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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 proud and promote 4-H. 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 remember that the nomination procedure changed two year ago. Call your local extension office and ask your program coordinator about the new "self-nomination" process.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

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, March 16th at 5:30 p.m.**

Email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu to for more information or to get the meeting link.



I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021. Different programming options are being developed to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The camp website will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment as decisions are made.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19
- **Length of service:** Two years
- **Apply online:** go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.
- **Deadline:** March 15, 2021



The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



CELEBRATE TEENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WITH \$5K

We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for 100 deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded \$5,000 cash to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply here: https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/



The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! **Registrations opened on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.** Register at: <http://go.illinois.edu/illini4h>

Trailblazer Scholarship

Do you feel like a *Trailblazer*? Like you've paved the way for others around you? Be a part of the virtual Illini Summer Academies experience and get the opportunity to attend a college exploratory camp that you will never forget! The Trailblazer scholarship is open to first generation, low income youth in the state of Illinois. This is a full scholarship!

Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our website <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illini-summer-academies> or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu

Project Manuals

If you need to order a project manual, don't delay! Request any project manuals you may need by contacting the office . 309/837-3939 or by emailing Beth Chatterton at chattert@illinois.edu

Project Highlight: Video

Who doesn't love kicking back with a bowl of popcorn to watch their favorite movie? Have you ever wanted to learn more about how that movie was made? You can learn about this and more in the 4-H video project! The video project exposes youth to filmmaking, digital storytelling, and videography through workshop modules that assist youth with making their own films. Explore filmmaking techniques, learn about video production, create a video or film, and upload a video to share with others.

YQCA

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must complete their annual YQCA training either on-line at yqca.org (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1**. See your email from Beth for details on how to register. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather and COVID status. Details will be confirmed a week before the training.

In-person trainings will be held at:

- **Friday, March 19, 5 p.m. at the 4-H Center, Macomb**
- **Friday, April 2, 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., & 4 p.m. at the 4-H Center in Macomb**

QAEC training is required for members enrolled in cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit. This training must be completed once in a member's career. Training must be completed by **May 1**.

MN 4-H Black and White Photography Challenge

We're so excited to share this opportunity from Minnesota 4-H Photography!

Take part in a photo challenge open to Midwest youth in grades K-13! Explore the world in TONES for the Black & White Photography Challenge. In this challenge, we encourage you to play with shadows, look at texture, layer dark and light tones to create stunning black and white photographs. Submit up to three (3) black & white images by 11:59 p.m. on March 15. Find more information here:

<https://extension.umn.edu/blackwhitephotos>



Scholarships Available for McDonough County 4-Hers

J. Miles & Maribel McGrew Scholarship

McDonough County 4-H members who are currently seniors and plan on attending a university, community college or vocational training after graduation have a scholarship available to them. 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.

Tri County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Application and scholarship details are available at <https://www.tricountycattlemen.com/scholarships>

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 Sunday, March 14th at 1 p.m.

CAREER EXPLORATION AGRICULTURE

JOIN A PANEL OF PROFESSIONALS
TO LEARN ABOUT AGRICULTURE
CAREER PATHWAYS!



Register for one or all sessions at:

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

Submit questions ahead of time at:

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

Contact Shelby Carlson at
srcarls2@illinois.edu with questions.

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CAREER PATHWAYS

MARCH 2

Production Ag

MARCH 9

Ag Sales

MARCH 16

Ag Businesses

MARCH 30

Veterinary Medicine

APRIL 6

Ag Education/Outreach

2 P.M. – 3 P.M VIA ZOOM



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WIU Science Saturdays

If it is Science and STEM that interest you or if you ever wonder how things happen. Please join 4- H Robotic volunteer and WIU Physic department chair in these YouTube video series for youth. We will start this a series of STEM orientated programming. All the Science Saturday episodes are on our YouTube channel under

“Virtual Science Saturday Playlist: <http://bit.ly/WIUPhysicsYoutube>

Mark Your Calendars

Warren County Livestock Judging Contest

May 22

Warren County Fairgrounds | Roseville IL

Details coming soon

Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

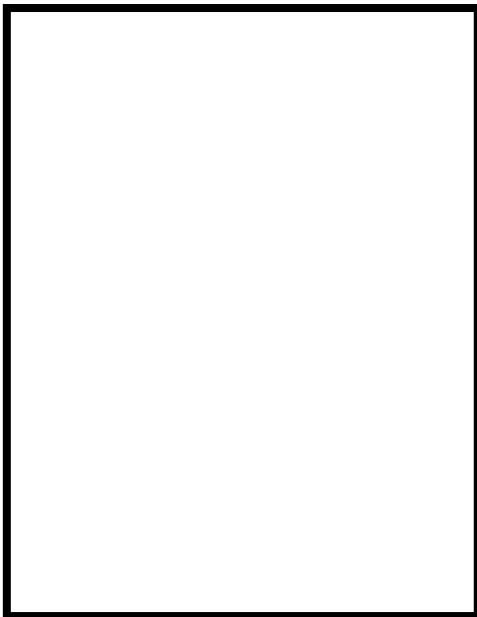
June 4

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

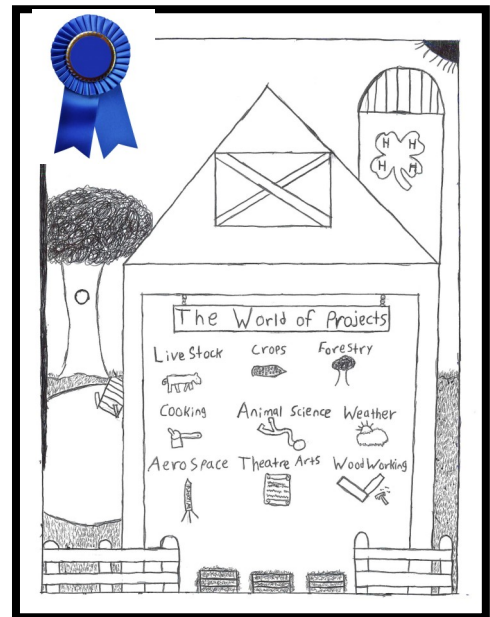
Details coming soon

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tyler Shannon for winning the 2021 Fair Book Cover contest! His design will be featured on the cover of this years Fair Book.



Cover created by Isabelle English



Cover created by Tyler Shannon

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Dates to Remember

March 1	May Food Action Summit Registrations Open
March 4	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Registration
March 5-7	2021 Agri-Science Virtual Summit
March 6	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training (Virtual)
March 6	Dairy Quiz Bowl
March 13	Virtual Regional Hippology Contest
March 13	Virtual Regional Horse Bowl Contest
March 19	Discovering STEM in ACES event registration deadline
March 24	Illini Summer Academies Registration Closes
March 31	Registrations close for the Food Action Summit
April 24 & 25	Youth Livestock Conference
April 25	True Leaders Service Day
May 7	McDonough County 4-H BBQ
May 15th	Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit
May 20	Virtual Volunteer Café Conversations
June 4	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
June 5	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 5	State Public Speaking Contest
June 25	Mini Fair
June 27 – July 1	Illini Summer Academies (Virtual)
July 5-9	McDonough County 4-H Fair
July 11- 23, 2021	Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience
July 24	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Camp Gardner in Hull
July 25 – August 1	ISF Junior Horse Show
July – August	In-Bound Summer 2021
August 15	McDonough County day at the Illinois State Fair



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

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in March! 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.”

