

4-H FAST FACTS **



A Newsletter for Macoupin County 4-H Families

June 2019



Unit 18 St. Louis Career Exploration Trip June 3, 2019

1st Stop: Beautiful Day to visit the East St. Louis Cargill Plant. We got to see record flood levels of the Mississippi River and learn about the Ag industry. Plant Manager Tyler Bulvee shared much information about Cargill, the river systems and career pointers with our 4-H members.

2nd Stop: After lunch, we had a great tour of Busch Stadium and met with a panel of professionals at the ballpark. Our group spoke with Cardinal Payroll, Marketing Specialist/Cards Magazine Publicist, Baseball Museum Director, Special Events Coordinator, and Baseball Memorabilia Specialist. Walking on the field and hanging in the dugout was quite the highlight as well.





Busch Stadium

Cargill Plant

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 Public Speaking Contest-May 9

Top Speeches & State Delegates: Saralynn Joiner, Josiah Schuette, Reese Heyen State Alternates: Claire Behme, Tyler Behme, Ethan Schuette

Top Food Demo: Cara Winningham



4-H Small Pets

Best of Show: Maris Brill (Bob)

Reserve Best of Show: Logan Helling



4-H Mini Fair June 1, 2019

Thanks for all the pet supply donations to help the Macoupin County Animal Shelter!



4-H Cat Best of Show: Wyld Gilmore & Reserve BOS Charlee Dugger & Braylee Gilmore

Best Kitten: Allie Helling (Twitch)

Reserve Kitten: Evelyn Heyen (Kitty)



BOS Puppy: Luke Wolff BOS Dog Care: Joscelyn Wagner

Reserve Dog Care: Colin Boehler

BOS: Dog Obedience: Colin Boehler

Reserve Dog Obedience: Braylee Gilmore

Jr. Showmanship: Colin Boehler (Bruce)

Sr. Showmanship: Braylee Gilmore (Blaze)



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Macoupin County 4-H Robotics Team Competes at State-May 11

Congrats to the Cyborg Sausages for their top 15 finish in the Rookies division at the State 4-H Robotics Competition in Bloomington.





4-H Day with the Cardinals- May 11

Several 4-H Members, Friends, and Families ventured to Busch Stadium for 4-H Day on May 11.

The day was filled with rain delays and memories to last a lifetime.



SPEAK FOR ILLINOIS 4-H

4-H Speak for IL 4-H Members Rachel and Anthony headed to the Capitol in May to tell their 4-H story and advocate for 4-H in Illinois! Great Job!

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4-H Foods Show-June 14 at 9am

The Macoupin County 4-H Foods Show will be held on Friday, June 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at *Cross Church in Carlinville*. Address is 1030 W Main St, Carlinville, IL 62626 (Old Wal-Mart) Please enter on the East Side closest to Nick's Pizza.

***Please Note: You are allowed to exhibit up to 3 items in the 4-H Cooking 101, 4-H Cooking 201 and 4-H Cooking 301, & 401 project areas. There are changes to the exhibit rules this year, so please read carefully. If you make changes to the recipe, bring a copy of the recipe with your changes. Also bring the required activity from the manual. Only State Fair eligible exhibits will be considered for State Fair. Check out the showbook to find out which exhibits are NOT State Fair eligible. You MUST use the recipes from the 4-H project manuals. Food items will be displayed on a white disposable plate in a sealed plastic baggie.

4-H Foods Show Club Exhibit Times:

9:00am	Lucky Birds-Crazy Clovers-Pioneers-Fantastic Fours
9:45am	Clover Cadets-Brighton Farmhands-Green Genes-Piasa Birds
10:15am	Bunker Hill Livewires-4x4-NW Green Machines
10:45am	Stauntoneers-Independents-Shipman Clovers



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General Show-Thursday, June 20

The General Show will begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 20 at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds. <u>It is imperative to the</u> <u>day's schedule that you arrive during your club's exhibit time.</u> All members are encouraged to review the requirements for their project areas detailed in your 2019 4-H Showbook.

- ★ The help desk is set up to help answer questions anyone may have about showing.
- ★ Leaders/or a designated person may pick up their club's 4-H General Show entry tags at the help desk.
- → Exhibit tags will need to be taped to the project before conference judging occurs.
- → If you are a new 4-H member, you may want to check at the help desk for information about showing your projects.
- → 4-H members are asked to stay under the pavilion until their club is called. This will eliminate lines at the back of the 4-H building.

Parents/4-H members may also bring lawn chairs and drinks. Only 4-H Members are allowed in the 4-H Building.

Cloverbuds will be in Food Stand Building. All General Projects except Visual Arts will be in 4-H Building. Visual Arts will be in the Exhibit Building across from the 4-H Building. Cloverbuds will be at the same time as their club time.

