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Hello 4-H Families and Friends,

The fair will be here before you know it and we could not be more excited. Don't forget that all entries are due in Fair Entry by June 7. I encourage you to enroll early and to call the Extension Office if you have questions. We are happy to help!

Now is the time to get to know a few key parts of your fair book. Take a look at the schedule and plan on coming to a show you aren't participating in to cheer on your friends. This year we are celebrating our Hall of Fame Inductee during the fair! We know you will want to join us in showing your support.

Don't forget to review the 4-H Code of Conduct. Review the 4-H Code of Conduct and remember that you are representing 4-H to the public. I firmly believe that we have the best youth in 4-H, let's show the rest of the world that. Please review the specifications for your projects, some of the rules have changed.

If you have not before, take a few minutes to invite a friend to visit you and check out your projects at the 4-H fair. Even if this friend has never heard of 4-H, they are welcome to come look around. They may just decide they want to join next year!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

Time To Celebrate 4-H Families and Friends!

It is hard to believe that we are about to end the 2021-2022 4-H year. We learned a lot this year and I want to take a moment to celebrate all the victories our members made whether it is giving a talk or demonstration even though they were *really* nervous, or running for a new club office, or learning the art of compromising when planning a club activity. These are all a part of the memories and life skills that we gain in our time with 4-H.

We celebrate our 4-H Volunteers who take the time out of their busy schedules to make sure the clubs are a success. They have been working hard to help navigate us back to "normal." To all of this and the many success stories we haven't heard we say "**Way to go, McDonough County 4-H!**"

Yours in 4-H,

Beth Chatterton

I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING



Juneteenth

4-H celebrates and honors 6.19.1865. Also known as African American Independence Day, Jubilee Day, or Freedom Day, this celebration marks a day in 1865 when enslaved Texans learned they'd be free—two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered and ended the Civil War and two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Stay tuned for an activity you can do to learn more about this day!



Volunteers in action!

We'd love for you to share photos of your volunteers in action for use in social media and the CloverSeed magazine! Please submit any photos through this JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/221324595403047>

Announcing the State 4-H Food Advocate of the Month Opportunity

Food insecurity touches every community in Illinois, and our 4-H members have been rising to the occasion to ensure that access to good food is a reality for all. Our Food Advocate of the Month recognition is the perfect opportunity to give highlight a young leader in your area who is making a positive impact on food security, food access, and food justice issues where they live.

Nominations can be made at the following link: <https://go.illinois.edu/4HFoodAdvocateoftheMonth> Should your nominee be selected, they will receive a plaque recognizing their achievement as well as a feature on our Illinois 4-H social media to help boost the reach of their work. They will also receive free registration for our annual Food Action Summit event and be considered for other state and national leadership development opportunities. Thank you for helping us to recognize the many amazing young people in Illinois who are working hard every day to make food access for all a reality.

Please direct any inquiries to Mark Becker, Illinois 4-H Food Systems Specialist: mbbecker@illinois.edu



4-H Makes A Difference

The 4-H Clubs in McDonough County do an amazing job giving back to our communities. Most recently the 4-H Helping Hands created and donated Birthday Cake Kits to WIRC. We are positive that they will brighten the day of the families who receive them.

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

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 24, 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 22 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 1 2021.

Are you Fair Ready?

Your 4-H team is busy working to plan the 2022 4-H Fair in a way that is safe for all participants and volunteers. 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 Beth to form a plan!

Fair Entry Deadline

Members, can make your fair entries by visiting <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/16522>

Once you are in the fair entry program, you will see a welcome message. Each 4-H member will make their entry as an individual. You should see a list of family members eligible to exhibit. You will make entries one youth at a time.

- Cloverbuds do NOT need to use the 4-H Entry System.
- Families with multiple children, once you are done selecting projects for the first kid you will need to select “register another Exhibitor” to enter your second kid’s projects and so on. Once the family is completed you can then submit everyone at once. Otherwise once you submit you will need to wait until the office approves 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.

Mobile Friendly Fair Book

Maybe you misplaced your copy of the 2022 Fair Book or maybe you are away from home and need to look up a detail. Have no fear! Our website is smart device friendly! Just go to our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county> and look under “Fairs and Show”.

Need Help With 4-H Fair Entries?

We understand. Sometimes it is just easier to meet face to face. Call Beth Chatterton at 309/837-3939 with questions or to schedule some one-on-one time. You can also email questions to chattert@illinois.edu

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.

McDonough County's Master Showmanship Contest will be held during Thursday, July 7 at 5:30 p.m. The participant with the highest score will represent McDonough County during the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest.

Use good animal stewardship practices this summer

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Avoid stressing the animal.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
 - a. Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
 - b. Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
 - c. It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.

MINI FAIR

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 A.M.

Dog Show at the Rabbit Barn

**1:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M.
6), Food Demonstration**

***Clothing & Textiles (Sewing STEAM 1, 2, 3; and Shopping in Style 1-**

*Members will need to sign up for conference judging time slots by calling the Extension Office at 309/837-3939. Contact Beth Chatterton for more information or questions at chattert@illinois.edu

FAIR WEEK

**All times are tentative if they have a preceding show in same area.*

TUESDAY, JULY 5

7:30 a.m.

RABBIT SHOW CHECK-IN-Show Barn

8:00 a.m.

4-H RABBIT SHOW & Jr RABBIT SHOW -Show Barn

9:30 a.m.

POULTRY SHOW CHECK-IN – Poultry Building

10:00 a.m.

4-H POULTRY SHOW & Jr. POULTRY SHOW – Poultry Building

TUESDAY, JULY 5 CONT

9:00- 11:00 a.m.

