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Newsletters compiled by Angie Abernathy. Please contact me with any questions at angielyn@illinois.edu.

Public Speaking Contest

Tuesday, March 15, 6pm

If you signed up for the Public Speaking project, we will hold the competition on March 15. If you would still like to sign up let me know and I will add this project. You can enter in the following categories:

- ◆ Formal Speech
- ◆ Illustrated Speech
- ◆ Original Works
- ◆ Oral Interpretation

If you qualify for the State competition, it will take place on April 30, 2022. For more information about this 4-H project please visit here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-public-speaking-contest>

**4-H
Public
Speaking**



Monroe County Office

901 Illinois Ave., PO Box 117
Waterloo, IL 62298
618-939-3434, 618-939-7708 Fax

Office Hours:

Monday- Friday:
8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Madison-St. Clair County Office

1606 Eastport Plaza Dr., Suite 100
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax

Madison County Steer Weigh-In

If you will be showing a steer at the County Fair and would like to participate in the rate of gain contest, you must attend this weigh-in.

- ♦ **DATE:** Saturday, February 5, 2022
- ♦ **TIME:** 9-11 AM
- ♦ **PLACE:** Kusterman Farm,
3637 Hill Road, Highland
- ♦ **RSVP BY:** Monday, January 31, 2022



Call 618-344-4230 or email angielyn@illinois.edu



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

We will schedule an in person training in April for only \$3 so stay tuned.



If you are enrolled in Horses, Rabbits, Poultry, Dogs, and/or Cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification is required for exhibitors of the above animals, even if you are only doing an animal science project. You only need to complete this training once in your lifetime!

This training is free and can be completed online at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
IAA Foundation	Available for High School Seniors from Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau Members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study.	\$1,000-\$7,500	February 15, 2022	www.iaafoundation.org
Farm Credit Illinois	Available for High School Seniors planning to study agriculture in college	\$2,000	February 28, 2022	www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship
Garden Clubs of Illinois	Available for High School Seniors that plan to study in the fields of agriculture, ag-education, agronomy, botany, forestry, floriculture, horticulture, landscape design, plant pathology, and related fields	\$2,250	March 15, 2022	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
National Garden Clubs	Available for High School Seniors attending any U.S. college or university.	\$4,000	March 15, 2022	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
Korsmeyer 4-H Scholarship	Available for High School Seniors actively involved in 4-H for at least 4 years and resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe.	1,000/year (4yr. Max)	April 15, 2022	https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/lu-cille_leston_korsmeyer_scholarship_2022_0.pdf



If you would like to become a 4-H certified shooting sports instructor for pistol, rifle, shotgun, archery, or hunting/outdoor skills, be sure to register for one of our trainings located on Page 8. Hunting and Outdoor Skills training will only be offered on May 7. You can also train to become a shooting sports coordinator.

Staunton Road Rangers Shooting Sports Club

This club is headed by Max and Tamsey Bremer and you can learn how to shoot shotgun and rifle. They practice in Edwardsville, IL twice a month.

For more information, please reach out to them at maxandtams@gmail.com.



Winchester Shooting Range Route 140 & Powder Mill Road East Alton

Any 4-H youth ages 10-18 is welcome to join our 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Instructors out at Winchester on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7:00 PM.

They have everything that you will need in order to learn how to safely shoot. You are welcome to bring your own gun or use one of theirs. You can also bring your own protective eye wear and ear plugs or purchase some from them.

All ammunition **MUST** be purchased from Winchester and you can pick it up when you come to class.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me and I can help get you registered.

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A note from the County Director:

After much consideration, I have decided to leave Extension to pursue another career. It was a very difficult decision, but feel this is the best decision for myself and my family. The past two years have had challenges and many rewards. I have enjoyed various experiences and built many relationships that I will cherish throughout my lifetime. Thank you for allowing me to lead this unit and for all of your continued dedication to Illinois Extension and our communities. -Amy Cope

To Make the Best
BETTER

Don't forget about our 4-H requirements to show at the county and state fair:

- ◆ You must attend at least 4 meetings or activities with 4-H
- ◆ You must give a talk or demonstration to your club



Cultures & Continents Workshop on the Oroqen people of China

The University of Illinois Extension hosted a workshop on the Oroqen people. Those who registered received a copy of the Passport to the World project guide. They also learned all about the Oroqen culture. The Kurds are famous for birch bark crafts, so they created a birch bark picture frame. They also made an Oroqen recipe called Oroqen Rice Pudding.

