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4-H Family News**



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Madison County Shooting Sports are on fire! Thanks to the Bremer's for instructing and the Raymond's for assisting and providing the space to practice. Congratulations to the following winners from the 1st virtual shooting sports competition:

Sr. Division in Shotgun: 2nd Max Bremer

Jr. Division in Shotgun: 3rd Benaiah Bremer, 5th Ethan McDowell

Sr. Division in Air Rifle: 1st Gloria Bremer, 2nd Max Bremer, 3rd Raegen Gross, 4th Alexis Gross, 5th Sara Harrison

Jr. Division in Air Rifle: 1st Benaiah Bremer, 2nd Ashleigh Gross, 3rd Sydney Gross, 4th Ryley Gross

KEEP SHOOTING FOR THE STARS!

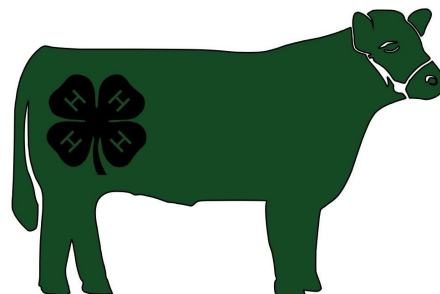
Monroe County Office
901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117
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618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

Office Hours:
Monday- Friday:
8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Madison-St. Clair County Office
1 Regency Plaza, Suite 200
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

Madison County Steer Weigh-In

- ♦ **Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2021
- ♦ **Time:** 9-11 a.m.
- ♦ **Place:** Dennis Kusterman's
3637 Hill Road, Highland IL.
- ♦ **RSVP by:** Monday, Feb. 1, 2021
@ angielyn@illinois.edu



ATTENTION LIVESTOCK MEMBERS!

IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND/OR GOATS:

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program.

You may complete this training online for \$12:

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

We will try to hold in person trainings closer to show time if the COVID numbers are low enough.



IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN HORSES, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CATS:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime.

Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs.

The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Madison County Cloverbuds are doing some amazing work and their leaders are making that possible!

St. Jacob Cloverbuds have been very active this year! Rachel has put together Cloverbud kits each month that the families pick up from her porch and then they meet online to catch up and work on their activities. In January they made bird feeders out of bagels, peanut butter and seeds. They also collected 141 pounds of food which they donated to the Highland Area Christian Service Ministry.



Great Work St. Jacob Cloverbuds!

The Pin Oak Progressors Cloverbuds Leader, Susan, has put together a Cloverbud bundle of activities to get them through these cold days of winter. They will be able to make a felt cat toy and tie pet blanket which can be donated to a shelter, a box to decorate, seeds to grow, and cookies in a jar that they can bake with their families.



Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
Farm Credit Illinois	Available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an ag. based college curriculum next fall.	\$2,000	March 12, 2021	www.farmcreditil.com
IAA Foundation Scholarships	All applicants must be a high school graduate or be graduating in 2021 and must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school.	\$1,000-\$7,500	February 15, 2021	www.iaafoundation.org
Garden Clubs of Illinois	Available to juniors, seniors and graduate students planning careers related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.	\$4,500	March 15, 2021	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
Korsmeyer Scholarship	Available to a high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years and must be a permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County. Applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0	\$1,000	April 17, 2021	https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fillable_lucille_-_lester_korsmeyer_scholarship_2020.pdf

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4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

If you are interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Leader for pistol or air pistol, rifle or air rifle, archery, shotgun, or hunting & outdoor skills, please contact me as soon as possible and we will get you scheduled to join a training. I am hoping to add another training closer to home as well so please stay tuned.



Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

SCHEDULE: Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 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.

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: January- May or until all placements are made
Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

TRAVEL PERIOD: 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

REQUIREMENTS: Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

Cost: \$2700-5000* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

RECRUITMENT PERIOD: September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email: Miriam Rosenbohm at rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu
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4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>

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, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**
2. **Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

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

TOPICS will include:

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

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

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



Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!

