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Hello 4-H Families and Friends,

What an exciting time to be in 4-H! If you have not already, you should be receiving your Fair Book shortly! Consider this book your guide to a successful 4-H fair. If any changes or updates need to be made, you will find them here.

This time of year, there are many deadlines approaching. Be sure to check out the back page to keep up with all the important dates! Several of these dates are contests that you or a fellow 4-H'er will compete in. Keep an eye on your county 4-H Facebook page for the latest news about these competition results and more. If you haven't already, like the page and be sure to comment congrats to your friends!

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.

4-H BBQs

The Warren and Henderson County 4-H BBQs will be here before you know it. The BBQ flyer can be found within this newsletter. These BBQs are used to raise funds that support you! How can you help out?

Henderson County: Sell your BBQ tickets, work your assigned club shift, and talk with your club to see if you are assigned a dessert.

Warren County: Sell your BBQ tickets, bring one fruit pie per member (2 per family), and sign up for a shift at the BBQ. Those working at the Monmouth location can sign up online at go.illinois.edu/WarrenBBQShifts or by using the QR code above. Shifts available first come, first served.



4-H Family Spirit Award



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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!



4-H AT HOME

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

Get started here: <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/internet-basics/>



4-H EQUITY CHALLENGE

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+.

Learn more here:

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/>

TRUE LEADERS IN EQUITY INSTITUTE

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6. Register now at:

<https://4-h.org/parents/true-leaders-in-equity/true-leaders-in-equity-institute/application/>

ILLINOIS RIVER WATCH

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 to become an aquatic citizen scientist! Ask for the 4-H discount off their regular fee. A great, long lasting club activity!

I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY

SAVE THE DATE: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR AG COMMUNITIES

When someone is struggling, you can help. Gain tools to identify signs of mental health or substance abuse issues, learn communication skills, and leave with resources to connect someone with help in a free online program. This program is relevant for community members and leaders, business owners, teachers, religious leaders, and anyone who wants to learn more about how to help others. Complete two hours of self-paced study prior to the one day online training. Register by April 12. The next workshop will be on Thursday, April 21. For more information or to sign up visit go.illinois.edu/mentalhealth2022 or contact Tessa at 309/837-3939 or tessa@illinois.edu.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings (designed for adults who regularly interact with youth) will also be scheduled throughout the year. To be placed on a notification list, email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

4-H MEMORIAL CAMP SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022

Program details and registration materials are available on our website:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>. To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu or Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741.



FAMILY CAMP SPRING 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our [Facebook Page](#).

Dates: May 20-22

Fees: Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3- No Charge

***At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)**

Each cabin has 10 beds. More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>.

If you have any questions, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu or Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu (217) 762-2741

Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!



YQCA/QAEC

4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must complete their annual YQCA training either on-line at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1**. See your email (3/31) from Shelby for details on how to register. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person trainings will be held on:

- **Friday, April 15, 4-5 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 member's career. Training must be completed by **May 1**.

STATE FAIR SHEEP/GOAT NOMINATION PROCESS

Sheep and Goat Nomination forms have been emailed and mailed to our families for this year. Please look over them carefully as some details have changed. Forms must be completed between March 15- May 15, 2022. 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.

Reminder, Ewe lambs (Females) are eligible for the Premiere Carcass Show. If you have any questions please contact Shelby Carlson at 309-734-5161, 309-924-1163 or by email at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

ENTRY DEADLINES APPROACHING

Reminder that May 1 is the horse ownership/lease papers due date

May 1 is the deadline to file horse ownership/lease papers with the local Extension office. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, a photo of each side of the animals is required. We strongly encourage members who own or lease more than one horse to file paperwork on ALL potential exhibit horses by the deadline. If a horse is injured or dies, it may be replaced ONLY by a horse whose paperwork is already on file by the deadline. A horse may only be owned or leased to and exhibited by ONE 4-H or FFA member at the State Fair Junior Horse Show. Download the form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/horse>.

