



E-NEWS



February 24, 2021

"To Make the Best Better"

Hi everyone–

We are finally back to meeting in person! Hopefully, many of you have received your manuals or have manuals on the way. So now what? Attend 4-H meetings, participate in club activities, get started on your projects, and look for upcoming workshops. Now that we can meet in person, I will be working on setting up some workshops.

Lastly– please be patient. Our leaders have a lot to navigate to make sure they are following University, Extension, & 4-H COVID policies, health department guidelines, and trying to find meeting spaces. This takes time and effort. I look forward to seeing each of you in person in the next few months!

Information regarding our 4-H Fair will be available in the next few months. We are still gathering info and making plans. More details will be coming soon!

- Angela Miller

CONGRATULATIONS

**HEATHER
BRADBURY**

You are the winner of the
4-H "I Made That!" Prize Drawing



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Federation Meeting: The next 4-H Federation Meeting will be held in-person on Monday, March 1. This will begin at 7 pm. We will be in the Elizabeth Community Building.

CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY- Please remember that all 4-H members must attend at least 1/3 of the club meetings/activities in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. At the end of June, 4-H Club Organizational Leaders will be given a “Non-Eligible for Show” Form to complete and turn in to the Extension Office. Please do your best to attend!

4-H UNIVERSITY APP- The State 4-H Office has launched a free app for all androids and iPhones called “4-H University.” Currently, this app will feature “Cooking 101” material, project manual for the “Technology: Drone” project and material for the new “Maker” project. You may find this app on the Apple Store and Google Play

PROGRAM BOOK COVER CONTEST– With the new 4-H year underway, it is once again time to think about the 2021 4-H Fair Program Book Cover Contest.

All 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing. If chosen, this drawing will be the cover for the 4-H Fair Program Book.

The theme for this year is: “4-H: OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL”

- A fine point black marker or dark pencil works best for copying your picture, so please do NOT use colored pencils. The program book is printed in black and white.
- Please make sure you have the theme title AND the current year somewhere in your drawing.
- Please make sure your text is legible and spelled correctly.
- You may bring your hard copy to 204 Vine St. in Elizabeth or you can scan and email it to me. Please do NOT fax or send it as a picture.
- If you are submitting a hard copy, please include name, age, and club on the back lightly in pencil. If you are emailing it to me, please include the information in the email.

Deadline March 1, 2021



JSW 4-H SKI DAY **I**

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021
12 PM - 9 PM

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT - GALENA, IL

JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL JO DAVEISS, STEPHENSON, AND WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES TO EXPERIENCE A LITTLE WINTER FUN THIS SKI/SNOWBOARD SEASON.

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY

STEP 1: VISIT [HTTPS://SHOP.CHESTNUTMTN.COM/SHOP/GRPLOGIN.ASPX](https://shop.chestnutmtn.com/shop/grplogin.aspx)

STEP 2: ENTER YOUR GROUP NAME: **4H**

STEP 3: ENTER YOUR PASSWORD: **4HSKI**

STEP 4: SELECT HOW MANY PACKAGES YOU NEED
(TICKETS ARE ONLY VALID FOR MARCH 7)

GROUP RATES:

(ONCE PURCHASED YOU WILL GET A CONFIRMATION EMAIL)

LIFT ONLY - \$32

LIFT, SKI OR BOARD RENTAL, & SKI PROGRESSIVE LESSON - \$40

LIFT, SKI OR BOARD RENTAL, HELMET, & SKI PROGRESSIVE LESSON - \$45

PLEASE CALL ANGELA @ 815-858-2273 OR BY EMAIL AT
AMILLR11@ILLINOIS.EDU.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN CONTACT
SHERA BY EMAIL AT SHERA@CHESTNUTMTN.COM OR 815-777-4674

YOU MUST PURCHASE ALL TICKETS ONLINE
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET THIS PRICE AT THE TICKET BOOTH.

FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE COST OF TICKETS.

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME - JUST PASS ON THE CODE!

