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**Join me November 13 at 9am for Coffee  
with the 4-H Coordinator  
(juice and donuts too)!**

I will go over several things including:

- ♦ How to register in 4-H Online and I can help you register that day.
- ♦ Learn all about projects, project publications and showing your projects at the county fair.
- ♦ I will tell you about several resources that will help you keep up with 4-H information and activities.
- ♦ We will talk about community clubs, SPIN clubs and how meetings work.
- ♦ County awards and livestock record books.

**You can register to attend in person:**

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24456>

**or via ZOOM:** <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88120215363?>

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## We have some amazing youth in our Madison County Shooting Sports Program!

Max and Tamsey Bremer have done an outstanding job of working with the youth in the Staunton Road Rangers 4-H shooting sports club and it shows!

### 4-H State Small Bore Rifle:

- ♦ Gloria Bremer-1st Place
- ♦ Benaiah Bremer-3rd Place
  - ♦ JB Bremer-4th Place

### 4-H State Air Rifle:

- ♦ Jacob Schaper-5th Place
- ♦ Alexis Gross-8th Place
- ♦ Sara Beth Harrison-9th Place



- ♦ Ashleigh Gross-10th Place

### 4-H State Shotgun:

- ♦ JB Bremer-3rd Place
- ♦ Ethan McDowell-11th Place
- ♦ Luke Schoen-12th Place
- ♦ Benaiah Bremer-19th Place
- ♦ Trace Waldram-20th Place
- ♦ Gloria Bremer-22nd Place
- ♦ Alan Winte-23rd Place
- ♦ Sara Beth Harrison-30th Place
- ♦ Jacob Schaper-31st Place
- ♦ Clayton Handshy-41st Place
- ♦ Bella Turner-42nd Place



It's not too late...

Join a 4-H Shooting Sports Club today and you could be the next State Fair champion!

## Secretary and Treasurer Books



Those clubs that submitted their record books by September 15 were eligible to receive the Top Record Book Award:

**Top Secretary Book:** Sarah Hyten from Pin Oak Progressors 4-H Club

**Top Treasurer Book:** Karlee Switzer from Cloverleaf Ag. 4-H Club

## I Dare You Award

This prestigious award goes to individuals who were nominated because of their potential to be great leaders and make a difference in their club, their community, their country and their world. We had two very worthy nominees this year:

**Kevin LeDuc from Quercus Grove 4-H Club**

**Elizabeth Hyten from Pin Oak Progressors 4-H Club**

**Congratulations to both of you!**



## Illinois Holstein Award

This award goes to an individual that shows Holsteins at the County Fair. This year we had 3 youth:

**Emma Meyer-Grant Prairie**

**Zachary Paul-Alhambra Morning Glories**

**Trent Zobrist-Good Producers**

## EEC Electricity Award



This award goes to an individual that completed an electricity project through 4-H and submitted an application describing that project. Unfortunately, this year we did not have any applicants for this award. I hope to see more electricity projects in 2022.

**LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS**

- ♦ **Emma Meyer-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 8-10 Rabbit
  - ♦ Top Overall Rabbit
  - ♦ Top 8-10 Dairy
  - ♦ Top Overall Dairy
- ♦ **Dominick Kampwerth-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 11-14 Beef
- ♦ **Wade Kampwerth-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 8-10 Beef
- ♦ **Cheyenne Choat-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 15-19 Beef
  - ♦ Top Overall Beef
- ♦ **Lilly Andrews-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 11-14 Horse
  - ♦ Top Overall Horse
- ♦ **Aynslie Ernst-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 8-10 Horse
  - ♦ Top 8-10 Swine
- ♦ **Tricity Levinson-Independent**
  - ♦ Top 11-14 Dog
  - ♦ Top Overall Dog
- ♦ **Kylie Ketcham-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 15-19 Sheep
  - ♦ Top Overall Sheep
- ♦ **Raeleigh Pfershy-Pin Oak Progressors**
  - ♦ Top 11-14 Poultry
  - ♦ Top Overall Poultry
- ♦ **Masen Montegna-St. Jacob 4-H**
  - ♦ Top 8-10 Poultry

**LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS**

- ♦ **Charli Kunz-Good Producers**
  - ♦ Top 15-19 Swine
  - ♦ Top Overall Swine
- ♦ **Ethan Henschen-Grant Prairie**
  - ♦ Top 11-14 Swine
- ♦ **Completion Certificates:**
  - ♦ Amelia Tallman-Rabbit
  - ♦ Ava Meyer-Rabbit
  - ♦ Amelia Reding-Beef
  - ♦ Nellie Andrews-Dairy
  - ♦ Trent Zobrist-Dairy
  - ♦ Koy Ketcham-Sheep
  - ♦ Cole Brown-Swine
  - ♦ Hunter Hediger-Swine
  - ♦ Haley Rensing-Swine
  - ♦ Hannah Rensing-Swine
  - ♦ Mary Rensing-Swine
  - ♦ Morgan Langendorf-Swine
  - ♦ Emma Henschen-Swine
  - ♦ Mackenzie Landmann-Swine
  - ♦ Katelyn Kunz-Swine
  - ♦ Tenley Henkhaus-Swine
  - ♦ Teyton Henkhaus-Swine





### COUNTY AWARDS

- ♦ **Mia Abernathy-Pin Oak/Willoughby**
  - ♦ Top Animal Science
  - ♦ Top Healthy Living & Nutrition
  - ♦ Top STEM
- ♦ **Ava Abernathy-Pin Oak/Willoughby**
  - ♦ Top Animal Science
  - ♦ Top Creative Arts
  - ♦ Top Healthy Living & Nutrition
  - ♦ Top STEM
- ♦ **August Kustermann-Good Producers**
  - ♦ Top Environmental Science
- ♦ **Lynda LeDuc-Quercus Grove**
  - ♦ Top Food Systems
- ♦ **Completion Certificates:**
  - ♦ Mia Abernathy-Creative Arts & Food Systems
  - ♦ Ava Abernathy-Food Systems
  - ♦ August Kustermann-Animal Science & Creative Arts
  - ♦ Raeleigh Pfershys-Animal Science
  - ♦ Lilly Andrews-Animal Science & Creative Arts
  - ♦ Masen Montegna-Animal Science
  - ♦ Tricity Levinson-Animal Science
  - ♦ Nellie Andrews-Animal Science & STEM
  - ♦ Amelia Reding-Creative Arts & Healthy Living & Nutrition

### COUNTY AWARDS

- ♦ Jenna Bellm-Creative Arts, Healthy Living & Nutrition, & STEM
- ♦ Gloria Bremer-Environmental Science
- ♦ Benaiah Bremer-Environmental Science
- ♦ Allison Reding-Healthy Living & Nutrition



County award applications are a great way to show what you have done throughout the year. These award applications focus on 4 areas:

- **Participation**
- **Project Learning**
- **Community Service**
- **Leadership**

The more you do throughout the year, the more items you will have to list on your application. Make sure to start writing down your activities now so you don't forget any.



**Congratulations to  
these Volunteers for  
reaching year  
milestones with 4-H:**

**1 YEAR COME AND GONE**

- ♦ **Hannah Feldmann-Prairie Youth**
- ♦ **Amy Maberry-Lucky Horseshoes**

**5 YEARS**

- ♦ **Nancy Werden-Prairie Youth**

**15 YEARS**

- ♦ **Rachel Burcham-St. Jacob Cloverbuds**

**35 YEARS**

**Laurie Raymond-Alhambra Morning Glories**

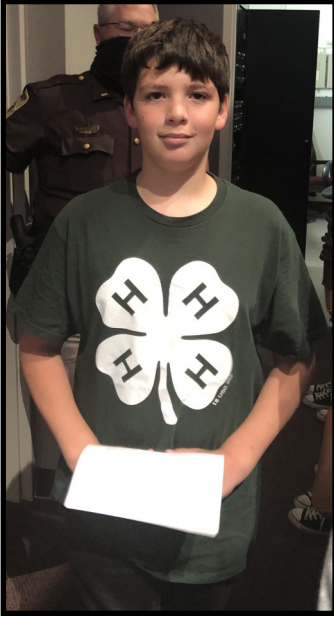


District V Garden Clubs of Illinois awarded  
the following member a Certificate of  
Excellence:

- ♦ **Josephine Werts - Fosterburg Ag.**

Lakeview Garden Club awarded the  
following members Certificates of  
Excellence:

- ♦ **Ava Abernathy- Willoughby Wanderers**
- ♦ **Mia Abernathy- Willoughby Wanderers**



We attended the Madison County Board Meeting on October 20 to receive a signed Proclamation declaring October as National 4-H Month!

Mason Cory, Open Minds Club, and Sophia Ball, Quercus Grove, both spoke beautifully on behalf of 4-H.



## Project Spotlight Public Speaking

Did you know...

- You only have to speak 4-6 minutes?
- You can have notes so it does NOT have to be memorized?
- You can work on a 2 person team for the original works and oral interpretation?
- Public speaking is a separate county show that we will schedule for sometime in March or early April?
- There are 4 categories to choose from?
  - Formal Speech
  - Illustrated Speech
  - Original Works
  - Oral Interpretation
- It's not too late to register!



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## Explore with Extension

We had a very fun day with some 4-H members on Columbus Day!



We went on a nature walk and scavenger hunt whenever the rain decided to stop for a few minutes. We also collected lots of nature items to create one of a kind wreaths. These wreaths can be used as a Visual Arts Nature project!



Zoey and Ava delivered the pumpkin centerpieces that we made as a community service project to the Villas of Holly Brook Assisted Living facility.



Rachel Hazen introduced us to 2 important cultural celebrations including Dia De Los Muertos where we decorated sugar skulls, and Samhain where we created masks.



Emily Reece taught engineering concepts in order to solve a food shortage issue. Everyone had a great time launching their rockets and sending food to the islands!

We hope you join us for our next event!



# Galactic Quest SPIN Club

This club has 9 youth from Madison and St. Clair counties participating in the 4-H STEM challenge.



## Week 1

We learned the importance of keeping our personal information safe, then practiced using a [Caesar Cipher Wheel](#).



## Week 2

We learned about convex and concave lenses, then put together a simple refracting telescope. SIUE Physics Professor Thomas Foster brought a telescope for us to view constellations through.

## Week 3

We learned about resources available in our solar system and the implications of space travel on our health by playing a board game called Astro Adventure and played a Galactic Quest trivia game.

To infinity and beyond....







The **Quercus Grove** 4-H club applied for and received one of the \$500 Farm Credit Grants last year. They used this money to plant vegetables in the St. John's Community Mission Garden. The garden has produced over 15,000 pounds of food so far this year. The Quercus Grove members spend time in the garden planting and harvesting the crops. What a wonderful Community Service project!

The **Pin Oak Progressors** 4-H Club participated in the Edwardsville parade and passed out 4-H sticker sheets and brochures.

Way to show your 4-H pride! It looks like you had a blast.



The **Grant Prairie** 4-H Club made a float for the Grantfork Homecoming parade and invited the **New Douglas Cloverbuds** to join them. We really love seeing collaboration between our 4-H clubs. Great team work!

And wow, what a float! That's one good looking barnyard!

