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Dear 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. Beth emailed out directions on re-enrolling in the updated 4-H Online system. Still have questions? Reach out at chattert@illinois.edu. Even though re-enrollment is due December 1, 2020, don't delay. Member who don't re-enroll by December 1st will not be able to show at the 2021 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! Check out the 4-H grateful journal on page 3.

Again, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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, November 24 at 5:30.**
Email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu to for more information or to get the meeting link.



I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

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 11** - 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 forms 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 2021 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. **For all other animals (cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits), QAEC will still be required.**
- **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!



TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, CLICK HERE to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

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. 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 with be on Sunday, November 8th at 1 p.m. at the 4-H Center



College 101

Know a young person who's starting to think about college and making decisions about possible schools, majors, financial aid, etc?

Our 4-H friends have put together a series of online panel discussions that can help them make those decisions more confidently. They've graciously invited the whole the state to tune in.

This is a terrific opportunity to hear from former 4-H'ers and other current college students who have been through the process very recently, and who can answer questions about college during "normal" times as well as how things are working right now in the midst of changes brought on by Covid-19.

Register and mark your calendar today -- and please spread the word within your club and county! Register at extension.illinois.edu/cjmm.



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and 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. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

- **Thursday, November 19, 2020; 7 PM**

TOPICS will include:

1. **Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference**
2. **Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families**

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

Future 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations are scheduled in February & May! We are excited with our participation so far and will be recognizing volunteers and 4-H members who participate in 75% of the Volunteer Café Conversations with a token of our appreciation! Be sure to save the dates!

- **Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM**

4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Engaged volunteers are central to a thriving 4-H club program which is why we have developed three new virtual volunteer training opportunities for you this fall! Please hold the following dates and watch your email for an email for a registration details so you can participate in the following training opportunities!

Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020

The 4-H club meeting is typically one of the first experiences for new youth and new families interested in 4-H. This is the place where members get to know one another and share ideas. This means creating engaging and effective club meetings is the first opportunity to capture the interest of the members and the confidence of the parents. Join us to learn key strategies to help you create effective & engaging 4-H experiences in your club!

If you have not registered there is still time, use this link and sign up today:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22664>

Project Highlight: Small Engines

Do you love figuring out how things work? Does hands-on learning get your motor running? Sure, that wasn't a very good joke but the small engines project might be just the area of exploration for you! When you enroll in the small engines project, you learn about how machines such as lawnmowers and model airplanes work.

Careers related to small engines can range from mechanic to sales person and more. When you learn about small engines, you're really learning so much more than how to make a motor run. You learn to problem solve, think critically, and practice "learning by doing"!

Find help for your projects

We have dozens of projects you can choose to take, and ways to help you learn! Check out the resources available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>. Some are available from the county Extension office. Others you can order directly from Shop 4-H or other state Extension programs.

Give us a call if you have questions.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). It will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. The training must be completed each year. Details about registering to come soon.

*We will be hosting in person training on : **February 6 from 4:30 –6 at the 4-H Center in Macomb***

Horses, dogs, cats, poultry, and rabbits will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

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 you are interested in attending the event
- Register for the event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Let your program coordinator reach out 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.

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.

4-H Enrollment

Time is flying! December 1 will be here before we know it. If you are having troubles re-enrolling please let us know. We have all had to reset a password (or three) or had trouble remembering if we did something correctly in our lifetimes. Please know that you are always welcome to stop by and use our computers to enroll or re-enroll, or simply ask questions. We just ask that you try to call ahead so we can make arrangements to best fit your need and keep you safe. Give Beth a call at 309/837-3939 today.

Thankful Journal

Join us as we celebrate how we are thankful this year keep a Thankful Journal. Complete the journal at <https://go.illinois.edu/ThankfulJournal> and let us know you did it by completing the survey at the end for your chance to win a prize of your choice from the 4-H Mall (\$25 value).



Genesis Garden





Scotland Clever Clovers helped Genesis Garden by sorting, cleaning and bagging groceries! They helped us make over 450 bags to send out on our next grocery delivery!



Social us on social media!

November 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Date to Remember

November 3	Office Closed for Election Day
November 6	Officer & Leadership Training in McDonough County
November 7	State Leadership Conference
November 24	Virtual 4-H Club meeting
November 26 & 27	Office closed for the holidays
December 1	Re-Enrollment Deadline
January 1	Livestock Project Deadline
February 6	YQCA Training in McDonough
March 1	General Project Deadline
May 1	Horse Paperwork Due
May 1	YQCA/QAEC Due
June 1	Dog Paperwork Due



Some Snapshots from National 4-H Week



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."

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4-H Gratitude Challenge



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Start a gratitude journal. Each day write down something you are thankful for.	Write a thank you note to your 4-H advisor.	Think of someone you are grateful to know. Tell them.	Complete one random act of kindness today.	Send a text to someone who makes you smile and tell them why.	Handwrite a letter and mail it to a friend.	Create a piece of art that shows what you are thankful for.
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Spend time with someone you care about.	Compliment at least 5 other people today.	Think of someone you are proud of. Tell them!	Thank a veteran for their service. Veteran's Day	Volunteer to do an unpleasant task, like taking out the garbage or doing the dishes.	Write a thank you note to a special teacher.	Bake a treat for your neighbors.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Gather 10 items from your closet to donate.	Make a social media post highlighting a person you are grateful for.	Write a thank you note to a coach or mentor.	Color a picture and give it to a friend.	Do a family member's chores for them today.	Set time aside to play a game with your family.	Share a photo of something you are grateful for on social media.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Think of a creative way to Pay it Forward today.	Leave a note of encouragement for a friend.	Call a relative you haven't spoken to recently.	No complaining day! Each time you want to complain, say something you are grateful for instead.	Spend time with family and friends. Thanksgiving	Give a small gift to someone for no reason at all.	Write a letter or note to your parents or grandparents.
29	30					
Donate one canned food item for each day you forgot to write in your gratitude journal	Read over your gratitude journal and spend time reflecting on the challenge.					

4-H wants you to take our 2020 Gratitude Challenge! 2020 has not been an easy year, but we still have plenty of reasons to give thanks. Print this calendar and complete each daily task to help show gratitude to your Club, Community, Country, and World.

Use **#4HGrowsHere**, **#Grateful4Her**, and **#4HGratitudeChallenge** to spread an attitude a gratitude to all of your social media friends and followers.