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4-H Families and Friends:

Happy Thanksgiving 4-H Family!!! I am so thankful for all the 4-H members, volunteers, and families who make 4-H a fabulous organization. 4-H Online is now open for you to re-enroll. Directions on re-enrolling in the 4-H Online system can be found in your green folder. Still have questions? Reach out to Beth Chatterton at chattert@illinois.edu. Even though re-enrollment is due December 1, 2021, don't delay. Members who don't re-enroll by December 1st will not be able to show at the 2022 4-H Fair.

As you prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, consider what 4-H projects you could explore during this time. Volunteer to make the dinner rolls and try a new recipe from your cooking manual, help decorate using concepts of interior design, or even practice civic engagement by volunteering at a soup kitchen. The sky is the limit when you are in 4-H!

Again, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

4-H Can Make a Difference

Our clubs do an amazing job helping others in the community! This is a very busy time for community service and every extra helping hand counts. COVID has presented some unique challenges to our 4-H clubs but everyone is rising to the occasion. Please keep us in the loop of any projects you have planned this season so we can help get the word out. You can do so by emailing Beth Chatterton at chattert@illinois.edu or calling the office at 309/837-3939.

I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Native American Heritage Month

Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth>



Save the Date

Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022. Our local contest will be held at the end of March, date TBA.

Inclusive Leadership SPIN Club

During this SPIN Club we will have conversations on how each of us can be better more inclusive leaders by acknowledging our own bias, hearing from different perspectives, and understanding how diversity, equity, and inclusion play a role in our communities and the world. We hope that you will join us for this new club! This is a great way to add to the leadership section of your awards applications.



Global 4-H Day

Happy Global 4-H Day! Did you know 4-H has organizations in over 50 countries?

Here are a few ways you can get involved on a global level with 4-H:

- Apply to join our International SPIN Club Clube Solo Fértil.

Applications are due by November 22 and you can apply here:

go.illinois.edu/InternationalSPINClub

- Host an international student or travel abroad with the 4-H International Exchange Program. Learn more here:

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/>

- Keep an eye out for global leadership applications -- former Illinois 4-H member Katie Pascavis is currently serving on the Global 4-H Youth Committee!

Unit-Wide Policies

- The new year begins September 1. Please make sure you read and understand the policies. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a deadline lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned in the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m. before the office opens.
- **October 15** - RISK forms need to be turned into the office by all new members and those who do not have one on file. Medical forms need to be turned into your leader.
- **December 1** - Re-enrollment, project selection, and RISK form need to be completed. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2022 4-H shows at the fair.** Check with your club leader about the \$20 program fee. Each club will be invoiced for the total amount due.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. **This year attending meetings virtually as well as in person counts for attendance.**
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets to the Extension Office monthly** after each 4-H meeting. Attendance reports may be emailed, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary Record Book. You may print it out.
- Treasurers need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online Treasurer Record Book.
- **January 1** – Livestock and Companion Animal (dogs and cats) Project Enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock** project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your enrollment in December, but if you need to add a general project you may do so before this deadline.
- **May 1** - Horse project members' ownership/lease papers and pictures due to the office.
- **May 1** – **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members (aside from cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits). For all other animals, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement for all of us at the county level. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person.
- **June 1** – Dog project members' ownership/lease papers due to the office.
- **4 weeks before show** – Online entries will be due at the close of the day. This is where you tell us what projects you are bringing to the fair. Keep in mind—do not delay!

Ordering your 4-H Project Manuals

Don't forget to order your manuals using the link - go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals

Manuals order by November 1st will be available at your December meeting.

4-H Online is Open

The 4-H enrollment system is open! Please go to the link below to complete your family's enrollment for the 2021-2022 4-H year: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

If you need assistance with remembering the email or resetting your password please let the office know.

I PLEDGE...MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

National 4-H Week Recap

Thank you to the local coffee shops for supporting National 4-H Week by placing a 4-H sticker on their cups. Thank you Bold Brew House, Sullivan Taylor Coffee House, The Study, and The Old Dairy.

Thank you to local business for supporting McDonough County 4-H during National 4-H week by giving 4-H Clubs space for their displays.