# County Calendar of Events

November 2	Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton
November 3	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #4
November 10	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #5
November 13	New Family Orientation, 9AM in Collinsville or via Zoom, see page 1
November 16	Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton
November 17	Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #6 at Willoughby Farm 6-8 PM
November 22	Pumpkin Workshop 5:30 PM: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/pumpkin1">https://go.illinois.edu/pumpkin1</a>
November 25-26	Office is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1	Parent's Night Out/Polar Express, 5-8:30 PM: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress">https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress</a>
December 2	Cultures & Continents Kurds Virtual workshop: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/kurds">https://go.illinois.edu/kurds</a>

## HALL OF FAME



Margaret Weis grew up in an extended family where 4-H was just part of life—4-H is what you did growing up.

After being a 10 year member of the Good Producers' 4-H Club and attending 4-H Club Congress, Margaret became the club leader in 1985. Under her leadership, hundreds of youth have grown and learned valuable life skills.

Many of those members followed her example and now serve the local 4-H program as volunteers. Margaret has also served on the Madison County Extension and 4-H Education Foundation, as a Master Gardener and a superintendent for 4-H at the Madison County Fair.

Margaret may have been born into a 4-H family, but she chose it as a lifelong vocation.

**"To Make the Best Better"**





### Travel Abroad Update!

### Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan! The application deadline is Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Program information can be found [here](#). For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

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Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

- **Learn:** <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>
- **Read:** Check out a book by a Native American author.
- **Watch:** <https://bit.ly/3E9l9PE>
- **Give:** Choose a service project that benefits the Native American community.
- **Cook:** Prepare a traditional Native American recipe.
- **Experience:** Head to a museum or cultural exhibit.
- **Support:** <https://shop.beyondbuckskin.com/>



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## International 4-H Opportunity

4-H youth aged 13 and older are invited to apply to join a SPIN club with Brazilian youth to work on the issue of food insecurity. The deadline to apply is November 22. Meetings will be hosted via Zoom. This year's meetings will take place on December 2 & 16 with the 2022 dates to be determined at a later date. Register today!

<https://form.jotform.com/212786589776176>

# State Calendar of Events

<b>November 1</b>	<b>DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Deadline to apply to Club Fertile Soil with Brazil, see page 12</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Deadline to apply for travel abroad with 4-H, see page 12</b>



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# Pumpkin Workshop

Join us on Monday, November 22 to  
create a one-of-a-kind pumpkin  
centerpiece with Amy James from  
the Petaled Pail.

Cost is \$35 and space is limited. You can  
select an orange or white pumpkin.

<https://go.illinois.edu/pumpkin!>



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# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**Time: 5:00PM - 8:30PM**

**Cost: \$20.00**

Youth ages 5 and up are invited to join us for a ride on the *Polar Express* with Extension, complete with activities, dinner, movie and hot cocoa. All youth will go home with several gifts ready for enjoying or giving.

**Please register by Friday, November 26, 2021.**

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



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We invite you to hop aboard the Polar Express with Extension! Upon arrival, you will receive a train ticket, but don't let it blow away! You will get your ticket punched at each station for a chance to win a bag of 4-H schwag.

While aboard the Polar Express, you will drink the most rich and creamy hot chocolate imaginable and dine on some truly delectable treats.

We will have several stations where you will have the opportunity to disembark from your journey to create holiday cards, make several presents ready for gifting or simply enjoying with your family, and much more!

If rest and relaxation are more your thing, then don't hesitate to get comfy and watch The Polar Express. Want to take it to the next level? Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring a pillow and blanket to really nestle in!

Space is limited to 25 so hurry and register today!

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

# 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.

**December 2** *Middle East:* The Kurds

Register by November 24: <https://go.illinois.edu/kurds>

**January 6** *China:* The Oroqen People

Register by December 23: <https://go.illinois.edu/China>

**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  
from 4-6pm



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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# THE COUNTRY CLOVER

## TROY TIMES-TRIBUNE

We are seeking aspiring writers,  
journalists, and photographers to join our  
4-H Journalism Club

**The club will run from January-June 2022  
and will publish 3 times.**

There is NO COST to join! You will learn all  
about the newspaper business and see your  
work published. Contact Angie with the  
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