2020 State 4-H Show's results, visit <https://fairentury.com/Fair/Results/3857>. Click on the Division drop-down box to select projects from a specific class, or choose a specific county and view only the youths' projects from your favorite county. Please note that the public may view projects through November 2, 2020 -- so share the link with friends and extended family, and do it soon!

## 4-H Can Make a Difference

Our clubs do an amazing job helping others in the community! This is a very busy time for community service and every extra helping hand counts. COVID has presented some unique challenges to our 4-H clubs but everyone is rising to the occasion. Please keep us in the loop of any projects you have planned this season so we can help get the word out. You can do so by contacting Nicole for more information; 309-342-5108 or email [nenelso2@illinois.edu](mailto:nenelso2@illinois.edu).

**Free to Good Home! First come, first serve! Call us at 309-342-5108**



**Entomology Case & Accessories**



**Milking Stanchion**



## 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, November 19, 2020; 7 PM**

TOPICS will include:

1. **Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference**
2. **Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families**

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

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

Future 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations are scheduled in February & May! We are excited with our participation so far and will be recognizing volunteers and 4-H members who participate in 75% of the Volunteer Café Conversations with a token of our appreciation! Be sure to save the dates!

- **Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM**

## 4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Engaged volunteers are central to a thriving 4-H club program which is why we have developed three new virtual volunteer training opportunities for you this fall! Please hold the following dates and watch your email for an email for a registration details so you can participate in the following training opportunities!

### **Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020**

*The 4-H club meeting is typically one of the first experiences for new youth and new families interested in 4-H. This is the place where members get to know one another and share ideas. This means creating engaging and effective club meetings is the first opportunity to capture the interest of the members and the confidence of the parents. Join us to learn key strategies to help you create effective & engaging 4-H experiences in your club!*

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=22664>

## Project Highlight: Small Engines

Do you love figuring out how things work? Does hands-on learning get your motor running? Sure, that wasn't a very good joke but the small engines project might be just the area of exploration for you! When you enroll in the small engines project, you learn about how machines such as lawnmowers and model airplanes work.

Careers related to small engines can range from mechanic to sales person and more. When you learn about small engines, you're really learning so much more than how to make a motor run. You learn to problem solve, think critically, and practice "learning by doing"!

## Find help for your projects

We have dozens of projects you can choose to take, and ways to help you learn! Check out the resources available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>. Some are available from the county Extension office. Others you can order directly from Shop 4-H or other state Extension programs. Give us a call if you have questions.

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). It will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. The training must be completed each year. Details about registering to come soon.

*We will be hosting in person trainings **January 18** and **February 18** in Knox County.*

Horses, dogs, cats, poultry, and rabbits will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

## 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 you are interested in attending the event
- Register for the 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

## THANKFUL JOURNAL

Join us as we celebrate how we are thankful this year keep a Thankful Journal. Complete the journal at <https://go.illinois.edu/ThankfulJournal> and let us know you did it by completing the survey at the end for your chance to win a prize of your choice from the 4-H Mall (\$25 value).

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## 4-H Gratitude Challenge



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
Start a gratitude journal. Each day write down something you are thankful for.	Write a thank you note to your 4-H advisor.	Think of someone you are grateful to know. Tell them.	Complete one random act of kindness today.	Send a text to someone who makes you smile and tell them why.	Handwrite a letter and mail it to a friend.	Create a piece of art that shows what you are thankful for.
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Spend time with someone you care about.	Compliment at least 5 other people today.	Think of someone you are proud of. Tell them!	Thank a veteran for their service. <b>Veteran's Day</b>	Volunteer to do an unpleasant task, like taking out the garbage or doing the dishes.	Write a thank you note to a special teacher.	Bake a treat for your neighbors.
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Gather 10 items from your closet to donate.	Make a social media post highlighting a person you are grateful for.	Write a thank you note to a coach or mentor.	Color a picture and give it to a friend.	Do a family member's chores for them today.	Set time aside to play a game with your family.	Share a photo of something you are grateful for on social media.
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Think of a creative way to Pay It Forward today.	Leave a note of encouragement for a friend.	Call a relative you haven't spoken to recently.	No complaining day! Each time you want to complain, say something you are grateful for instead.	Spend time with family and friends. <b>Thanksgiving</b>	Give a small gift to someone for no reason at all.	Write a letter or note to your parents or grandparents.
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
Donate one canned food item for each day you forgot to write in your gratitude journal	Read over your gratitude journal and spend time reflecting on the challenge.					

**4-H wants you to take our 2020 Gratitude Challenge!** 2020 has not been an easy year, but we still have plenty of reasons to give thanks. Print this calendar and complete each daily task to help show gratitude to your Club, Community, Country, and World.

Use **#4HGrowsHere**, **#Grateful4Her**, and **#4HGratitudeChallenge** to spread an attitude a gratitude to all of your social media friends and followers.