4-H Youth Opportunities to Lead and Learn

Ask Angie about scholarship opportunities!



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-March 4 @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.

2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at mbbecker@illinois.edu



AgriScience

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.



YLT

Illinois State 4-H
Youth Leadership Team

- **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.

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2021 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. **Nominations are due May 1.**

<https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

Applications are due March 12, 2021.

Access the application using the following link:
www.farmcreditIL.com/community



4-H Alumni Opportunities:

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile! Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected! [Share your 4-H News](#)

WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

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2021

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WEDNESDAY
FEB. 17 @ 2:00 PM CST

WEDNESDAY
MAR. 17 @ 2:00 PM CST

WEDNESDAY
APR. 21 @ 2:00 PM CST

This virtual speaker series will feature current USDA researchers, scientists, technicians, engineers, foresters, other STEM related program managers. These virtual sessions will allow students from high school and college students from Minority Serving Institutions and School Districts to engage with current USDA professionals and learn about their story, career path, and exciting projects and initiatives they may be working on at USDA that serve the public interest, while helping to inspire the next generation of the agricultural workforce!

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT: JULIO.BUENTES@USDA.GOV
RUBY.DELACRUZ@USDA.GOV

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4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

JOIN 4-H Alumni for some fun and networking on February 4, 2021 for our first 4-H Alumni event! We will host a trivia night and Lisa Diaz, IL 4-H Assistant Dean & Director, will provide an update on Illinois 4-H! Registration is now open!

<https://buff.ly/2LL4t1c>

Cost is \$10/per person.

Register by February 1!

Time: 7:00 pm

Platform: Zoom

Connecting with Cultures & Continents

Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 5 interactive online workshops each covering a different indigenous culture. Each workshop will incorporate an engaging presentation over each culture, a cultural art/craft, and a food/drink recipe to do together.

~~January 27 → *South/Central America:* The Guna (Kuna) People~~
~~Register by January 20: <https://go.illinois.edu/Guna>~~

February 25 → *Arctic:* The Inuit People
Register by February 18: <https://go.illinois.edu/Inuit>

March 23 → *Europe:* The Celtic People
Register by March 16: <https://go.illinois.edu/Celtic>

April 28 → *North America:* The Cahokia People
Register by April 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/Cahokia>

May 25 → *Africa:* The Zulu People
Register by May 18: <https://go.illinois.edu/Zulu>



Information about picking up supplies is in the **registration links**



The activities completed in these workshops will meet the requirements for **Passport to the World** projects and several categories of **Visual Arts**



Each workshop limited to the first **24 participants**, so sign up today!



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Virtual Maker Workshop

When: February 10, 2021

4pm-5pm

Join us for a ZOOM maker workshop where you will create 2 Pop Up Valentine's Day Cards that light up and a Popsicle Flashlight. These projects will qualify as a "Maker Project" and "Visual Arts Paper Project". When you are finished you will have 2 4-H projects ready to show at the end of the year!



You can register online here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?>

[RegistrationID=23001](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23001)

Cost is only \$5

Kits will be available to pick up in Collinsville from
February 5-9

Limited to the first 25 youth who register.

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Virtual Heritage Arts Workshop

WHEN: March 9, 4pm-5pm

Join us for a ZOOM Visual Arts Heritage Arts workshop where you will create a stamped cross stitch piece and a dream catcher. Both of these pieces will qualify for a Heritage Arts project!



You can register online here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23002>

Cost is only \$5

Items will be available to pickup in Collinsville
from March 3-8

Limited to 24 youth

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Virtual Floriculture

Workshop

WHEN: April 8, 4pm-5pm

Join us for a Floriculture workshop where you will learn how to force bulbs indoors and you will plant a culinary herb basket. New herb projects have been added to Horticulture and Floriculture this year. You will have 2 completed projects after attending this workshop.



You can register online here:

[https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23003)

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Cost is only \$5

Items will be available to pickup in Collinsville

from April 2-6.

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