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-henderson-county

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

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

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.

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:

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

• WARREN AND HENDERSON COUNTY 4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Members eligible for this scholarship will receive an application via mail from the Extension office. Deadline May 2.

• TRI COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application and scholarship details are available at www.tricountycattlemen.com/scholarships

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OUR DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Mark your calendars! Henderson and Warren 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.

Henderson and Warren County Fairs

We are currently finalizing the details for the 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 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):

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

Better Babysitting Clinic

Join us for the Better Babysitting Clinic on Saturday, April 30 from 9-11 a.m. at the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Auditorium (1000 N Main St. Monmouth, IL). Some topics covered will include child care, nutrition, house and toy safety, the business of babysitting, and more. The cost of the clinic is \$5. Questions, email them to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu. Space is limited. Register at go.illinois.edu/Babysit

Virtual Basic Video Editing Workshop

Youth ages 8-18 are invited to join us virtually for our virtual basic video editing workshop. No prior experience of special software is required although a personal computer or Chromebook is encouraged to fully take part in the workshop experience. The workshop will be held May 19 from 5-6 p.m. via Zoom. Questions to Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

Register By May 13 at go.illinois.edu/VideoMaking

Warren County Livestock Judging Contest

Are you interested in livestock judging and evaluation? The Warren County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for May 28 at the Warren County Fairgrounds. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the contest begins at 9 a.m. For more information or to request a contest flyer contact Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu.

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.

POLICY REMINDERS

Remember that a few things are required for you to show at the 2022 4-H show. You must have attended at least 4 club meetings and given a talk or demonstration. Your club may have additional requirements. You must also meet the following deadlines:

December 1: Re-Enroll in Fair Entry

January 1: Enroll in Livestock Project in 4-H Online

March 1: Enroll in General Project in 4-H Online

May 1: YQCA/QAEC Deadline

Assorted Livestock Ownership Deadlines

May 27: W Gen Show/Cat/Dog Fair Entry

June 17: W Livestock Fair Entry

June 24: H Fair Entry

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

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS WANTED!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county!

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., 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.



STATE 4-H FISHING TOURNAMENT READY TO GO!

Easy to enter, easy to win! April 1-30 is crappie time. Learn rules and how to enter here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-hooks-us-together-fishing-tournament>

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. Entries just require a phone, tape measure and then upload information to: <https://go.illinois.edu/fish4H>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament



4-H MEMORIAL CAMP- SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! 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.

Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old minimum)

Dates: Mid May-July 29

Details: This paid position includes room and board.

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Dates

May 31-June 4 Training

June 5-9 Youth Camp Session 1

June 12-16 Youth Camp Session 2

June 26-July 1 Camp Corral

July 5-9 Youth Camp Session 3

July 17-21 Youth Camp Session 4

Details: This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

Dates: End of May thorough Mid-August

Duties: Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Did you know that April 17-23 is National Volunteer Week? In 4-H, volunteers are central to what we do. Join us in thanking our volunteers for all they do by reaching out and sharing what they mean to you. Henderson and Warren County 4-H is lucky to have volunteers serve as club leaders, superintendents, fair judges and assistants, workshop leaders, advisory council members, and more! Thank you for all you do.

4-H Clubs Leaders include:

HENDERSON

Aaron Leary, Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Jill Leary, Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Julie Ricketts, Bald Bluff Blue Ribbons
Lynne Meyer, Happy Rock Clovers
Darrell Gittings, Happy Rock Clovers
Sherri Vancil, Stronghurst Hustlers
Kris Wetzel, Stronghurst Hustlers
Kelly Scott, Stronghurst Hustlers "Buds"
Dan Horton, Terre Haute Superstars
Jessica Horton, Terre Haute Superstars
Melinda Horton, Terre Haute Superstars

WARREN

Jennifer Douglas, Backcountry Braves
Marge Hennenfent, Cameron Kids
Stephanie Sims, Cameron Kids
Tammy Walters, Cameron Kids
Robin Corzatt, Happy Hustlers
Amy Quinn, Happy Hustlers
Lynn Shimmin Happy Hustlers
Ronda Brooks, Willing Workers
Amy Brooks, Willing Workers
Tammi Grohmann, Willing Workers

Thank You!

