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Hello 4-H Family and 4-H Friends:

Are you feeling lucky? I am! I love the month of March because it gives us another reason to wear our green attire 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 show in the 4-H show.

There are so many opportunities within this newsletter and my question to you is, "what are you waiting for?". Whether it is registering for the workshop, applying for the scholarship, or starting your 4-H projects, don't wait until tomorrow, get started today!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

4-H FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

The 2021 4-H fair premium checks have been sent out. Please make sure to cash them as soon as possible. This helps us a great deal with our paperwork.

MCDONOUGH CO. 4-H BBQ

Tickets for the 2022 McDonough County 4-H BBQ will be available at your next 4-H meeting. We are planning on hosting a drive thru only BBQ again this year.

We are also asking families to donate a dozen cookies for the BBQ. Families can also donate store bought cookie dough in place of making cookies. Cookie details will be in the letter that does along with your tickets. If you have any questions please let Beth Chatterton know at 309/837-3939 or chattert@illinois.edu

I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING



4-H FAMILY SPIRIT AWARD

4-H is a family affair for many! We want to encourage you, as a multi-generational 4-H family, to nominate your family for the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award.

Here is a link to our website that outlines specific requirements for the award:
<https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

Please [contact us](#) with any questions. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 Family Spirit award is May 1, 2022.** We look forward to hearing from you and reading about your family's 4-H story!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13.

In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one (1) image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>



NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

- 🏆 earn a \$5K scholarship
- 📢 serve as a national youth spokesperson
- ...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

The 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award Application opens on January 18.

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will opened on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY



JOANN HEARTS 4-H

Every dollar makes a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK.

February 1 – April 30, visit a local @JOANN store and you can invest in a young person by donating to @4-H. joann.com/4-H/ #JOANNhearts4H

Get your @4-H Rewards Card today! Stop by a local @JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! joann.com/4-H/

CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently looking for Judges and Volunteers for the State Public Speaking Contest on April 30 at Parkland College in Champaign.

Registration for Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Volunteers & Judges:
go.illinois.edu/4hpublicspeakingvolunteer

Types of Volunteers needed:

- **Judge (Types of Speeches – Formal, Illustrated, Original Works, Oral Interpretation)**
- **Assistant to the Judge** – assist the judge with scoresheets, time keeping, etc.
- **Door Monitor** - Assist with opening/closing speaking room doors at appropriate times and keep track of room schedule.
- **Registration Table** - Assist with check-in of participants. Escort participants to the room where they will speak.

If you have questions please contact us:

Cindy Ogwal, College & Career Readiness Specialist, State Public Speaking Contest Director: cowusu@illinois.edu
 Carla Blue, State 4-H Events, blue1@illinois.edu, 217-244-6916.

ILLINOIS STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



4-H INTERNATIONAL

Join the U of I Global Club to have FUN and CHANGE the WORLD

Join the IGlobal team from the University of Illinois College of Education in meeting with students from around the world!

- Work with peers from other countries virtually to solve global challenges
- Learn about global markets, global climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Make friends from around the world
- Build your precollege expertise and Intercultural experience
- Learn from University of Illinois professors and college students.

Guided by the University of Illinois professors and college students, each meeting will consist of group challenges to solve global problems. You do not have to be in 4-H to take part in this FREE opportunity. Enrollment is open to individuals and groups/classrooms in 6-8th grade. The club meets once a week, March- May. There are three time options to choose what works best for any schedule: Saturdays at 8AM, Mondays at 8AM also Tuesday at 9AM or 4PM.

*No language or previous experience required.

Please have the registration submitted by March 18 . go.illinois.edu/globalclub
 Send questions to ehugh2@illinois.edu

I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

Host an international youth this summer- Sign up soon as spots are limited

International students come to IL each summer and stay with a host family for about 4 weeks. Host a Japanese or South Korean youth 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 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. So families hosting, must have a child the between 12-18

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

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 Coordinators:

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

YQCA

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must completed 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:

- **Sunday, March 6, 2:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center, Macomb**

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

2022 STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Don't get left out of the show ring because your animal is too old or too young.

