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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

First and foremost, congratulations to all of our 4-H members who are graduating from High School this year. We are proud of all of your accomplishments. May is a great time to start deciding what you are bringing to the 4-H fair. So, I want to spend a couple of minutes explaining a little about the 4-H Fair Entry program. To make your fair entries, please go to the website <https://faireentry.com>. You will use the "find your fair" option to search for your fair and sign in with your 4-H Online information. Once you are in the fair entry program, you will see a welcome message. Please read this carefully. It will detail to steps being taken at all 4-H shows to help mitigate COVID. Each 4-H member will make their entry. Once each member of the family has completed their entries, you can submit your entries. We ask that you are very patient and you give yourself plenty of time to complete the entries before June 15. The fair entry system will close on June 15. Here are a few tips that might make it go faster.

- First, review the 4-H fair book and the classes that you plan to entry.
- Second, write out the class name. Keep in mind you can only have one General Show project per category for this is based on your level in the 4-H project. Please review your project enrollment in 4-H online before you move into the 4-H Fair Entry system.
- Third, enter into the fair entry system and click on the projects that you plan to take to the fair. You will notice that you will select the word "choose" many times. Once you have completed your selection, you will see all the classes that you entered.

Please contact Beth with any questions you may have about the 4-H Fair Entry process. We are happy to help but ask that you don't wait until the last minute to register.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

2020 Fair Premium Checks

The 2020 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.

Recycle McDonough

As stewards of the environment, we are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and future generations. Recycling is crucial to that stewardship, however many may lack a way to do so. Many McDonough County residents and businesses do not have a viable option to recycle. The Macomb Women's Club has partnered with the University of Illinois Extension to address rural and business recycling in McDonough County. Help be a part of the solution.

Please participate in a brief survey at go.illinois.edu/RecycleMcDonough. Hard copies are available at the McDonough County Extension Office located at 3022 West Jackson in Macomb. Your participation can help make recycling a possibility, making McDonough County a better place for us and our grandchildren.

Illinois 4-H is being asked for help with an important research project!

I-Pollinate is a citizen science initiative and will be offering \$100 to each of 54 small "study" gardens established by Illinois 4-H members this spring if they agree to report back on-line their observations of which annual, ornamental flowers pollinators prefer on their gardens. The task at hand though is to spread these gardens out statewide – so only one garden per county will be allowed until all 54 are registered. Leaders can apply for funding by completing a training and registering their garden. These are small garden plots with specific plants – literally only 4' x 6' in size.

A detailed training will open April 26th, and data collection won't start until National Pollinator Week June 21st but I wanted to give you a teaser now! Be thinking of who to invite from your local areas! Along with the \$100 reimbursement for supplies and materials, 4-H members completing the reporting observations will receive an I-Pollinator Certificate; permanent sign for their garden; and an honorary pin! Good stuff for a future entomology project display!

This project is designed by Dr. Alex Harmon-Threatt of the U of I with the support of the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois extension. More information can be found at ipollinate.illinois.edu



New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

Your local 4-H program is looking for volunteers to lead a Bass Fishing SPIN club! If you know someone you think would be a good fit, share their name with Beth or have them contact us at the office. This SPIN club focuses on the new Illinois Bass Fishing Curriculum and is geared toward youth in Jr. High. Volunteers must be secured before a club can be formed.

Know someone who wants to volunteer in a different area? We want to talk to them too! Share their contact information with Beth or have them contact us at the office.



Family Camp

4-H Family Camp | Experience the fun of summer camp right along with your kids! Enjoy your own family cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat right in central Illinois. While at camp your family can swim, boat, shoot archery, climb the rock wall, make arts & crafts, fish, take hayrack rides, participate in S.T.E.M. activities, hike, make s'mores over a campfire, and so much more!

Ready to camp? Sign up for the June 6-8, June 18-20 or July 9-11 sessions at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp21>



I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification Field Day Trainings

Two 4-H leader certification trainings are scheduled for June and July. Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Hunting/Outdoor Skills, and Coordinator disciplines offered. These are one-day only!

- June 5, 2021 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central IL)
- July 24, 2021 at Gardner Camp, Hull, IL (western IL)

Contact Julian Inniss, 4-H SPIN Program Coordinator, for registration information, 309/342-5108 or email jinniss@illinois.edu

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-sports-volunteers>



McDonough County Shooting Sports Schedule

Air Rifle (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

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

May 3, June 7, July –No Shoot, August 2, September 6, October 4

Air Pistol (Ages 8-18)

Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

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

May 10, June 14, July– No Shoot, August 9, September 13, October 11

.22 Small Bore (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb, IL

June 5, July - No Shoot, August 7, September 11, October 2

.22 Small Bore Pistol (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 11:30-1:00 pm

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb IL

June 5, July– No Shoot, August 7, September 11, October 2

Archery (Ages 8-18)

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm

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

May 20 & 27, June 3, 10, 17 & 24

Shotgun (Ages 10-18)

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am

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

May 15, June 19, July-No Shoot, August 21, September 25, October 16

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

Mary Phippen ~ mecp21@yahoo.com, 309-255-1761

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 25, 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 23th 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, 2020.

Are you Fair Ready?

Your 4-H team is busy working to plan the 2021 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. If you are short on meetings, check out the virtual meeting option on page 7. 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/15209>. 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. They will just bring their project the day of the Mini Fair.
- 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 15. The fair entry system will close at 11:59 p.m. on June 15. 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 2021 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”.