4-H PROJECT CHECK-IN – Auditorium

Leave your project at judge's table. All projects not checked in by 11:00 a.m. will be considered dropped. Out of respect for judges, bring the tag of the dropped project and give to check-in that day.

11:00 a.m. 4-H CONFERENCE JUDGING

All youth with project(s) will visit with a judge about their 4-H Project. Contact Beth Chatterton for more information at chattert@illinois.edu or 309/837-3939.

6:00-8:00 p.m.

LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN – *Hard copies of original registration papers must be present at time of check-in.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

8:00 a.m.

4-H SWINE SHOW-Show Barn

10:00 a.m.

4-H SHEEP SHOW-Show Barn

NOON

4-H GOAT SHOW- Show Barn

5:30 p.m.

**MCLA AUCTION & EVENING PROGRAM – Show Barn
Bucket Calf & Celebrity Showmanship**

THURSDAY, JULY 7

8:00 a.m.

4-H CATTLE SHOW-Show Barn

1:00 p.m.

Jr. SHEEP SHOW – Show Barn

2:00 p.m.

4-H AWARDS PROGRAM – Auditorium

5:30 p.m.

Jr. GOAT SHOW & MASTER SHOWMANSHIP – Show Barn

FRIDAY, JULY 8

8:00 a.m.

Jr. SWINE SHOW-Show Barn

10:00 a.m.

Jr. BEEF SHOW- Show Barn

SATURDAY, JULY 9

9:00-9:45 a.m.

HORSE SHOW CHECK-IN – Tent near arena. WARM UP.

10:00 a.m.

HORSE SHOW – Horse Arena

- All General Show Projects will be released at the conclusion of 4-H Awards Show.

Check your fair book for more details at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county> under the "Fairs and Shows" tab.



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., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)
Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Air Rifle (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

4-H Fairgrounds, 3022 W Jackson, Macomb, IL

June 9, July –No Shoot, August 1, September 5, October 3

Air Pistol (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

4-H Fairgrounds, 3022 W Jackson, Macomb, IL

June 13, July– No Shoot, August 8, September 12, October 10

.22 Small Bore (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb, IL

June 4, July - No Shoot, August 6, September 3, October 1

.22 Small Bore Pistol (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 11:30-1:00 pm

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb IL

June 4, July– No Shoot, August 6, September 3, October 1

Archery (Ages 8-18)

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm

Crooked Creek Outdoors, 1025 W Grant St, Macomb, IL

June 1, 8, & 15

Shotgun (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am

Argyle State Park Shooting Range, 700 Rd, Colchester, IL

June 18, July-No Shoot, August 20, September 17, October 15

If you have any questions about McDonough County 4-H Shooting, please feel free to contact the shooting sports coordinators:

Julian Inniss ~ jinniss@illinois.edu, 309-342-5108

2022 4-H State Shoots – 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

State 4-H Fishing Tournaments Ready to Go!

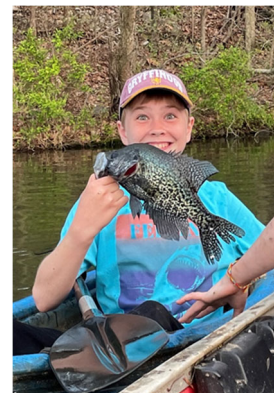
Easy to enter, easy to win! Learn rules and how to enter here:

<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>

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



Host families needed for the States 4-H International Exchange program

Host a youth from Japan or South Korea 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 3 weeks, 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. Families hosting, must have a child between the ages of 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Hosts without children may host an adult chaperone.

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 Co-

ordinators: Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu.



Year-End Reports Due August 31

Year-end reports include the Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, 4-H Club/Group Awards and Member Awards.

- **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement:** All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement** form at the end of each 4-H year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to the Extension office by **August 31**. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is correct. Also on page 2, the Fiscal Review Committee (a group of 2 or 3 youth and adults who do not have signatory rights on the club's bank account(s) must review the financial records of the 4-H club for the past year and sign to indicate that they have found everything in good order. This is a required step from IRS. Your club can not be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year until this is received in the Extension office.
- **Secretary's Book:** Are club meeting minutes up-to-date, and have they been signed/approved by the club President (or whoever was presiding over the meeting when the club approved them)? The Secretary's Record Book is the permanent record of your club's activities and decisions this year, so it is more important than you may think. Your minutes are the official record of your club's financial decisions too—documentation of approval of spending money is required to back up your club's account activities. This needs to be completed **BEFORE** they are due and **BEFORE** club officers leave for college or get busy with school activities.

Federation Meeting

Any 4-H member in 8th grade or older interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Beth for more information; 309/837-3939 or email chattert@illinois.edu.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 6th after the BBQ

June 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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June 4	Summer Sizzle Shoot Chillicothe Sportsman's Club
June 5-9	Memorial Camp
June 7	4-H Fair Entries Due
June 12-16	Memorial Camp
June 20	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion
June 24	4-H Mini Fair
July 1	Junior State Fair livestock Entries Due
July 5-9	McDonough County 4-H Fair
July 5-9	Memorial Camp
July 16	Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona,
July 17-21	Memorial Camp
July 24 – 30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show
August 10	SYPA General Livestock
August 11	State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
August 12-14	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
August 13 – 15	Illinois State Fair
August 20	State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
August 20	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
August 27	State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center
September 17	4-H State Archery Shoot, Pekin Archers Pekin
September 24	4-H State Shotgun Shoot, Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill

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

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in June! 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."