Join us on February 3 from 4:30-6:30 for our final workshop on the Australian Aboriginal people.

<https://go.illinois.edu/Australia>

County Calendar of Events

February 3	Cultures & Continents Australia's Aboriginal people virtual workshop: https://go.illinois.edu/australia
February 5	Steer Weigh In at Kusterman Farm: 3637 Hill Road, Highland, 9-11 AM
March 12	Leader and Officer Training: 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Collinsville, 9-Noon
March 15	Public Speaking Event: 1606 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Collinsville, 6:00 PM

Marine Stars Jr. Ag.



This 4-H club did a lovely project in November where they decorated plates for the holidays, then had a wonderful Christmas party and supper together in December.

It's wonderful that you are finding ways to be together and celebrate.

Way to go 4-H'ers!

Pin Oak Progressors 4-H Club

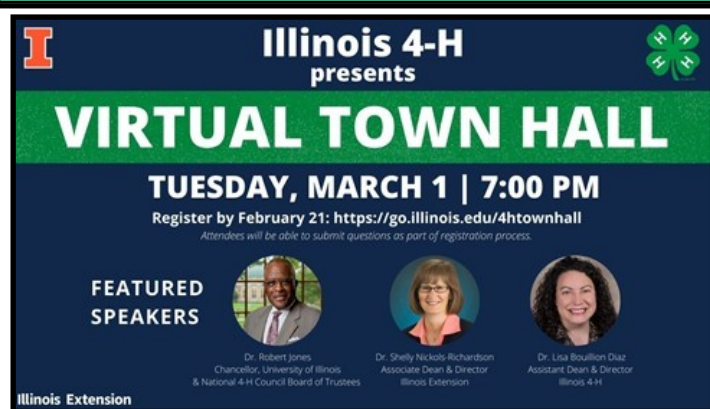
Wreaths Across America

Several of the Pin Oak club members participated in the Wreaths Across America event on December 18th. The 4-H youth were able to place wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers.

This event is carried out across the country at more than 2,500 locations in all 50 U.S. states. It is a tremendous honor to be able to recognize and honor these soldiers.


Great work everyone!





I Illinois 4-H presents
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM
 Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>
Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Robert Jones
Chancellor, University of Illinois
& National 4-H Council Board of Trustees



Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson
Associate Dean & Director
Illinois Extension



Dr. Lisa Bouillion Diaz
Assistant Dean & Director
Illinois 4-H

Illinois Extension

**Save the Date – March 1, 2022
 Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting**

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



Club Community Service Idea:



Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.

Applications for the 2022 Community Improvement Grant program are due **Feb. 28, 2022.**: <https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967>



Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will:

-  earn a \$5K scholarship
-  serve as a national youth spokesperson
- ...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply! <https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>



Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month: <https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier>.



INTRO TO 4-H AIR RIFLE COMPETITION SHOOTING

Take your existing 4-H air rifle club to a new level! Competition training for 4-H Rifle Club leaders and up to three 4-H Club members will take place on **March 19, 2022** from 10am-5pm at Central Illinois Precision Shooters in Bloomington, IL.

Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu for flyer and/or register at: go.illinois.edu/4HAirRifleTraining

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

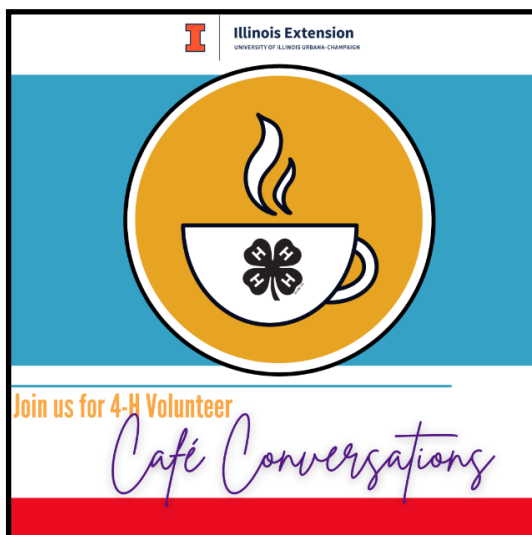
Registration now open:

Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL. (NW)

Training fee is \$50, email angielyn@illinois.edu to register.



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now so you can participate in the Spring 2022 **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**.

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM

Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM

Watch for future registration details!



ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. **The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!**

Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference!

Please use this link to register your Community Service event: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS COMING SUMMER 2022!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be taking a delegation of Illinois 4-H teens to experience first-hand the wonders of Washington D.C.

We are waiting for a confirmation regarding our travel dates, however we encourage interested teens to begin thinking about being a part of this opportunity where they will connect with teens from across the country to gain skills which will prepare them to be effective changemakers in their communities.



Additional details including confirmed dates; cost; and pre-trip planning will be shared soon!

***This qualifies as a national event!**



2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

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**Application opens on January 18
Deadline to apply: March 18**

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce that the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award application will open on January 18th. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. The Salute to Excellence application will go live on Council's Web Grants platform on January 18th. The Deadline to apply is March 18. <http://grants.4-h.org/index.do>



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H

Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel

prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Link to tournament details published in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge. The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by March 1, 2022. Here is the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>



Hands-on community service, conservation, and environmental education are key components the 4-H Green Communities Tree Program happening this spring in 31 counties throughout Illinois.

Illinois 4-H is partnering with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Forestry Committee to address the decline of native oak savannas by providing 25 oak seedlings (in containers) to these counties.



If you see your county shaded in green and are interested in helping plant these trees, let your local Extension office know! They will be coordinating a workday in late March-early April to plant these trees together on a public space of approximately 1/2 acre in your county. Resources will be posted here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-green-communities-tree-program>



4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) and on our Facebook [page](#).

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022
June 12-16, 2022
July 5-9, 2022
July 17-21, 2022

4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for.

Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)

- ♦ Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director
- ♦ Lead Male/Female Counselors
- ♦ Lifeguards
- ♦ Outdoor Education Director
- ♦ Arts & Crafts Director
- ♦ Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director
- ♦ Recreation Director
- ♦ Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)



Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources. Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



2022 State Horse Contests

Click on these hotlinks to view the rules & entry forms for the 4H [Horse Judging](#), [Horse Bowl](#), [Hippology](#), [Formal Speech](#), [Individual/Team Presentations](#), [Extemporaneous Speech](#), & [Interpretive Reading](#) Contests. State contest **entries** for all of the **speech** contests are **due March 30**. Registration for horse judging is the day of the contest (February 19 at Black Hawk East), with the registration card requiring a county Extension staff signature.

Regional contest **entries** for **Horse Bowl & Hippology** are **due March 2**. Remember, for Hippology that includes coach submission of written questions. See Question Submission info [here](#) before entering your questions in Qualtrics [here](#). As usual, your county extension office will need to register youth for these events through 4HOnline by the deadline. Please complete the traditional entry forms (found at the links above) and get them to your Extension office at least 2 business days prior to the appropriate entry deadline.

As is standard, attendance at the state horse bowl & hippology contests requires qualification at a participant's respective regional contests. Click [here](#) to view maps of the counties within each region.

Regional contest dates are as follows:

- NW: April 2 at Knoxville High School (600 E Main St, Knoxville)
- NE: March 19 at Emily G. Johns Intermediate School (430 Mitchell Drive, Plano)
- Central: ****TENTATIVE**** March 26 at Parkland College (Champaign)
- South: ****TENTATIVE**** March 26 at SIU-C

The state Hippology & Speech contests are scheduled for April 23 and Horse Bowl will be on April 24 on the University of Illinois campus in Champaign-Urbana.