The 2022 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @

<https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-mcdonough-county>

Click on "Fairs and Shows" at the bottom of the page. Then choose "2022 Livestock Ownership Deadline".

MCDONOUGH CO. 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Our local contest will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the 4-H Center at 10 a.m. There are 4 division in this year's contest. Each division offers options that the presenter may choose to make their presentation unique. Beginner: 8-13 years of age. Advanced: 14 years of age and older. Please note that 4-H members are able to attend the State Contest in one category.

- **Formal Speech**
- **Illustrated Speech**
- **Original Works**
- **Oral Interpretation**

We offer a "4-H Pledge" class to 4-H youth ages 8-10 years old as of 9/1/21.

If you have any questions, please let Beth Chatterton know. 309/837-3939 or email chattert@illinois.edu

HERE'S HELP TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

• COMPEER SCHOLARSHIPS

Compeer Financial believes in a strong future for agriculture and rural America. Compeer Financial's High School Senior Scholarship Program awards \$1,500 scholarships to students based on a combination of academic achievement, agricultural and community youth organization involvement and essay. Application and information can be found at:

<https://www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/scholarships/high-school-senior-scholarships>

• 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>

• 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OUR DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Mark your calendars McDonough County's day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is Friday, August 12. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking pass for the State Fair will **NOT** be available to purchase ahead of time in our offices. This is to help mainstream the parking process on the fairgrounds.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY FAIR

We are currently finishing up the details on our 2022 McDonough County Fair Book. The plan is to have them in your hands at your March 4-H Club Meeting. We want to help you plan ahead in case our 4-H families need to request time off of work or want to invite family and friends to the fair. Please mark these dates on your calendar(s):

- Dog Show ~ Friday, June 24
- General Show ~ Tuesday, July 5
- Fair Week ~ July 5-9

CHANGES IN FAIR PROJECTS

The following changes are coming to the General Show. There will be more details in your 2022 Fair Book.

Animal Science ~ Animal science will be broken into two classes based on number of years in project. Animal Science 1 will be for youth enrolled in this project 1-2 years. Animal Science 2 will be for youth enrolled in this project for 3 or more years.

Food & Nutrition ~ Cooking 101, 201, 301 and 401 will now have additional classes. You will be able to enter in each class under the project level you enrolled in.

Legos (NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR) Must be enrolled in Visual Art Glass/Plastic.

- **Legos Original – Ages 8 to 12**—Original Item not from kit up to 20"x20" table space.
- **Legos Non-Original – Ages 8 to 12**—Item made with kit up to 20"x20" table space. Bring instruction manual to judging.
- **Legos Original – Ages 13+** - Original Item not from kit up to 20"x20" table space.
- **Legos Non-Original – Ages 13+** - Item made with kit up to 20"x20" table space. Bring instruction manual to judging.

FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

(program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions

New Date: March 19, 2022 Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members. 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining



2022 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

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., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)
Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)
Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

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. [Link to tournament details published in March!](#)

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: *Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now*, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>

PLANTING DATES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR APRIL 2, APRIL 9, or APRIL 16!

Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.



McDonough County They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately ½ acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

