



McDonough County 4-H Clover

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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 proudly and promote 4-H. You are in luck, the 4-H fair books are printed. As of March 1, you are 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 be able to enter into the 4-H fair.

If you are planning on showing sheep or goats at State Fair, you need to know that nomination procedure changed last year. Call your local extension office and ask your program coordinator about the new "self-nomination" process.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

Fair Interns

Calling all high school 4-H'ers! Do you love 4-H? Are you great with social media and looking to gain some professional experience? We are once again looking for some 4-H Fair Interns to help showcase all that is 4-H during the fair this summer. As a 4-H Fair Intern you will work closely with Extension staff to keep social media updated, take pictures, design graphics, and write stories during the 4-H fair. You provide the talent and passion for 4-H and we provide invaluable experience and training. You can find more information and details on how to apply at

<https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw> or on your county 4-H Facebook page.

Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

- Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.
- Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.
- Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:
 - **AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION.** Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.
 - **ANIMAL SCIENCES.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.
 - **BEEKEEPING.** Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD
 - **CHEMISTRY AROUND US.** Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.
 - **ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING.** Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.
 - **GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION.** Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.
 - **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES.** Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.
 - **JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE.** Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.
 - **MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION.** Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **SUSTAINABLE SUMMER.** Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.
 - **MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY.** School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.
 - **VETERINARY MEDICINE.** Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.
 - **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD.** College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

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 interest 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 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

Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM

St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

1. Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!
2. Click the "Tickets" down arrow.
3. Select "Non 4-H Member Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)
4. Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

Tell Your 4-H Story

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM

Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling
Shawnee Community College in Ullin

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be two trainings on **Saturday, March 21**. The Northern training will be held at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. The Southern training will be held at Shawnee Community College in Ullin.

The training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved and put that story into words. Learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol this spring.

Register @: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H before March 13.

We're going to the Capitol

March 4-5 & May 6-7 | Springfield

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.



Practice Makes Perfect... Or The Best Better

WIU Livestock Judging Contest

April 4 | 9 AM

WIU Livestock Pavilion | Macomb IL

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the contest starting promptly at 9 a.m.

For more information, and to register, check out <https://go.illinois.edu/WIU> Questions? Please contact Beth Chatterton at (309) 837-3939 or via email at chattert@illinois.edu.



Warren County Livestock Judging Contest

May 30 | 9 AM

Warren County Fairgrounds | Roseville IL

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Contest begins at 9 a.m. Questions can be directed to Shelby Carlson at srcarls2@illinois.edu or Lynn Shimmin at 309-224-1469.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry Judging Returns to State Fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

February 29 | 11 AM

Black Hawk College | Galva, IL

Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff

In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. **Learn more online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging.**

Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

ARRIVAL TIMES

- **BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11
- **BEEF:** Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11
- **BEEF:** Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11
- **DAIRY:** must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18
- **GOATS:** Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12
- **GOATS:** Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16
- **GOATS:** Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21
- **SHEEP:** Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13
- **SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15
- **SWINE:** Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12
- **SWINE:** Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13
- **POULTRY:** must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

SHOW TIMES

- **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE:** 7 PM on 8/12
- **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY:** 8:30 AM on 8/22
- **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:** 7:30 PM on 8/14
- **BEEF:** Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12
- **BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13
- **BEEF:** Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time TBA on 8/13
- **BEEF:** Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on 8/14 (other breed times TBA)
- **BEEF:** Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15
- **DAIRY:** Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19
- **DAIRY:** Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19
- **DAIRY:** Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20
- **DAIRY:** Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20
- **DAIRY:** Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21
- **DAIRY:** Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21
- **GOATS:** Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14
- **GOATS:** Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16
- **GOATS:** Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22
- **SHEEP:** Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15
- **SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17
- **SWINE:** Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13
- **SWINE:** Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14
- **SWINE:** Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15
- **POULTRY:** 10 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17
- **RABBITS:** All Others 9 AM on 8/22

RELEASE TIMES

- **BEEF CATTLE:** released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/15
- **DAIRY CATTLE:** released after 4 PM on 8/22
- **MEAT GOATS:** released after the meat goat show on 8/14
- **DAIRY GOATS:** released after the dairy goat show on 8/16
- **PYGMY GOATS:** released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22
- **MARKET SHEEP:** released after the market show on 8/15
- **BREEDING SHEEP:** released after the breeding show on 8/17
- **SWINE:** released after the barrow show on 8/15
- **POULTRY:** released after the poultry show on 8/17
- **MEAT PEN RABBITS:** release after the show on 8/17
- **ALL OTHER RABBITS:** release 8/23

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.

