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# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Family News



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## BLESS OTHERS WITH THE 4-H BLESSING BOX

The Backyard Bandits 4-H Club created a "Blessing Box" this winter to provide a place to donate non-perishable food items for those in need.

The box is located in front of the Monroe County Annex next to the parking lot and periodically needs food items to keep it filled. Please consider donating what you can to the box. If the box is filled, you can bring the items into the Annex building (we will have a tub inside of the first set of front doors that will be labeled "Blessing Box Extras"). If the building is closed, donations can be dropped off at the Halleran family home at 6429 Old Red Bud Rd., Waterloo. Please contact Backyard Bandits club leader Amy Halleran with questions at 618-530-5373.



## SENIOR CITIZEN PEN PAL DONATIONS NEEDED

Over 40 4-H members are participating in the Pen Pal program with local senior citizens.

We are still collecting donations of stationary and (especially) **\*stamps\*** to provide to assisted living centers participating in the 4-H Pen Pal Program.

Donations can be dropped off in the Annex building lobby in a tub outside of the Extension office doors M-F, 8-4:30pm.

**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.  
Closed Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

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

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## SHOOTING SPORTS: AIR RIFLE



**First Meeting: Saturday, April 3. 9am**

**Baebler Educational Farm (pavilion), 4028 JJ Rd., Waterloo**

This Shooting Sports Club is a great opportunity for beginners!

Limited to 10 participants.

Air rifles and safety equipment are provided or you can bring your own.

This club is led by a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.

Please contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or 939-3434 if you are interested in joining this Special Interest Club.



## HUNTING-WILDLIFE-OUTDOOR SKILLS 4-H CLUB



**First Meeting: Saturday, April 3, 11am**

**Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave. Waterloo**

Open to all youth ages 8-18



This club offers the opportunity to learn more about how to track animals, use a field camera, wildlife education, safety and first aid in the woods and more!

*\*No firearms are used in this club\**

Please contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or 939-3434 if you are interested in joining this Special Interest Club.

## BAEBLER EDUCATIONAL FARM POLLINATOR GARDEN CLEAN-UP DAY

### OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

It's time for the annual clean-up day for the Pollinator Garden at Baebler Educational Farm on March 20 (rain date March 27).

This is open to all 4-H Clubs including members, parents, etc.

Due to social distancing guidelines, participants are asked to sign up for a time to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944aba728a0fc1-pollinator>

*Please bring gloves, pruners and rakes.*



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## 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 including Monroe County. Applications due March 12. For more info, please visit: <https://www.farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/improvement-grants>



## 4-H AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD NOW!

The following updated documents have been posted to our website under the "County Awards" tab at the bottom: <https://extension.illinois.edu/mms/4-h-monroe-county>

- 2021 Award Application
- Award Application Tip Sheet
- Award Application Example

Award Applications are due **SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

- The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
- They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand. Please remember to be very neat if writing.
- The Instruction Guide is found here: [https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord\\_Guide](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide) to help you through the process of filling the book out.
- Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2021** for evaluation.





## 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.

**March 23** → *Europe:* The Celtic People

Register by **March 16:** <https://go.illinois.edu/Celtic>

Only \$5 per workshop!

**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>

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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# Baebler Educational Farm Nature Adventures Day

**Sunday, April 25**

4028 JJ Road, Waterloo

Anytime between 1pm-4pm



*Enjoy an outdoor, socially distanced day  
with the family exploring nature!*

*\*Face masks required\**

- Guided hikes through the woods offered at 1:30 and 2:30 pm (meet at shed)
- Bird banding demos at 2:00 and 3:00pm (pavilion area)
- Activity stations include kite flying, fishing and wildlife education.
- You are welcome to bring your own kite and fishing supplies. (Limited amount available at the farm.)

*Event will be held unless of severe weather threat.*

*For more information, contact*

*University of Illinois Extension at 939-3434.*

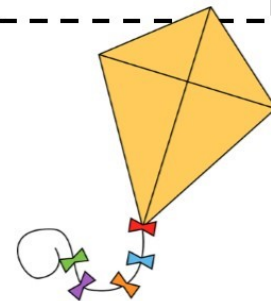


## All families welcome!

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## **MONROE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must be seniors in high school and/or have not reached their nineteenth birthday on or before September 1, 2020 and must have been enrolled and active in a 4-H club program for at least **four** consecutive years. The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County and/or attend the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud School districts. 4-H members can only receive the Scholarship once. Applicants must be accepted into or be attending a post-high school education program.

The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/MoCoFoundationScholarship>

**DUE APRIL 15, 2021**

## **LUCILLE & LESTER KORSMEYER SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship is 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. The applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, history of 4-H involvement and other school and community activities.

The application is available at: <https://go.illinois.edu/Korsmeyer>

**DUE APRIL 17, 2021**

## **FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H MEMBERS**

4-H members who are Illinois High School Seniors with agricultural career aspiration planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall can apply for one of 30 -\$2,000 scholarships. Two under-represented minority student applicants will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.