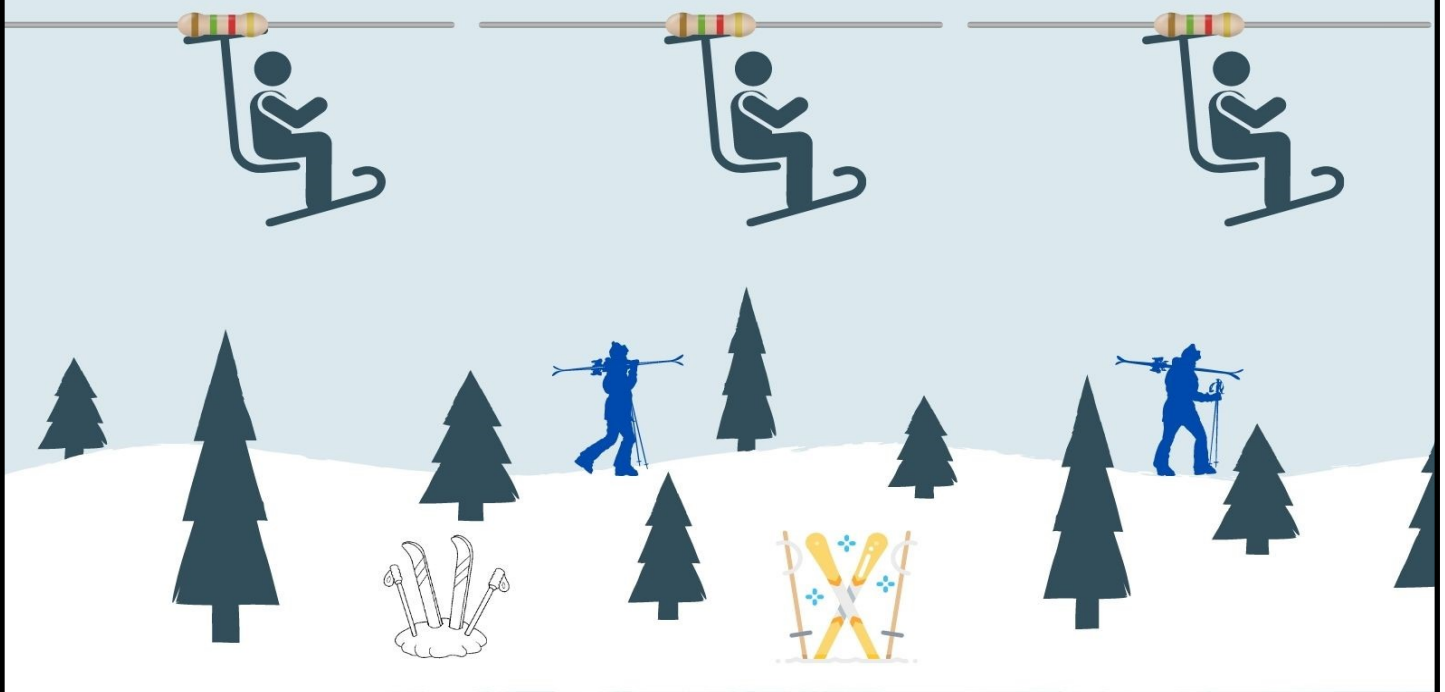
Deadline March 6

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What you need to know before you go!

COVID POLICIES: PLEASE READ THE FULL LIST @ [HTTPS://WWW.CHESTNUTMTN.COM/COVID-POLICIES/](https://www.chestnutmtn.com/covid-policies/)

- FACE COVERING ARE REQUIRED IN ANY INDOOR SPACE, LIFT LINES, AND ON CHAIR LIFTS.
- PLEASE DRESS/GEAR-UP AT YOUR VEHICLE- LOCKERS AND CUBBIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. CHESTNUT WILL STORE SHOES/BOOTS IF YOU NEED TO RENT.
- LIMITED ACCESS INSIDE THE LODGE BUT RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE.
- BAR AND RESTAURANT ARE NOT OPEN
- VISTA OR CAFETERIA IS NOT OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO JUST SIT AND WAIT OR WARM-UP.
- THERE IS A GRAB-N-GO TICKET YOU CAN PURCHASE FOR \$12 THAT INCLUDES A SANDWICH, CHIPS, COOKIE, AND DRINK. WITH THIS TICKET, GUESTS MAY GO INSIDE AND SIT TO EAT FOOD.
- WHEN THE WEATHER ALLOWS- THERE ARE 2 AREAS WITH OUTSIDE COOKOUTS THAT SERVE FOOD AND DRINK.





SAVE THE DATE



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"WHAT A HOOT" OWL CLUB MEETINGS



- **MONDAY, MARCH 22 @ 5 PM**
MONITORING AND BUILDING PROJECT
SCHURMEIER TEACHING FOREST
DRESS ACCORDINGLY

- **APRIL 13 @ TIME TBA**
JDCF-MAP AND COMPASS EVENT
DRESS ACCORDINGLY

- **MONDAY, MAY 17 @ 5 PM**
STREAM ECOLOGY
DRESS ACCORDINGLY
**RAIN DATE- MAY 18*

MEMBERS WILL
MONITOR DIFFERENT
TYPES OF BOXES
MARCH-MAY.