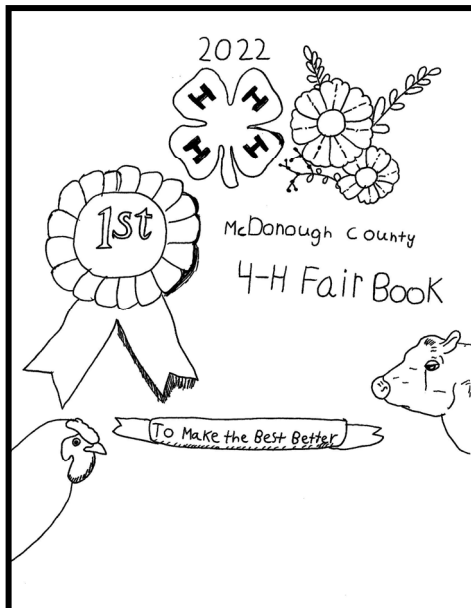
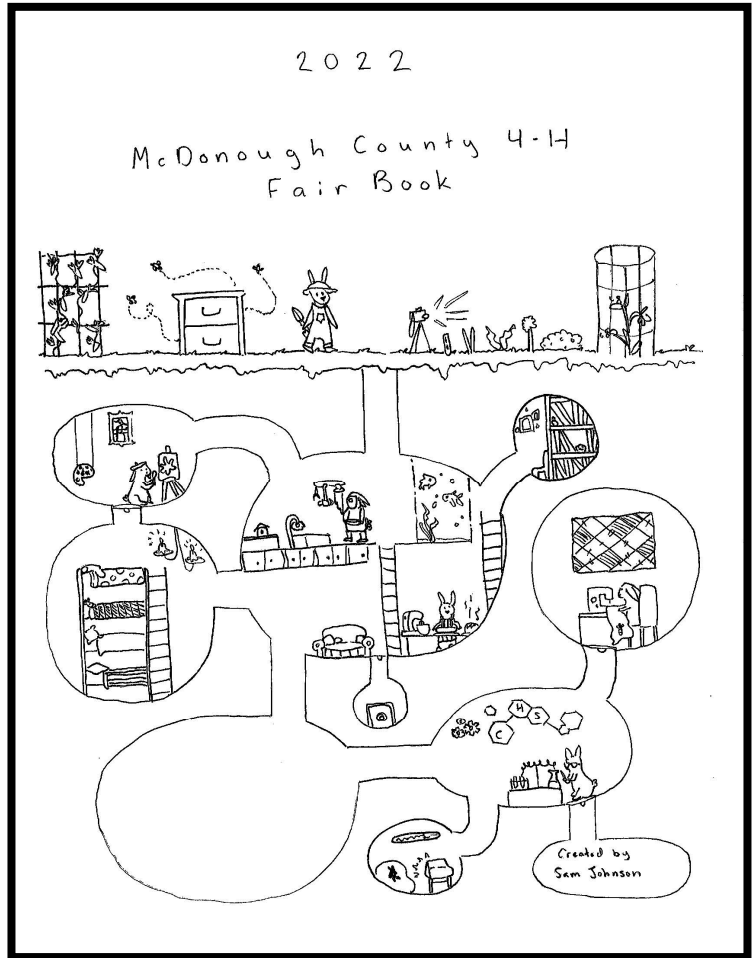
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH NETWORK

Illinois RiverWatch has 15 training sessions set up for March and April each in a different county in Illinois. To learn more, visit their official website at: <http://www.ngrrec.org/Riverwatch/> This is a tremendous opportunity become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long lasting club activity!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST WINNER

Please join us in congratulating Sam Johnson of the Blandinsville Blue Ribbons 4-H club on her winning art work. She will be featured on the 2022 Fair Book Cover.



Our 4-H members are so talented! Check out this design done by Macyn McMillan of the 4-H Helping Hands. It will be featured inside the pages of the 2022 4-H Fair Book.

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 13 at 1 p.m.

March 2022

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March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
March 16-17	Legislative Connection
March 19	Special Workshop - Intro to 4-H Air Rifle Competitions
March 26	Public Speaking Contest, McDonough County
April 1	McDonough County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
April 1	J. Miles and Maribel McGrew Scholarship Application Due
April 16	Robotics Competition
April 23 & 24	State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
April 23	True Leaders day of service day
April 30	State Public Speaking
May 1	Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due
May 1	YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due
May 6	McDonough County BBQ
June 7	4-H Fair Entries due
June 24	4-H Mini Fair
July 1	Junior State Fair Livestock Entries Due
July 5-9	McDonough County 4-H Fair
July 17-21	Memorial Camp
July 24 – 30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

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."