McDonough County Superior Young Producer Award

Locally McDonough County has a SYP Award in the area of Beef – Horses-Sheep-Swine. On **June 26, between 8:00 am-3:30pm** at the McDonough Extension office participants can take the test. However, you will need to contact the office by June 22th if you are interested in participating.

Purpose: To create an educational activity at the McDonough County 4-H Fair which promotes youth development & personal growth through knowledge of the livestock industry & career development. Also, to provide a local contest for those who are interested in pursuing the Superior Young Producer contest at the Illinois State Fair.

How old do you have to be:

There will be 3 age divisions for the McDonough County Superior Young Producer (SYP): *Junior* 8-12 y/o, *Intermediate* 13-14 y/o, and *Senior* 15-18 y/o as of September 1st, 2019.

Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

- The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website yqca.org. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

We will be hosting a 2nd chance in person training on Wednesday, March 11 at the 4-H center from 5:30-7 pm

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

- The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal
- science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.

Look for These Changes at the Illinois State Fair

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM**. (new release time)
- The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.
- **New projects** at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports
- The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.
- **Ewe lambs** are now eligible for the premier show.
- The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.
- The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.
- Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.
- The office will not have extra admission tickets for the state fair this year. Please plan accordingly.

Help Sew New Curtains for Camp!

March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello

Register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!

Let's Go Fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Change Lives, Be a 4-H Camp Counselor

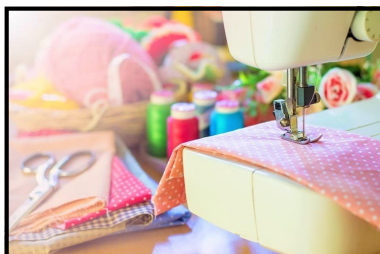
4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp. Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime. For more information, contact Andy Davis @ Ardavis1@illinois.edu or call (217) 762-2741.

Project Highlight: Clothing and Textiles

By Shelby Carlson

Who doesn't love clothes? Discovering your own style and clothes that flatter you can be fun but also a bit tricky. Don't worry! As always, there is a 4-H project for that. In the Clothing and Textiles project you learn how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) are used to create clothing and other textiles. Not sure about sewing your own clothes? The Shopping in Style project teaches you to be a smart shopper!

Interested in a career in clothing and textiles? There are so many options! Use your purchasing skills to serve as a personal stylist or retail buyer. Have you always had a knack for making outfits? Being a merchandiser might be the way to go. If the design and construction of clothing is what is fun for you, you might enjoy a career as a fashion designer or one who sews clothing either from scratch or to fit clothes to a person. It's never too late to learn a new skill in 4-H.



Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

In McDonough County, there are 34 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

Active Good Hoppers

Jean Ann Nelson
Crystal Frackrell

Blandinsville Blue Ribbons

Renee Welsh

Bushnell Busy B's

Dave & Holly Brint

Cheerful Chesters

Louisa Matthews
Kim Hall

4-H Helping Hands

Valerie Butler
Lindsey Stewart
Angie Cozadd

4-H Goal Diggers

Michelle Sargeant
Molly McGrew McKee

Scotland Clever Clovers

Monica Torrance
Holly Riggins
Julie Bartlow

Town & Country Clovers

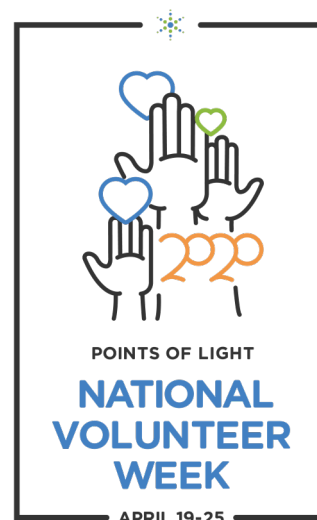
Marilyn Olsen

Shooting Sports Instructors

Donald Brush
George Sewell
Jeff Hudgens
Rich Musser
Win Phippen
Mary Phippen
Mike Nelson
Mike Welch
Anthony James
Tim Todd
Dwight Snyder

4-H Robotics Coaches

Aparna Kapale
Kishor Kapale
Kay Shu-Hui Tsai
George Mangalaraj
Johnsy Rajanchandrasekaran
Regan Chatterton
Chris Enroth



Thank You to Our Volunteers

We love our volunteers in McDonough County and know that we would not have a successful 4-H program without their help. As a small token of our appreciation we will be having a "Thank You for Being You" gift for all our volunteers at the office during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25.