General Show Club Schedule

General Show Club Schedule			
9:00-9:30	Youth Helpers		
9:30-10:00	Lucky Birds		
	Pioneers		
	Crazy Clovers		
10:00-10:30	Clover Cadets		
	Shipman Clovers		
	Fantastic Fours		
10:30-11:00	Bunker Hill Livewires		
	4x4		
	Northwestern Green Machines		
	Piasa Birds		

Have fun and Enjoy the morning!! All exhibits will be on display fair week June 25-29!

Huge thanks to all our trophy donors for 2019.



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TUESDAY, JUNE 25 9:00a.m 2p.m. LUCKY BIRDS	Notes Package Cookies- 3 Cookies Per Bag and Please Label 4-H Building is Closed	TUESDAY, JUNE 25 3:00 p.m 8 p.m Bunker Hill Livewires
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 9:00 a.m2 p.m. MORNING Northwestern Green Machines	NOTES NW Green Machines cover 4-H Building 2-2:30 4x4 covers 4-H Building 2:30-3	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 3:00 p.m 8 p.m. 4x4
THURSDAY, JUNE 27 9 a.m 2 p.m. MORNING Fantastic Fours	NOTES Fan Fours covers 4-H Building 2-2:30 Clover Cadets cover 4-H Building 2:30-3	THURSDAY, JUNE 27 3 p.m 8 p.m. Clover Cadets
FRIDAY, JUNE 28 9:00am 2 p.m. MORNING Pioneers	NOTES Pioneers cover 4-H Building 2-2:30 Crazy Clovers Cover 4-H Building 2:30-3	FRIDAY, JUNE 28 3:00 p.m 8 p.m. Crazy Clovers/Staunton/Piasa
SATURDAY, JUNE 29 9:00 a.m 2 p.m. MORNING Green Genes	NOTES Green Genes cover 4-H Building 2- 2:30 Shipman Clovers Covers 4-H Building 2:30-3	SATURDAY, JUNE 29 3:00 p.m 8 p.m. Shipman Clovers

Macoupin County ****Food Festival****4-H Schedule

Thanks for your efforts in working the food stand at the Macoupin County Fair!

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Tie Dye ART

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the mac Macoupin County 4-H Day at the MAC

Tuesday, July 9

Tie Dye Art Session

 Youth 8-18 years 9:30am-10:30am

Youth will:

Create their very own Tie Dve Art



Location: The Macoupin County Art Collective 214 East Main Street-Staunton



HANDS-ONWORKSHOP

CLASS SIZE LIMITED; MUST REGISTER BY July 2.

Call 217-854-9604 or register online at web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/macoupin4h

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All payments made to the MAC.

Take home your own artwork to enjoy!









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Unit Community Service Project

Over the past year, we have seen an increase in unit-wide community service events. This is a great way to get member and family involvement by giving back to the community, and we applaud these efforts! However, we want to make sure that the quality and quantity of unit-wide events, specifically community service events, do not overshadow or take away from local efforts. Therefore, moving forward, all unit-wide events, including community service activities, will only be organized by the county or unit-wide youth leadership team/federation groups. Individual clubs can still organize and promote county -wide activities. If members are interested in helping lead something at the unit-wide level, they are encouraged to join their county-wide leadership group. Contact the Extension Office or Sara Marten at marten1@illinois.edu if you have questions.

Youth Teaching Opportunities

We recognize that we have many teens that are wanting to expand their leadership experiences – including wanting to help lead workshops at the county level. In order to keep consistent quality and opportunities across the unit, we are requiring that any teen member that wants to teach as a part of their 4-H leadership experience must first attend a teen teacher training. Teens will attend a CORE training on the basics of teaching (working with ages and stages, experiential learning, classroom management, etc.) and a CURRICULUM training on specific topics/curriculums they are wanting to teach. For more information or questions, please contact Sara Marten at 217-532-3941 or marten1@illinois.edu.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too!



Be aware: Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth. Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required. Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Applications are due June 1 but will be accepted until all students are placed.

For more information, visit: http://www.states4hexchange.org, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu



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Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

- Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Your video should relate to one of these topics:
 - ♦ Through 4-H, I've been able to ...
 - ♦ In my 4-H project, I've learned
 - ♦ 4-H has taught me to care about my community.
 - ♦ 4-H has helped me feel welcomed by
 - ♦ I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...
 - ♦ Here's how 4-H has prepared me for my future career.
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted through August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.
- Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.



4-H STORYTELLERS

Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs,

poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms. Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.



Great Neighbor contest due June 16

Submit a photo with a 200-word description and enter in the Great Neighbor Contest sponsored by Tractor Supply Company. The photo should show how you're making a difference in your community. Winners will be invited to special activities at the TSC's Mobile Fair Tour at the Illinois State Fair. Winners get a plague and Tractor Supply gift pack. Deadline is June 16. To enter, eligible 4-H

and FFA members should visit <u>TractorSupply.com/FairTour</u> to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.



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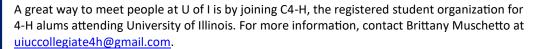
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Cream of the Crop photo entries due

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag_Invest/Cream_of_the_Crop_Photo_Contest

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End of year award time is approaching

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation, Community Service, Leadership,* and *Project Learning.* Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take

New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

- Their knowledge about the project
- Their conference presentation of the project
- The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair. For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a **champion and reserve champion** will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, **INSPIRE AWARDS** will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging





Celebrating volunteers at the fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.



