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4-H Families and Friends:

The 4-H year is now in full swing and before you know it, warmer weather will bring fair season right along with it. General Show projects must be signed up for by March 1 in 4-H Online. Be sure to double check that you are signed up for everything you want to learn more about. To add a project, log in to 4-H Online or email Jill. I also want to remind you that to show at the fair, you must give a talk or demonstration and attend at least 4 meetings. Check with your club leader for additional club requirements and to see how many meetings you have attended.

February is a busy month for those of you in livestock projects! Don't forget to weigh-in your steers, take a YQCA training, and make sure you know the ownership deadlines for livestock. A great way to keep up with the news about workshops being hosted is by liking your local 4-H Facebook page. Don't worry, we will still write about them in your monthly newsletter!

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson



Due to the paper shortage and in an effort to go green, **starting in March, our 4-H newsletter will switch to a virtual format. If you wish to keep receiving your newsletter in a hard copy via mail, please go to go.illinois.edu/Newsletters or use the QR code above and let us know!** Requests may also be made by calling the office at 309-734-5161 or 309-924-1163.

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 @

extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-warren-county

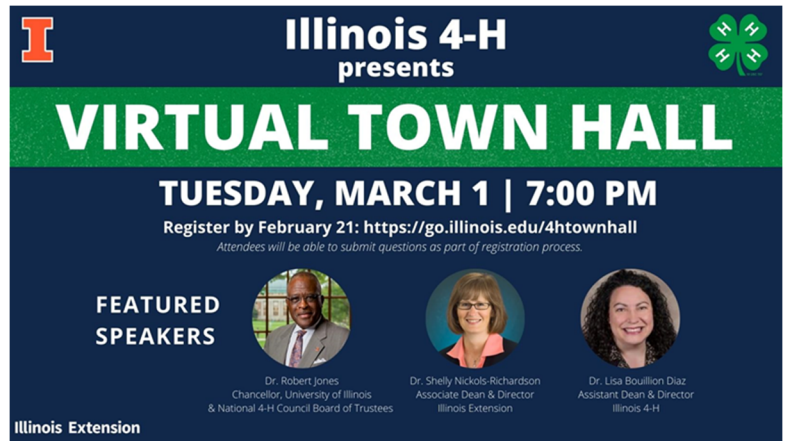
extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-henderson-county

Click on "Fairs and Shows" mid-page. Then choose "2022 livestock Ownership Deadline".

I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 1, 2022 ILLINOIS 4-H TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m., to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – go.illinois.edu/4htownhall. Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



The poster features the Illinois 4-H logo at the top right. The main title is "VIRTUAL TOWN HALL" in large white letters on a green background. Below it, the date and time are "TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM". A registration deadline is noted: "Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>". A note states: "Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process." Three featured speakers are listed with their photos and titles: Dr. Robert Jones (Chancellor, University of Illinois & National 4-H Council Board of Trustees), Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson (Associate Dean & Director, Illinois Extension), and Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz (Assistant Dean & Director, Illinois 4-H). The Illinois Extension logo is at the bottom left.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier.

NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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! bit.ly/3FgUIb0

2022 SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

Application opens on January 18

Deadline to apply March 18

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18. 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 Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18. The Deadline to apply is March 18. grants.4-h.org/index.do



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: CLOVERBUDS

Did you know there are 4-H Clubs just for younger children age 5 to 7? During club meetings, youth work as a group on projects perfect for their age and these 4-H experiences promote creativity, learning, and fun. Over 77% of Cloverbuds transitioned to first-year 4-H members last year!

Simply select “Cloverbud” as your project. Ready to start exploring? Head to go.illinois.edu/cloverbuds4-H

PROJECT MANUALS

If you need to order a project manual, don't delay! Don't forget to order your manuals using the link - go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals . If you have any questions, please email Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu.

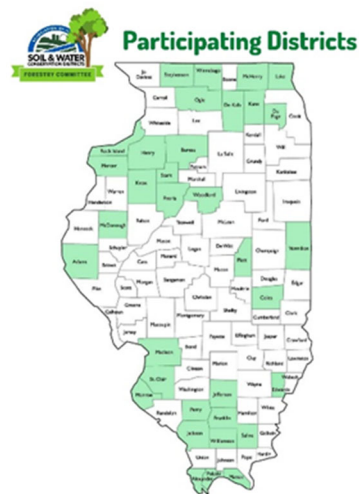
4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES TREE PROGRAM

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.

If you see your county shaded in green and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! 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:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program



COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OUR DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Mark your calendars Warren and Henderson 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! The 4-H State Horse Judging will be February 19th at Black Hawk East in Galva, IL (Registration at 11 AM, judging starts at noon). Save the date for the State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests that will be April 23 & 24 on UIUC campus!



