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## 4-H Happenings

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| <b>November 10</b>          | <b>Your Thoughts Matter</b>   |
| <b>November 11</b>          | <b>Federation Meeting</b>     |
|                             | <b>Retiring of Flags</b>      |
| <b>November 16</b>          | <b>Adventure Club Meeting</b> |
| <b>November 21</b>          | <b>Turkey Workshop</b>        |
| <b>November 29 &amp; 30</b> | <b>Office Closed</b>          |



## Flag Retiring Ceremony

Community Service Project for November

Bridgeport United Methodist Church Parking Lot

6 p.m.

We will be observing Veteran's Day by participating in the Flag Retiring Ceremony that will take place on Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m. in the Bridgeport United Methodist Church Parking lot. We ask that you dress warm and you practice social distancing. Please bring a mask with you as you will need it during some parts of the ceremony.



## Federation News

Wednesday, November 11

10 a.m. Via Zoom

Federation will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, November at 11 a.m. via zoom. We will be discussing our state meeting topic, and working on December Candy Making workshop ideas. If you are in the 8th grade or older and would like to join Federation, now is the time. Contact Samantha for more information. Zoom link will be sent by email to all youth eligible to be in Federation. Hope to see many new faces.



4-H Online 2.0

V2.4honline.com

Registration is open! New **Deadline to re-enroll** by is **January 1, 2021**.

Tips for enrolling:

- 1) Reset your password: Must have 10 characters, 1 capitol letter, 1 number and 1 symbol.
- 2) You must select your projects (they will not automatically show up).
- 3) \$20 program fee maybe paid by credit card or check to the office.
- 4) For multiple 4-H Members in a family paying with a credit card will need to wait 5 minutes between payments.
- 5) Youth will not be approved until payment is received.
- 6) Once approved an email will be sent to you with a project book survey. PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY IF YOU NEED PROJECT BOOKS. (This is how you will order your project books)

Samantha will have offices hours on Wednesday, November 25 and Wednesday, December 16 at 6 p.m. via Facebook Live on the 4-H Lawrence County Illinois page. This will be where you can ask questions and get help.

If you have questions please contact Samantha at [sgaiter@illinois.edu](mailto:sgaiter@illinois.edu) or 217-300-9128 or Debbie at [dlb84@illinois.edu](mailto:dlb84@illinois.edu) or 217-300-8677.





## Fair Awards and More!

We still have several fair awards at the office. If you missed our drive thru you can make arrangements with Debbie or Samantha to get them picked up. State fair awards and your virtual fair t-shirts have arrived in our office and are ready to be picked up as well.

Debbie– dlb84@illinois.edu or 217-300-8677

Samantha– sgaither@illinois.edu or 217-300-9128

## Tips for the New 4-H Year

- New year started September 1, 2020. (4-H members must be 8 as of September 1, 2020 and have not reached their 19 birthday as of September 1, 2020. Cloverbud members must be 5 as of September 1, 2020 and have not reached their 8 birthday as of September 1, 2020.)
- 4-H Online register after November 1, 2020. v24honline.com
- **New this year** there will be a Program Fee of \$20 for all youth enrolling in 4-H. (If you need assistance please contact Samantha)

If you have any questions please reach out to Samantha Gaither.



## Turkey Workshop

### Porch Pick up Saturday, November 21

Ever thought when did the tradition that the president pardons a turkey on Thanksgiving started? Or how fast can a turkey run? These are some interesting facts about turkeys that you will find out in our Turkey Workshop. The Federation is working on providing you a hands on experience that you can do at home. We will have a craft and some fun turkey recipes for you and your family to try out.

Register for the turkey workshop at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?registrationID=22771> by Wednesday, November 18 and then pick up your packet on Saturday November 21 from the black tub out front of our office. There will be a bag of supplies you will need for some of the activities with your name on it. We ask that you share your craft with us by sending a picture to sgaither@illinois.edu and Samantha will share your pictures. Also tell us about any recipes you try.

## Extension office Closed

\*The office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.



## 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:

**Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference  
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**

ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS



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We LOVE to TALK to our Volunteer's!

## 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>

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