Requests for reasonable accommodations must be made via submission of a completed [Reasonable Accommodate Request Form](#) to hagstrom@illinois.edu *a minimum of 30 days prior to the relevant regional contest date*. All the forms found at the links above are fillable-PDFs which must be downloaded to have that feature functional. Also remember to SAVE the form once it is filled out to preserve the text you have entered. The [state 4H website](#) has also be updated for the horse contests.

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State Calendar of Events

February 1-28	Black History Month https://go.illinois.edu/BlackHistoryMonthFlier
February 17	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
February 19	4-H State Horse Judging contest at Black Hawk East in Galva
February 28	Deadline for the Farm Credit Community Improvement Grant: https://form.jotform.com/212994192912967
March 1	Virtual Town Hall 7:00 PM https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall
March 1	Deadline to apply for the EPA video challenge https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y
March 2	Deadline to register for 4-H State Horse Bowl and Hippology
March 18	Deadline to apply for the 2022 Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award http://grants.4-h.org/index.do
March 19	Intro to 4-H Air Rifle competition shooting training
March 26	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-Tombstone Range, Marion, IL.
March 28	Deadline to apply for 4-H Youth in Action Scholarship https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0
March 30	Deadline to register for all 4-H State Horse Speech contests
April	Crappie State 4-H Tournament https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php
April 23	True Leaders in Service Day
April 23	State Hippology & Speech contests at University of Illinois campus
April 24	State Horse Bowl contest at University of Illinois campus
May	Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
May 7	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL.
May 19	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
June	Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
June 5-9	4-H Memorial Camp Week 1 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
June 12-16	4-H Memorial Camp Week 2 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
July 5-9	4-H Memorial Camp Week 3 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping
July 16	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training-Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL.
July 17-21	4-H Memorial Camp Week 4 https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping

Connecting with Cultures & Continents

Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 3 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

LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE
IN A CULTURAL WORKSHOP:

February 3 *Australia:* The Aboriginal People

Register by January 27: <https://go.illinois.edu/Australia>



Only \$10
per
workshop!

Register for any of the above workshops and you
will receive a Passport to the World project
guide, 1 per family!

Recommended ages 8+

Parental supervision suggested during cooking.



Each
workshop
scheduled
4:30-6:30pm



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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4-H LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LET'S TALK LEADERSHIP!

- Learn effective leadership strategies to help enhance your club experiences.
- Engage in conversations & activities you can lead with your club.
- Learn more about your responsibilities as an officer and leader.
- Network with other clubs.
- HAVE FUN!

Participants can choose to attend either our Collinsville or Waterloo Offices. Please indicate which office you plan to attend at in the registration below.

Register @ extension.illinois.edu/mms



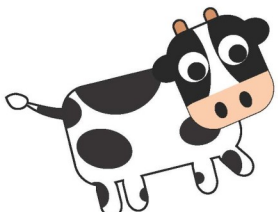
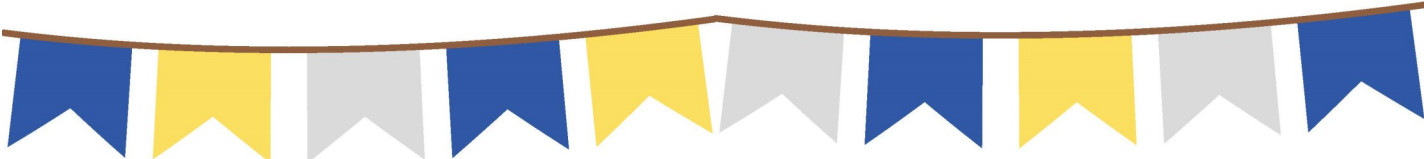
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Highland and Staunton FFA are putting on a



Farm Animal Petting Zoo

to celebrate FFA Week 2022

SAT, FEB. 26TH | 9AM - 12 NOON
HAMEL CO-OP, HAMEL, IL

PIGS-COWS-GOATS-SHEEP
REFRESHMENTS-TRIVIA
ATTENDANCE PRIZE-AND MORE

FOR QUESTIONS
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