2022 SHOW BOOK

As 4-H furthers our commitment to going green, we are not printing a copy of the Show book for each family this year. Instead, the Show book can be accessed on-demand at the website under the "Fairs and Shows" tab. Club leaders will also have a select number of hard copies available. If a hard copy is preferred, please feel free to request one from our office. Please review all project requirements as soon as possible and request a project manual if needed. A complete list of projects signed up for can be found on 4-H Online or by emailing me at srcarls2@illinois.edu. Project manuals can be requested at no cost at go.illinois.edu/OrderProjectManuals.

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

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

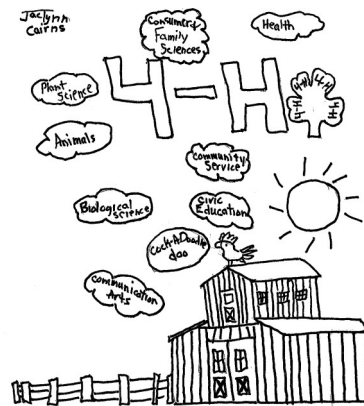
Show Book Cover Winners

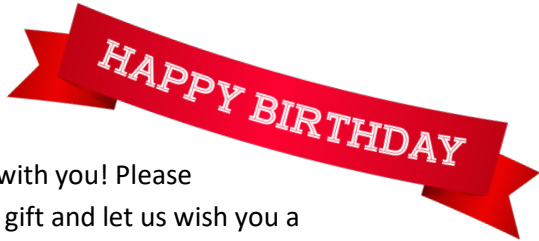
Henderson County: Maddie Garner



:Maddie Garner

Warren County: Jaclynn Cairns





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

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

Bridget Brokaw
Carrina Schmalshof
Chloe Thomas
Curtis Randall
Dillon Leary
Elliyana Majors
Elly Hinton
Hayden Forbes
Hayden Roberts

Jacob Ford
Johnathan Garner
Jordan Kane
Lindy Kane
Linny Corzatt
Rebecca Denison
Wyatt Adkisson

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Dates to Remember

- April 15 YQCA Training—4-H Center Macomb
- 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
- April 30 Better Babysitting Clinic
- May 1 Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due
- May 1 YQCA yearly certification and QAEC (if not previously completed) due
- May 19 Virtual Video Editing Workshop
- May 27 Warren General Show/Dog and Cat Fair Entries due**
- May 28 Warren County Livestock Judging Contest
- June 4 Henderson County BBQ
- June 7 Warren County BBQ
- June 17 Warren Livestock Fair Entries due**
- June 24 4-H Mini Fair in McDonough County
- June 24 Henderson Fair Entries due**
- June 25 Warren County General Show, Dog & Cat Care, Cloverbud
- July 1 Junior State Fair Livestock Entries Due
- July 19-21 Warren County 4-H Fair
- July 24-30 Henderson County 4-H Fair
- July 24 – 30 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show

Jill is out of the office on maternity leave. In the meantime, please contact Shelby, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at srcarls2@illinois.edu for your 4-H needs. If you need immediate assistance, please call the Henderson office on Monday and Friday at 309-924-1163 or the Warren office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 309-734-5161.



2022 WARREN COUNTY 4-H BBQ

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Pork Chop Sandwich
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Chips
Dessert
Drink

\$8

Contact a Warren County
4-H member for tickets!

Tickets also available at the
Warren County Extension Office
or at the door.

LOCATIONS:

Warren-Henderson County Farm Bureau
1000 N. Main St.
Monmouth, IL

Hedding Elementary School
401 W. Latimer St.
Abingdon, IL

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THRU, OR
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