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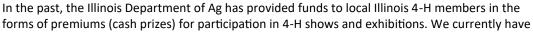
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Which dairy cow do you place first?

Line 'em up and rank them at the 2019 Illinois 4-H State Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, and the contest begins at 10. All contestants must be current 4-H members, but you do not need to be enrolled in a dairy project. There will be six classes of cows and heifers of various breeds. Youth 13 and younger (as of 1/1/19) will be in the junior division. Youth 14 and older will be in the senior division. All participants will be invited to present oral reasons, but it is not mandatory. Juniors may read or recite from memory. Those seniors wishing to be considered for the state team must give two sets of oral reasons. State team members must be at least 14 but not older than 18 as of Jan. 1, 2019. The national contest will be Sept. 30 in Madison, Wisconsin. The national team is supported with funds from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Understanding 4-H premiums





no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.



Poultry test waived

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is has announced that the antigen required to do the poultry pullorum test is currently unavailable and will not be required at the state fair.

Save the date for fall shooting sports contests

Test your skill at the State Shooting Sports contests this fall. Read the age restrictions carefully. You may participate in one, two, three, or all four contests as long as you've received instruction from a certified 4-H instructor in THAT discipline. The top performers this fall may be eligible to compete in the 2020 National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. Registrations for all State Shoots begins July 15



Age Requirements for the State Shoots:

- Participants must be enrolled members of an active 4-H Shooting Sports Club for the 2019-20 year, so it is important youth re-enroll as soon as the new year begins in September.
- Youth may only compete in the discipline for which they have received instruction from a certified 4-H volunteer instructor. For example, youth who are members of a shotgun club led by a state-certified shotgun instructor cannot register for the pistol contest unless they have also participated in supervised instruction from a state-certified 4-H pistol instructor.
- Minimum Age: Youth must be at least 14 years of age by Jan. 1, 2020 to compete.
- Maximum Age: Youth must be no older than 18 on Sept. 1, 2019 to participate.

To be selected for the national competition team, youth must not turn 19 before Jan. 1, 2020. Thus, youth in their final year of 4-H who turn 19 in September, October, November, or December 2019 may participate in the state contest but cannot be selected for the national contest.

Shoot dates:

Shotgun will be held September 14 at the Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill Archery will be held September 21 at the Pekin Archers in Pekin.

Rifle & Pistol will be held September Oct. 12 -13 at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting (CIPS), Bloomington



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Shooting Sports volunteer training on target for July 20-21

Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. Volunteers should apply at their local Extension office who can share ways you can get involved. Volunteers must also complete a weekend training July 20-21 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello.



Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Cost is \$95. Some counties cover the cost of this program. The deadline is early July, but counties must complete screenings prior to registering volunteers, so don't delay.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline to attend per session. These include archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at: https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports.

Online ethics certification required for 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. The website is located online at: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/.

Use good animal stewardship practices this summer

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

- 1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
- 2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
- 3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
- 4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
- 5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
- 6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
- Handle animals in a very humane way.
- 8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
- 9. Avoid stressing the animal.
- 10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
- 11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
- 12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
- 13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
- 14. Some words, such as "slaughter" or "killed," may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as "harvested" or "sold to packing company."
- 15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
 - a.Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
 - b.Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
 - c.It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.



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mark your calendar!



June 4 – 8 4-H Memorial Camp Week 1

June 8 Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur

June 8 Unit 18 Horse Show-Gillespie & State Public Speaking Contest-Decatur

June 8 – 15 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington DC

June 9 – 13 4-H Memorial Camp Week 2 June 16 – 20 4-H Memorial Camp Week 3

June 17 Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign

June 23 – 29 Illini Summer Academies, Champaign

June 30 – July 4 4-H Memorial Camp Week 4

June 14 4-H Foods Show— Cross Church Carlinville 9am

June 17 4-H Clothing Show-Extension 6pm

June 20 4-H General Show-Fairgrounds 9:30am

June 26 4-H Swine Show-8am, 4-H Sheep Show-3pm
June 27 4-H Beef Show 10am, 4-H Dairy Show 12pm

June 28 4-H Poultry Show-9am, 4-H Goat Show-1pm

June 29 4-H Rabbit Show-9am

June 30 4-H Project Pick-Up Day 12-2pm

July 1 DEADLINE: Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show

July 4 Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

July 9 4-H Tie Dye Workshop –The Mac

July 10 4-H Welcome Mat Workshop—Extension

July 11 4-H WeDo Robotics— Extension

July 15-16 DIY Code & Build Workshop

July 20 – 21 4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp

July 22 – 28 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, Springfield

July 28 – Aug. 1 4-H Memorial Camp Week 5

July 31 4-H Canning Workshop-Extension

August 12 Macoupin County Illinois State Fair Day