For more info, visit: <https://www.farmcredital.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships>

**Deadline: March 12.**

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**2021 - LIVESTOCK BIRTH, OWNERSHIP AND TATTOO DATES FOR  
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR JUNIOR SHOW**

**STEERS:**

Calved on or after January 1, 2020; owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since - February 1, 2021; weighed, tattooed & tagged - February 20, 2021

**BARROWS: Regular Barrows**

Farrowed on or after January 1, 2021 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021; no weighing and tattooing required but must submit ear notches when making entry for ISF.

**BARROWS: Premiere Barrows**

Farrowed on or after February 10, 2021 and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2021; weighed and tattooed with Box A tattoo from February 10 to April 15, 2021; tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0 lbs/day of age; Junior exhibitors can purchase pre-nominated barrows

**SHEEP Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs: Live Show Wethers**

Lambled on or after January 1, 2021; owned by: May 15, 2021

Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E., Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville, IL 60563.

**Jr. and Open Premiere Wether & Ewe Lambs:**

Weigh-in, tattoo, and nomination procedures: Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level.

Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed with the Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1 - This must be witnessed by a local Extension employee or a person they designate, such as a volunteer or local sheep superintendent.

Completed nomination forms must be signed by the local Extension Office. Send nomination forms to Dan Jennings (address above). Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2021. Lambled on or after January 1, 2021

**Meat Goat Wethers: Live Show Wethers**

Wethers - Born on or after October 1, 2020; ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk - May 15, 2021. Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2021. Send to Dan Jennings, Region 1 Office, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Suite 170, Naperville IL 60563.

**2021 BREEDING ANIMALS BIRTH & OWNERSHIP DATES FOR  
ILLINOIS STATE FAIR JUNIOR SHOW****BEEF - HEIFERS AND COWS:**

Heifers: Age requirement is from September 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021 (w/ addition of Senior Yearling class); owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 1, 2021

Performance Cows: Cows must be born before September 1, 2019 (Cow-Calf Class only); owned and personally cared by exhibitor since January 1, 2021

**SWINE - GILTS:** Age requirement is farrowed on or after January 1, 2021; owned by exhibitor since June 1, 2021.

**SHEEP - EWES & RAMS:**

Age requirement for yearling ewes is from January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

Age requirement for ewe lambs is after September 1, 2020

Age requirement for ram lambs is after January 1, 2021

Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since June 25, 2021

**DAIRY - COWS AND HEIFERS:**

No age requirements

Calves and Heifers - Owned since June 1, 2021

Cows - Owned since January 1, 2021

**DAIRY GOATS:**

Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by June 1, 2021.

Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2021.

**MEAT GOATS**

All meat goats (wethers and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 15, 2021.

**RABBITS, PYGMY GOATS & POULTRY:**

Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1.

**Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification** is mandatory for all **horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animals**. The website is now open: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

The new **YQCA** program is mandatory for all **dairy, beef, swine, sheep, and goat** exhibitors in 4-H. Details on this program will be forthcoming.



## 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS

Meet with other volunteers 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!

Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include: **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go! & Summer Fun!**

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

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

## SPEAKING FOR ILLINOIS 4-H

**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 @:

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

Registration will close **March 4.**



## DISCOVERING STEM IN ACES

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, **July 11- 23, 2021**, via Zoom from the University of Illinois for youth in grades 9-11.

It is designed to help the students explore STEM programs dealing with food, environment, and human sciences. Students are selected based on grades, stated interest in STEM areas, letter of recommendation, and a final zoom interview. This is a FREE program.

The application **deadline** is **Friday-March 19, 2021**.

You can access more information at:

<https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/diversity/discovering-stem>

## AG DISCOVERY PROGRAM

For students interested in exploring opportunities associated with becoming a veterinarian and working with wildlife, there is a program offered through the USDA called Ag Discovery Program.

This program is also virtual via Zoom, **July 11-30, 2021**. The deadline to apply is **March 25**.

**This is a FREE program.** See the link to access the application:

<https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/ag-discovery>



## ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience

featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities.

For questions, contact us at

[illini-4h@illinois.edu](mailto:illini-4h@illinois.edu).

## 4-H MEMORIAL CAMP

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.

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## STATES 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

**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](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net)  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Registration due: March 4	March 6, Virtual
Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests	March 13, Virtual
Connecting with Cultures & Continents Workshop: The Celtic People	March 23 4-6pm, Virtual
Nature Adventures Day	April 25, Baebler Educational Farm
Public Presentations Show (must be enrolled in Public Presentation project)	April 29, Monroe County Annex
4-H Horse Show	May 8, Monroe County Fairgrounds -Horse Arena
Food Demonstration Show	June 7, Monroe County Fairgrounds-Fine Arts Building
Illini Summer Academies	June 27-July 1, Virtual
Discovering STEM in ACES Registration due: March 19	July 11- 23, Virtual
Ag Discovery Program Registration Due: March 25	July 11-30, Virtual

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