## Mark Your Calendar With 2020-2021 Dates– More to Come!

November 1	DEADLINE: State Scholarships & Sustaining the Future Award
November 3	DEADLINE: Officer & Leadership Training School Registration
November 6	Officer & Leadership Training School
November 7	Junior Leadership Conference
December 1	Re-Enrollment Deadline
January 1	Livestock Project Deadline
March 1	General Project Deadline
May 1	Horse Paperwork Due
May 1	YQCA/QAEC Due
June 1	Dog Paperwork Due



## What is Federation?

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, November 15th at 5:30 pm.*



# COLLEGE 101

**LEARN ABOUT THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF COLLEGE LIFE FROM CURRENT U OF I STUDENTS**

**Tuesday Nights - 7:00 PM**  
**Beginning November 10**

All sessions held LIVE via Zoom.

Each session will include a panel of current University of Illinois students or 4-H alumni who will share personal experiences and helpful hints for helping you navigate college life. Panelists will respond to some pre-determined questions but time will be given for live Q & A during each session as well.

**November 10 - Picking a Major & Career**  
Is college right for me? What should I study? What career path should I choose? What should I be doing now - in high school - to better prepare myself?




**November 17 - Picking a College**  
How do I know if a college or university is right for me? How do I prepare for a college visit? What do you love about your college or university? What made you choose to enroll there?


**November 24 - Applying, Financial Aid & Scholarships**  
What are some tips for completing college applications and financial aid applications? Where do I find scholarships?

**December 1 - College Life**  
What is it like living in a dorm? How do you manage your class schedule and other responsibilities? What is the biggest adjustment to living on your own or with new people?


**December 8 - College Life, Part Two**  
What type of student organizations are you involved in? What other experiences or opportunities can you be involved in on campus (study abroad, internships, student research, etc.)

**December 15 - Start Now**  
What are some things that high school students could start or continue doing to better prepare for college? What is something you wish you were told about preparing for college? What's the biggest surprise about college so far?



**Register online at**  
**[extension.illinois.edu/cjmm](https://extension.illinois.edu/cjmm)**



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## Want to continue your 4-H journey?

**Sign a College Contract with us!** If you are not yet 19 by September 1, 2020, then you are eligible to continue your Knox County 4-H membership with us. Ask Nicole for more information!

### 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 October meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H Club was held at 5:00pm on Sunday, October 11th at the Hopkins Farm. Katelyn Engel reported on recent Federation news. The next Federation meeting will be held Sunday, October 18th. Members were reminded that the Window Display ends October 16th. Officer and Leadership training will be held Friday, November 6th. The deadline to apply for end of the year awards is November 1st. Shooting Sports will be all online this year. If you are showing livestock this year you must complete the YQCA training. A demonstration was given by Katelyn Engel on finishing a seam. Paige Nimrick gave a talk on the history of 4-H. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8th at the Delong Township Building.

**Henderson Aggies Report by Julia Robinson** The Henderson Aggies meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm over a zoom call on October 5th. Pledges were led by Julia Robinson. The secretary's report was given by Esther Gibb, approved by Seth Hawkinson, and seconded by Julia Robinson. The treasurer's report was given by Luke Hawkins, approved by Seth Hawkinson, and seconded by Julia Robinson. During the leaders reports, we talked about window displays to promote 4-H. (Decorating our own windows due to Covid-19) We also discussed officer and leadership training, along with details about enrollment. Under old business our plans were cancelled from our last meeting. For new business we have elections. Harrison Gibb moved to proceed with elections as outlined. It was seconded by Seth Hawkinson. Natalie Nelson (President) opened the floor for nominations for president. The club nominated Andrew Hawkinson. Seth Hawkinson made a motion to close the floor. Harrison Gibb seconded. Seth Hawkinson motioned for a white ballot and Julia Robinson seconded. Natalie Nelson then opened the floor for nomination for Vice President. The club nominated Julia Robinson. Seth Hawkinson made a motion to close the floor. Harrison Gibb seconded. Seth Hawkinson made a motion for white ballot. Esther Gibb seconded. Julia Robinson opened the floor for nominations for the reporter position. The club nominated Libby Phelps. Seth Hawkinson motioned to close the floor. Harrison Gibb seconded. Seth Hawkinson motioned for a white ballot. Harrison Gibb seconded. Seth Hawkinson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Harrison Gibb seconded. The next Henderson Aggies 4-H meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month on November 2nd at 7:00pm.

**Rio Livestock Report by Clara Asplund** The October Rio livestock meeting was held on the 11th at 3:05 pm. The meeting was held via zoom as we have too many members to be able to meet in person. Our current service projects were discussed as well as coming up with new projects this year. We also discussed signing up for your fair projects as well as The Clover being online. Our meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 8th at 3 pm.

**Williamsfield Town & Country Report by Jolene Smith** Due to COVID-19 our kick-off meeting was held virtually so, we did not get to experience our annual cookout to start the year off. We then went on to discuss member success from earlier months. Sidney Stiers won the Blue Ribbon award as well as visually showing her chickens and got state on both of her general show projects. Ethen Emken virtually participated in showing his heifer and got reserve champion, while Hayden Beard won Champion Crossbred with his heifer during the virtual show. Payton Hart got reserve state in archery. Another younger member, Chris Burgin, participated in wood burning as well as jam and placed state in both! We congratulate all who participated and talked briefly about our goals personally for this year. Many members want to compete in more projects and hopefully do better. We elected new officers to lead this year giving everyone a chance at what they wanted to do. We look forward to our next meeting, where there will hopefully be more members presents as well as new members!

### 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!

**December: Happy Hustlers**



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