State Robotics Challenge

May 9

McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

- Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.
- Download the challenge at go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.
- Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.

Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed

March 28 | 9 AM – 7 PM

Tombstone Gun Range | Marion, IL

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:
 - **Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28** at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.
 - **Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.
 - **Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

4-H Shooting Sports Informational Meeting

March 3 | 6 PM

4-H Center | Macomb

The McDonough County 4-H shooting sports program consists of Air Rifle, small bore .22, Archery and Shotgun. The youth are in the care of trained 4-H shooting instructors that help facilitate the youth in the discipline of marksmanship and firearm safety. Each discipline is taught by an adult National or State Certified Instructor who has attended an extensive training program. The Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program relies heavily on adult volunteers taking the lead in the shooting disciplines. These leaders are the foundation of the program. Our program is always looking instructors to share their passion of marksmanship and fire arm safety. So if you over the age of 21 and you want to be an instructor with the 4-H shooting sport, please contact me at Jinniss@illinois.edu. Or call 309-342-5108.

New Scholarship Available for McDonough County 4-Hers

McDonough County 4-H members who are currently seniors and plan on attending a university, community college or vocational training after graduation have a new scholarship available to them. The J. Miles & Maribel McGrew Scholarship has been endowed by Miles and Maribel's descendants through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and will be awarded annually. Additional information and application forms are available at the McDonough County Extension office or downloadable via the county website <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county>. Applications are due in the county office by April 1.

McDonough County 4-H College Scholarship

Open to current 4-H members who are in their Senior Year of High School. Application and details available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county> listed under resources. Deadline April 1st.

Learning By Doing With 4-H Workshops

Babysitting Clinic

We are partnering with Spoon River College and McDonough District Hospital for a Babysitting Clinic. Youth will learn the Ages and Stages of Child Development, Basic First Aid Safety, Diapering, How to make Healthy Snacks, and how to grow their babysitting business and communicate with parents.

Dates: Tuesday, March 17 & Thursday, March 19

Time: 5-7 PM

Where: SRC Outreach Center, 2500 East Jackson St, Macomb

Price: \$20

Register online at src.augusoft.net under "youth workshops"

Share-The-Fun

Mark your calendars for a fun event! Get your club skits ready! We are bringing back Share the Fun and Performing Arts Showcase! The event will start at **6 PM on Saturday, April 18 in the Knoxville High School Auditorium** in Knoxville, IL. Get ready to display your skits and talents for the community! This year's theme is "Head, Heart, Hands, Health." Club skits are not to exceed 5 minutes and will compete for first, second, and third place. Judges will look for creativity and use of the theme. Individual talents are not to exceed 3 minutes and will also compete for first, second, and third place. In addition, all entries will compete for the coveted "Crowd Pleaser" award which will be chosen by audience members via monetary donations. Please **register by April 14** to ensure your spot and to be listed in the program. Only one person needs to register their club skit. For any questions or concerns, contact Nicole Nelson at nenelso2@illinois.edu or 309-342-5108. You can register your club skit or individual talent at <https://go.illinois.edu/ShareTheFun2020>.

Welding Workshop

Ages 8 to 18 are invited to attend a Welding Workshop at the Carl Sandburg College Center for Manufacturing Excellence. Workshop dates are **April 10** and **June 6**. Choose one of these dates and learn all about welding. Registration information and more details are available starting March 5 at <https://go.illinois.edu/welding>. Cost is \$15.

Cloverbud Painting Workshop

We are teaming up with the Crafty Coop, LLC in Macomb, IL for a fun morning of creating fun works of art. Youth will be able to paint one of three pre selected ceramic pieces that they will be able to keep forever. This workshop is only open to 4-H Cloverbud members in Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren counties. Space is limited. Details and registration are available at:

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

Date: Saturday, March 14

Time: 10 am to Noon

Cost: \$15

4-H Workshop Day

Join us Friday, April 10th from 9-3 at the Knox Agri Center for a day of 4-H workshops and activities. The 4-H workshop day will be packed full of workshops you can choose from. Morning sessions include "Mastering Improv" and "Pallets, Paints, and Projects". Afternoon sessions include "DIY Code and Build Using Makey Makey" and "Recycled Art Using Newspaper". Think of this day as a "choose your own adventure". Lunch is included! To help offset the cost, a \$5 fee will be charged for this workshop series.