**WE WILL NOT HAVE
A MONITORING
SCHEDULE THIS YEAR
SO YOU WILL GO
WHEN IT IS CONVIEN
T FOR YOU!*



Call 815-858-2273 or email amillr11@illinois.edu for questions.
Meetings will last approximately 1.5 hrs.
Social distancing and safety protocols will be observed.
Please bring a mask.



save the date

June 15.16.17

4-H Camp 2021

Reimagined format
but with the same amount
of FUN!!

more details to come



**SAVE
THE DATE**

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**JDC 4-H
FUN DAY**

Elizabeth Community
Building

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02
21**

WELCOME NEW 4-H
MEMBERS

-VANDER KNOLL
-AUGIE & JUNIE TOAY
-DAKOTA CHUMBLER
-DENALI FENN



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue 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 have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

- One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!
- Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>



I MADE THAT!

National Nutrition Month Education Kit



MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH AND THE THEME IS "PERSONALIZE YOUR PLATE"

University of Illinois Extension has a fun opportunity to enhance your cooking skills! We are putting together educational cooking kits - designed to inspire the inner chef and help youth gain confidence while working in the kitchen.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - MARCH 1, 2021

Register for your kit at: go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat

Sign up to receive a March cooking kit!

The cost is \$5 per kit. It includes the March "I Made That!" Booklet, a sensory evaluation, fun recipes, and beans to get you started. Each kit also comes with a reusable 8" 4-section comic book design MyPlate!

- Register for your kit @go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat or call the Extension Office at 815-858-2273
- Your kits will be available the 2nd week in March for you to pick up at one of our Extension offices in Elizabeth, Freeport, or Rockford, IL.
- You'll then have a few weeks to utilize your kit and make your recipes.
- Complete your sensory evaluation form and upload a photo of your recipe to showcase what you've learned by April 1!

Jo Daviess County 4-H Stephenson County 4-H Winnebago County 4-H
University of Illinois Extension College of Agriculture Consumer & Environmental Sciences



ILLINOIS SUMMER ACADEMIES

The Illini Summer Academies will be virtual this summer! With the recent risks of COVID 19, Illinois 4-H is bringing the University of Illinois campus to our youth across the state! Registration is open now! Visit our website for more information: For more information, visit our go.illinois.edu/illini4H or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu



Participants will choose one academy of interest to study Monday through Wednesday during the event. On Thursday, July 1 participants will attend a college and career day conference. Registration cost includes an event registration fee plus an academy session fee. Each academy has specific materials and activities for this event, therefore cost will vary from academy to academy. Registration fees cover the cost for your academy, the supplies and materials needed for the week, a conference t-shirt, and the shipping of these items. Participants will receive an Illini Summer Academies box before the event.

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Veterinary Medicine

Honeybees and Beekeeping

Media and Communications Academy— Telling Stories about Ag and the Environment

Animal Science Academy

Feeding a Growing Population: Food Production, Technology, Plant Behavior, Crops

Future Teacher Academy

Save the World with ACE

Business Academy

Going Nuts for Environmental Sciences

Explore Family and Relationship Science

Tell Your 4-H Story –



Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of Speaking for Illinois 4-H! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>. Registration will close March 4.



We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19

Length of service: Two years

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.

Deadline: March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

If you do gardening with kids or have them do service projects such as bring food to food pantries, you might see something on our NDSU Extension webinar list you want to attend.

<https://ndsus8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b303ec77430a20180bc6a4b92&id=502444b486>

Sign up below to register for the Field to Fork Weekly Webinars from NDSU. Depending on your state, you might see some familiar names!

The free webinars will be held each **Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Central time February 10 through April 21**. They will be archived for later viewing; however, participating in the “live” webinar allows you to interact with the presenter.

When you sign up, you'll receive two reminder emails, a link to an evaluation survey, and a message about how to access the recording for each of the 11 webinars below:

- **Feb. 10:** Shopping in a Garden Center: Tips for Customers and Managers - Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension agent - horticulture, Cass County
- **Feb. 17:** Growing Safe Produce for Distribution to Food Pantries - Barbara Ingham, professor and Extension food science specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Feb. 24:** Hot Topics in Food Preservation - Karen Blakeslee, Extension associate, Kansas State University
- **March 3:** High Tunnel Cut Flower Production - Esther McGinnis, associate professor and Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- **March 10:** The Best Vegetable Varieties for 2021 - Tom Kalb, Extension horticulturist, NDSU
- **March 17:** Weed Control in the Home Garden - Randy Nelson, Extension home horticulture and agriculture production systems educator, University of Minnesota
- **March 24:** The “Good” Creepy Crawlers in Your Garden - Janet Knodel, professor and Extension entomologist, NDSU
- **March 31:** Maple Syrup Production - Joe Zeleznik, Extension forester, NDSU
- **April 7:** Hot Topics in Nutrition: Why Eat Fruits and Vegetables, Anyway? - Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and food and nutrition specialist, NDSU
- **April 14:** Tips for Selling Food Safely at Farmers Markets - Londa Nwadike, food safety specialist, Kansas State University and the University of Missouri
- **April 21:** How to Start a New Food Business - Amy Illg, program administrator, North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Food and Lodging