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.

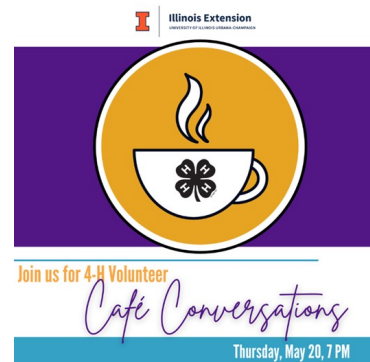
Our next meeting with be on Sunday, June 13th at 1 p.m.

4-H Volunteer Café Conversations

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations** Thursday, May 20 at 7pm. Volunteers meet to 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. Bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

[Head here to register. https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738)

Remember – 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!



Service Opportunities

We want to hear how you are impacting your community! Register your service outreach efforts (or outreach plans!) for the months of **March, April, May and June** that demonstrate support of your communities. Register at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>



4-H International

Travel abroad with 4-H- Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August 2022)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org> or contact us by email:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/illinoisstates4hexchange/> Instagram [@states4hinternatnal](https://www.instagram.com/states4hinternatnal)



4-H National Opportunities

Champion Equity-Related Work in Your Community!

From September 10-12 and on October 9, 2021 the True Leaders in Equity Institute will prepare up to 20 teams to be change agents to create more welcoming and inclusive environments in 4-H.

At the Institute, your team will gain a deeper understanding of equity and inclusion, choose an issue to focus on, develop new skills, create an action plan for when you return home!

Head to <https://4-h.org/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/> by June 30th.



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

Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration will be held on August 17th at the Orr Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds .

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 13. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/20). 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 the Showmanship classes during the Beef, Sheep, and Swine shows. The participant with the highest score at the end of fair week will represent McDonough County during the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest.

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

Mark your calendars, the Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 21 in Peoria. Details are coming soon.

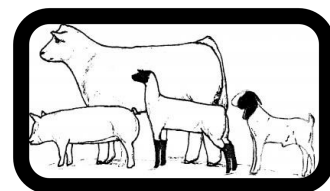
Warren County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The 2021 Warren County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be Saturday, May 22 at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Roseville. Registration will begin at 8 am with the contest starting promptly at 9. There will be a Junior Division for those who are 8-13 (as of January 1) and a Senior Division for those 14-18 years of age (also as of January 1). Team and individual awards will be presented for overall and species winners.

Pre-registration is available for teams of four (top three scores count) by May 20 by calling Jill Cook at (309) 734-5161 or emailing jillcook@illinois.edu. The cost to enter is \$3 per person. Checks should be made out to University of Illinois Extension. If you have further questions, please contact Jill at the number above or call Lynn Shimmin, Warren County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Coach at (309) 224-1469.

WIU Livestock Judging Contest Results

We are honored to announce that was the fourth year for the Bruce A. Engnell Memorial Award. The top Senior and Junior individuals receive a trophy as well as had their names added to the trophy that will remain in the Extension Office. This year it went to Morgan Richardson of Boone County (Senior) and Ava Johnson of Knox (Junior).



Congratulations to our McDonough County participants.

Juniors : Payton McGrew, Macie Bartlow, Nolan Hoge, and Ethan Hoyt.

Seniors: Carter Hoge, Masyn Riggins, Tyler Shannon, Anna Curley

Sheep and Goat Nomination Forms

4-H members who hope to show sheep or goats at the State Fair need to complete the self-nomination process by May 15. A copy of the paper work has been sent to your family email. Friendly reminder that a clear, close up image of the ear with the scrapie tag must be included. Forms will need to be signed up 4-H Extension Staff by the deadline. Starting this year Ewe lambs (Females) are eligible for the Premiere Carcass Show.

Please contact Beth by email chattert@illinois.edu for an extra copy of the paperwork and/or with any questions.

Upcoming 4-H Workshops

String Art Workshop

Join us Saturday, June 5 from 9am-noon to learn how to create string art and leave with a finished masterpiece! This workshop will be presented by BackCountry Strings at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium in Monmouth. The cost of the workshop is \$20, which includes all supplies needed.

Youth under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Register at go.illinois.edu/stringart. Questions may be directed to Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu. We hope to see you there!



4-H Digs Dinosaurs

Fascinated by dinosaurs? Youth in kindergarten thru 3rd grade can join us for a fun afternoon of dinosaurs!

Learn how to identify dinosaurs, where dinosaurs can be found, what they ate, and take home a dinosaur skeleton of your own.

Join us on June 18 at the 4-H Center in Macomb from 3-4 p.m.

Registration is required at <https://go.illinois.edu/dinosaurs>. The cost is \$5 and can be paid when you arrive at the workshop. Participants will be asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing while at the workshop.

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, May 18th at 5:30 p.m.** Email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu to for more information or to get the meeting link.



Congratulations Graduates

8th Grade Graduates

Corda Adkins-Covert
Kena Davis
Samantha Johnson

Masyn Riggins
Mason Royer
Kathryn Stortzum

Bailey Jackson
Drew Creasey

Natalie Perdew
Sloane Edwards

High School Graduates

Brooklyn Welsh
McLain Engnell
Riley Creasey

Peyton Maloney
Isabelle English
Emily Bennett

Olivia Bishop
Hazel Snyder

Dawson Chenoweth
Kalissa Watkins



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

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

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Dates to Remember

- May 7 McDonough County 4-H BBQ
- May 15 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