CAMPING & OUTDOOR LIVING

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp website at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 2022
July 17-21, 2022



4-H MEMORIAL CAMP-SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director
Lead Male/Female Counselors
Lifeguards
Outdoor Education Director
Arts & Crafts Director
Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director
Recreation Director
Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial [Camp website](#) towards the bottom of the page under *4-H Resources*. Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



HALL OF FAME

Do you know someone in Warren or Henderson who would deserve a nomination into the 4-H Hall of Fame? Please send your nomination to Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu.

HERE'S HELP TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

• COMPEER FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 period is January 1 – March 15, 2022 (application must be received by). The application will be available on this page beginning January 1, 2022. Applications can be downloaded at www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/scholarships/high-school-senior-scholarships

• TRI-COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Tri-County Cattlemen's Association will award six scholarships of \$1,000 to eligible students in Henderson, McDonough and Warren Counties. Please visit their website at www.tricountycattlemen.com for the application and additional requirements.

HENDERSON AND WARREN COUNTY FAIRS

We are currently working on the details on our 2022 Warren and Henderson County Fair Books. The plan is to have them in your hands at your March 4-H Club Meeting. We want to help you plan ahead incase 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 you calendar(s):

- Warren | July 19-21
- Warren General Show, Dog and Cat Care | June 25
- Henderson | July 24-30

4-H STEER WEIGH-IN SCHEDULED

If you are showing steer at the County 4-H Show or going to the State Fair, please plan to weigh-in at one of the following weigh-in locations. An email from Jill will follow with details for registering. At that time, please call the Extension office to specify where you plan to weigh-in, how many you plan to weigh-in, and with a number to call in case of bad weather. We would like to remind members that weigh-in should be done in the county of your enrollment.

Henderson County , Barry Dowell's Farm | February 5, 9-11 a.m.

Abingdon Fall Festival Grounds | February 12, 8-9:30 a.m.

Warren Count, Mike Huston's Farm | February 21, 10 a.m.-noon

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**. An email from Jill will follow with details for registering. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person trainings will be held:

Henderson | February 7, 5:30 p.m. | Stronghurst United Methodist Church, Stronghurst

McDonough | February 19 , Noon | 4-H Center, Macomb

Warren | February 21, 3:30 p.m. | Warren Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, Monmouth

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**.

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 February 19 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon 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. A YQCA training will immediately follow for those who need it!

QUILTING WORKSHOP

Join us for an afternoon learning about a new 4-H project, quilting. Piece by piece, you'll learn basic quilting techniques, patterns, selecting appropriate fabrics, quilting equipment, options for finishing quilts, and binding. This free workshop is open to beginner quilters, ages 8-18. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Participants under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 N Main, Monmouth, IL. Register online at go.illinois.edu/quiltingworkshop.

COOKIE BAKING & FOOD DECORATING WORKSHOP

Join Knox County 4-H Federation on March 12 at 9:30 am as we learn how to bake cookies and learn food decorating basics. This workshop is open to members of all ages. Those that attend will learn to make a batch of jackpot drop cookies and the basics of decorating. Some of what we make is yours to keep! Registration is free. The workshop will be held at the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd in Galesburg. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Nelson at 309-342-5108 or nenelso2@illinois.edu. Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/CookieBaking> by March 4.

Save the Date

Save the date! The State Public Speaking Contest will be held on April 30, 2022. The State contest will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign. Our local contest will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the 4-H Center in Macomb 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 | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes**
- **Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | Beginner 2-4 minutes | Advanced 4-6 minutes**
- **Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team**
- **Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-6 minutes | Individual or 2-Person Team**

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 email Jill at jillcook@illinois.edu.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP - INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITIONS

NOTE DATE CHANGE: (program moved from Feb. to Mar.)

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 SPORTS 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:

www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

If you are interested in joining the Warren or Henderson Livestock Judging Team, please let Jill know at jillcook@illinois.edu. Practice and contests will begin soon.



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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maci Brooks
Greydon Bugner
Emma Coursey
Sydney Emerick
Henry Gibson
Dayne Gittings
Carmyn Huston
Eliana Huston
Quinn Jensen
Caroline Kelso

Teagan Mills
Cailyn Nelson
Tinley Popken
Mallie Rodeffer
Peyton Schmalshof
Tavian Swayzer
Jackson Timmerman

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Dates to Remember

*** All dates and times are tentative and subject to change. ***

February 1	Fair Book Cover Entries due
February 7	YQCA Training, Henderson County
February 19	Poultry Workshop & YQCA Training, McDonough County
February 21	YQCA Training, Warren County
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
March 26	Public Speaking Contest, McDonough County
May 1	YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due