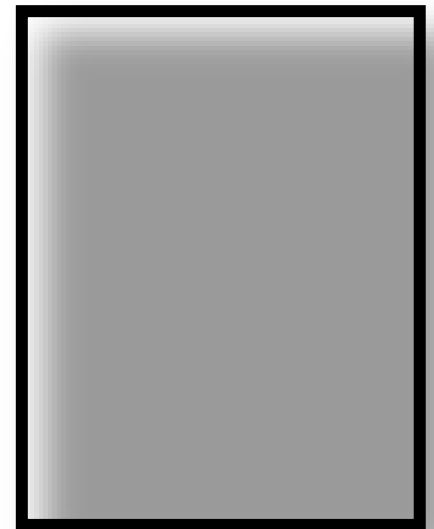
Special note: This workshop day lines up with the 4-H Welding Workshop. We hope you take advantage of one of these opportunities. Not sure you can make the full workshop day? Contact Shelby Carlson at srcarls2@illinois.edu to get signed up for just one session. Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/WorkshopDay> by April 8.

Mark Your Calendar With 2020 Dates

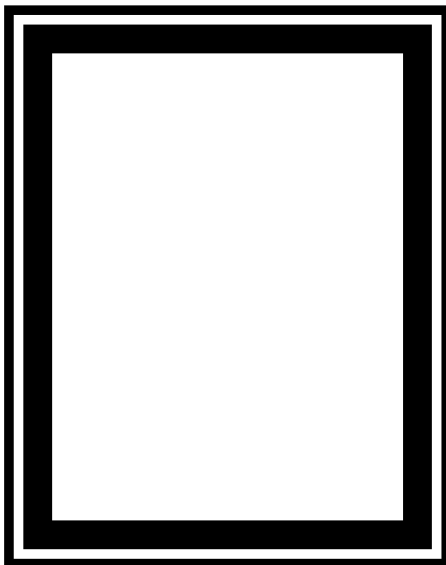
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1 – April 30	JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign
March 4-5	4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 11	YQAC In Person Training at the 4-H Center in Macomb
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
March 21	Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
March 28	Northeast Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
April 4	Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
April 4	Northwest Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Knoxville
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
May 1	Horse Ownership /Lease papers due to office
May 1	YQCA certification due
May 1	McDonough Co 4-H BBQ
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 8	Deadline to Enroll in Fair Entry and Show at the 4-H Fair
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 18 – July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
June 18 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
June 21 – June 27	Illini Summer Academies
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Norway
June 24 – July 24	Outbound to Romania
June 26	Mini Fair day
June 28 – July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
July 4 – 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 – 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 6-10	McDonough County Fair
July 8 – August 6	Outbound to Japan
July 15 – August 13	Outbound to South Korea
July 26 – 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 27-August 2	Sate Fair Junior Horse Show
August 16	Our day at the State Fair



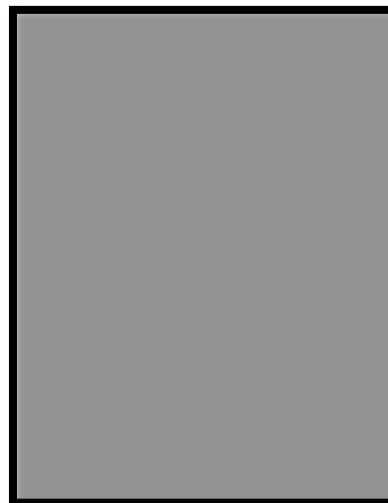
Congratulations to Isabelle English for winning the 2020 Fair Book Cover contest! Her design will be featured on the cover as well as on display during our 4-H BBQ May 1st. We have some big plans for the other submissions.



Lincoln Johnson



Samantha Johnson



Megan Butler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You.....

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in February! We want to celebrate with you! Please stop into the Extension office anytime during this month to pick out a 4-H birthday gift and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."