REINVIGORATING PASTURES AND EXPANDING GRAZING

MARCH 3, 10, 17, AND 24, 2021

6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

2021 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference



**Illinois
Extension**

25th Annual
**Stateline
Fruit & Vegetable
Growers Conference**



Virtual events held in February 2021

Thursday Tracks

February 18 | 1:00-3:30PM - Fruit Diseases & Insects

February 25 | 1:00-3:30PM - Vegetable Diseases & Insects

Friday Events

February 12 | Noon-1:00PM - Hard Cider Production

February 19 | Noon-1:00PM - Pumpkin Varieties

February 26 | Noon-1:00PM - High Tunnel Production

Visit for more information & registration:
go.illinois.edu/stateline2021

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**Rural Pond
Management Webinar**
March 30, 7-8:30 pm

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Here are some dates you need to know: Highlighted items have recently been added.

February, 2021

1	7:00 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person @ Eliz. Comm. Bldg
6	10 am-noon	Beef Weigh @ 5825 S. Schnitzler Rd., Elizabeth
15		DEADLINE: MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H TO COMPETE AT 4-H FAIR
17		DEADLINE: Register for Vermicomposting Kit

March, 2021

1	4:30 pm	DEADLINE: Program Book Cover Deadline due- Extension
1	7 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person @ Eliz. Comm. Bldg.
TBA	1-3 pm & 3-5 pm	4-H Bowling @ Stockton Bowling Lanes- Stockton- <i>questionable</i>
28		DEADLINE: Fun Day

April, 2021

2	TBA	4-H Fun Day @ Elizabeth Community Building
18-24		National Volunteer Week
TBA	6:30 pm	Leaders Meeting- <i>tentative</i>
24		National 4-H Day of Service

May, 2021

1		DEADLINE: HORE PAPERWORK DUE @ EXT. OFFICE
1		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP BREEDING BEEF FEMALES
1		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP ALL SWINE
3	7 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person, Elizabeth Comm. Bldg
15		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP SHEEP WETHERS AND ALL MEAT GOATS
21		DEADLINE: SHOW INELIGIBILITY FORMS DUE
24		JDC 4-H FAIR REGISTRATION OPENS
31		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED- MEMORIAL DAY

June, 2021

1		DEADLINE: QAEC TRAINING, SWINE NOTCH FORMS, YQCA TRAINING
1		DEADLINE: STATE FAIR HORSE ENTRIES
1		DEADLINE: DAIRY GOAT KIDS, YEARLINGS (NOT IN MILK) & ALL PYGMY
1		DEADLINE: DAIRY CALVES & HEIFERS
1		DEADLINE: BEEF BUCKET CALVES & BEEF HEIFERS
1		DEADLINE: ALL POULTRY, ALL RABBIT, ALL CAVYS
1		DEADLINE: DOG PAPERWORK
2		JDC Babysitting Clinic- Elizabeth Community Building
20		DEADLINE: OVERNIGHT & MEDICAL RELEASES-LIVESTOCK & HORSE DUE
25		DEADLINE: BREEDING SHEEP
27- July 1		Summer Illini Academies- Virtual Format
29		Wizarding World of 4-H Program- Eliz. Comm. Building
TBA		4-H Pool Party- location TBA- <i>questionable</i>

July, 2021

9
10-15
16-18
19 9 am
TBA
TBA

FAIR SET UP

JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H FAIR- ELIZABETH COMMUNITY FAIRGROUNDS

Elizabeth Community Fair
4-H Food Stand Clean Up- Federation
Stephenson County Fair
IL State Fair Jr. Horse Show @ Springfield, IL

August, 2021

1
3
TBA
TBA
TBA
13
TBA
TBA
TBA

DEADLINE: STATE FAIR DOG SHOW ENTRIES DUE

JDC 4-H Nature Awaits-TBA

Jo Daviess County Fair- Warren, IL

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR @ SPRINGFIELD, IL

Master Showmanship Contest- IL State Fair

JO DAVIESS JUDGING DAY @ IL STATE FAIR – on a Friday

Winnebago County Fair

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW @ Granny Rose K-9 Center- Dixon

Federation Meeting- TBA



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