Thank you Compeer Financial, Copperfield's Book Store, Industry State Bank, Bushnell Prairie City High School, Blandinsville Library.

Thank you to our Cloverbuds for decorating our office.



Collegiate 4-H at WIU!

Illinois 4-H doesn't stop at the county level! We want to help prepare you for the future! Join the Collegiate 4-H chapter at Western Illinois University to build your professional development portfolio, build leadership skills and continue to give back to others through community service.

If you know any WIU students that would be interested please have them contact Beth Chatterton for meeting details at chattert@illinois.edu. They can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/wiuilcollegiate4h



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 about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Let your program coordinator reach out to 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

Project: Child Development

Explore careers in the child development field while you learn best practices for caring and working with children.

In this project, you will grow your understanding of how kids grow while you learn safe ways to care for children, including making appropriate games and toys to engage youth of different ages.

Ready to start exploring? Head to <https://go.illinois.edu/childdevelopment4-H>



What is Federation?

The purpose of the 4-H Federation is to cooperate with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program in unifying and strengthening the 4-H Youth Development program in McDonough County. Federation bands together the local 4-H clubs into a central representative body for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, carries out unit-based 4-H activities and events such as camps, contests, fund-raising activities, recreational events and achievement night. The bounce obstacle course at the fair in 2019 was thanks to them and the BBQ tickets our members sold. Anyone 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, November 14 at 1 p.m.

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

Mark Your Calendars for 4-H Workshops

Officer & Leadership Training

Do you know what the job is of an officer in your 4-H club? Do you know how to write the minutes? The order of business? When can you write a check and when you cannot? Do you feel comfortable being a leader? If you are a club officer or a club member and the answer to any of these is no, you need to attend this workshop. There is no cost to attend. Open to all 4-H members and leaders in Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties. Training will be Monday, November 8 from 5-7 p.m. in the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium.

Register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/ClubLeadership>

Poultry Workshop

Join us as we learn about poultry showmanship and evaluation along with the basics of embryology at our 4-H Poultry Workshop. Western Illinois University student, Luke Jesgarz, will be sharing his knowledge of all things poultry on November 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 4-H Center Auditorium in Macomb. This workshop is open for young people ages 8-18 and is free of charge. You don't even have to be a 4-H member to attend so grab your friends and poultry questions and we will see you there!

Register online at go.illinois.edu/Poultry.

Sewing Workshop

Join us to learn the basics of sewing, "One Stitch at a Time." Beginning sewing skills will be taught in this workshop so you can create your own masterpiece for the 4-H fair! Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/sewing

Gift Wrapping Workshop

Join us for a fun afternoon of learning how to wrap like a pro and even make a bow! The workshop will be held Monday, December 20 from 4– 5 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Topics covered include; how to wrap a boxed gift, how to problem solve when it's an odd-shaped gift, when to use a gift bag, how to make a bow, and how to add a special twist to your gift wrap. Your friends and family will be amazed at your wrapping skills this season. Youth will need to bring 1 item to wrap. Wrapping Supplies will be included at the workshop.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/GiftWrap

DIY Code & Build

Have you ever wanted to know just what makes your video game controller work? Wished you could design a way to make your drawings speak to you? Explore the technology behind these ideas at the DIY Code and Build Workshop. Using Scratch and Makey Makey technology, members will be able to experience the magic of computer science at the tips of their fingers. Workshop will be held on December 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warren– Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium. Lunch will be provided.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/DIYCodeAndBuild

Shooting Sports

The McDonough county 4-H Shooting sport had a great 2021 season. We were able to have an in person program. Also a big thanks to the National Rifle Association for there support to our program.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

November 2021

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November 1

DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due

November 8

Officer & Leadership Training

November 13

Poultry Workshop

November 25 & 26

Office Closed for the Holiday

December 1

DEADLINE: Re-enrollment on 4-H Online

December 11

Sewing Workshop

December 20

Gift Wrapping Workshop

December 21

DIY Code & Build Workshop

January 1

DEADLINE: Livestock Project enrollment

March 1

DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment

May 1

YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed)
due