



# 4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Macoupin County** 4-H Families

February 2019



**2019 Youth Livestock Conference  
Macoupin County**

Logan, Allie, Braylee, and Luke participated in the 2019 Youth Livestock Conference in Decatur.



4-H SPIN Clubs in full swing, Youth are learning about art, robotics, and sewing!



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Macoupin &  
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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Macoupin County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/macoupin4h>



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## 4-H Electricity Workshop

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**Join us**  
**MONDAY, FEB 18**  
**9am-10:15am**

The workshop will be held at  
**Extension Office**  
60 Carlinville Plaza

Charlie Baker will teach youth the basics of electricity, tools of the trade, safety, and circuits.

Participation "County" - Participated in a county 4-H activity or event or Project Learning-Cooking

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**COST: \$5.00** For Youth Ages 8-18  
**REGISTER BY:** Call 217-854-9604 or Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h/>

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## Cooking 101 Workshop

**Join us**  
**MONDAY, FEB 18**  
**1:00pm-2:00pm**

The workshop will be held at  
**Extension Office**  
60 Carlinville Plaza

Youth will make heart shaped no bake cookies, practice food safety, and enhance basic cooking skills.

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## 4-H SHOWBOOK COVER CONTEST!

WINNER RECEIVES \$15 GIFT FROM 4-H MALL

Extended to Feb. 8

for the 2019 4-H Fair

SEND YOUR ENTRIES BY FEBRUARY 1.

Entry Requirements

1. "Macoupin County 4-H Show Book" and the year "2019" must be shown somewhere in your design.
2. All designs must fit on an 8.5 x 11" page. Please leave a 1" border on all sides of your design.
3. Use any fair or project theme.
4. Your artwork must be drawn or printed in black ink only.
5. Your entry must be on white paper.
6. No entries with trademarked characters/symbols accepted.
7. Put your name and club on the BACK of your design in PENCIL.
8. Must be a 4-H member

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## NATURE NIGHT

April 15, 2019  
6:30pm  
Cross Church, Carlinville

Each Club will give a 5 minute presentation on a nature topic of their choice. Refreshments following.

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Multi-County Community Service Project 2019

## Have a Heart



Stuffed Animal  
and Blanket Drive



**What:** Collecting Gently Used Stuffed Animals and  
Child Sized Soft Blankets

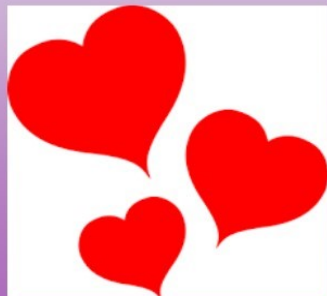
**When:** February 1-21, 2019

**Where to Donate:** Unit 18 Extension Offices

**Distributed to:** Local Hospitals and First Responders in  
Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County

**HEAD\*HEART\*HANDS\*HEALTH**

Organized by: Fantastic Fours 4-H Club Members Maddie, Garyn, & Anthony  
Contact: Vicki Joiner, 4-H Leader 217-971-2161 or Kate Harding 217-854-9604



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Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, April 27 as part of True Leaders in Service. On this day, show the world how 4-H is making a difference in your community! 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long, however; April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together and roll up our sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs; cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens; supporting your local food pantry, or any other project that supports a local need. While community service can happen all year long, if 4-H members and clubs plan to engage in

service efforts before the end of April, they should plan to register their effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to Saturday, April 27. The website opens March 1 @ <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>. Community Service resources are available now!

The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals; by 4-H clubs; or as a county-wide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference. Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a “national” 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.

1. Register your event beforehand at: <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> through the National 4-H Council website.
2. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) and find helpful resources – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.
3. Promote your event on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!
4. Complete your event then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to REPORT the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.
5. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) after your event and submit a report on what you did.

We want you to register and report using both the National and State links so we do not miss any of the great things that is happening across Illinois and also to ensure that you qualify for the national 4-H activity experience!

**FUN FACT** – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than ANY OTHER STATE in 2018! Let’s see if we can go even bigger in 2019!

## Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don’t complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec). **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**



**NOTE:** The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.

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## February is National Black History Month

This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today's #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field! #InspireKidstoDo #BlackHistoryMonth



## Pick your favorites at State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27 at Black Hawk College**, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate. Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office. Top-placing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

## Your path to state Horse Bowl and Hippology contests

Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Klinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology.

4-H members in our area should compete at: April 6 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield. Contact Carissa Davis, [akpore@illinois.edu](mailto:akpore@illinois.edu), 217-732-8289 and Emily Schoenfelder, [eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu), 309-347-6614.



## STEMbot Challenge announced

More than 400 youth are expected to compete in this year's State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Teams of youth may enter to compete May 11. The contest will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. Get all the details of the challenge online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics). This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! Enter your team, or come and visit the contest to see what all the buzz is about!

## Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.



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## WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

We've updated the Public Presentation category. Be sure to read the new rules below! Each county can send three entries to the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest which will be held June 8 in Decatur. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Here are the new guidelines for your moment in the spotlight:



### **Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes**

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (**Original Oratory**), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (**Topical Response**):

- Welcome to the Digital Age
- What is My Connection to the Global Community?
- Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?
- If I Could See tomorrow...

### **Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes**

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

### **Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes**

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

### **Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes**

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

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## Begin your global travels with 4-H

Make your 2019 an international summer! Here are outbound travel dates:

- Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019
- Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019
- Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019
- Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019
- South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019



### Eligibility:

- Age **12-18** for Japan & South Korea and age **15-18** for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

These programs enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills, while increasing their international awareness and understanding. Selected delegates will be placed with a host family where they will experience family life, community activities and be immersed in the local culture of the country. With 4-H exchange opportunities, you are not just a tourist, but also a family member and expected to participate in all aspects of family and community life the program has to offer. Check out the information for each country online @ [go.illinois.edu/global4H](http://go.illinois.edu/global4H).



## 2019 State Fair Junior livestock requirements

Don't get left out of the showing because your animal is too old or too young. The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). **Click on Members. Then Projects. Then choose any of the animal science projects. The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.** Here are important changes about the state fair junior livestock program:

- **Steers:** will be tattooed with a Box A tattoo this year.
- **Market Heifer:** There is no market heifer class at the Illinois State Fair junior show.
- **Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2019 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1. (Local dates may require earlier ownership deadline.)
- **Premiere Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after Feb. 10, 2019 and tattooed from Feb. 10 – April 15. Box A tattoo required.
- **Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs:** There are no regional sheep weigh in sites this year. Market wether and market ewe lamb exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Jr. Premiere Wether Lambs:** must be nominated, tattooed and weighed at county level with a Box A tattoo. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Meat Goat Wethers:** There are no regional goat weigh in sites this year. Exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Horse and Pony:** Ownership/Lease forms, SF entries, and photos due to State Fair office by June 1.

### 2019 4-H Show Dates-Macoupin County 4-H

June 1 Mini Fair	June 17 4-H Clothing Show	June 26 4-H Swine Show	June 29 Rabbit Show
June 8 Unit 18 Horse Show	June 20 4-H General Show	June 27 4-H Beef Show	June 30 Pick-Up
June 14 4-H Foods Show	June 25 or 26 Sheep Show	June 28 4-H Poultry/Goat Show	



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## mark your calendar!



February	National Black History Month
February 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> IAA Foundation Scholarships
February 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Registration for State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
February 15	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Governor's Service Awards
February 16	Illinois Pork Producers Youth Day
February 18	4-H Electricity Workshop 9am at Extension
February 18	4-H Cooking Workshop 1pm at Extension
February 23	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, East Peoria
February 23-24, 2019	Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Champaign
February 28	<b>DEADLINE:</b> World of 7 Billion Video Contest
February 28	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Project Y.E.S. Internships
March 1	<b>DEADLINE</b> 4-H Livestock Scholarship
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Farm Credit Community Service Grants
March 8	Explore ACES Open House @ University of Illinois
April 7	4-H Youth Leadership (Federation) Community Service at Ronald McDonald House-Springfield
April 13	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest
April 13	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest
April 14	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
April 15	4-H County Nature Night at 6:30pm at Cross Church Carlinville
April 27	National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 11	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
June 25-29	Macoupin County Fair
August 12	Macoupin County Illinois State Fair Day