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RE-ENROLL FOR THE 2021-22 4-H YEAR!

- Returning members, log into 4-H Online:
<http://il.4honline.com> to re-enroll using your previous username & password.
- **New** members will need to create a new account in 4-H Online and will also need to fill out an **Emergency Medical form & Agreement to Assume Risk form**.
- Returning and new members must **enroll by January 1** in order to exhibit at 4-H Shows.

ENROLL NOW

PROJECT BOOKS

Do you need a book to learn more about your project?

Request one here: <https://go.illinois.edu/pubsrequest>

- ♦ 4-H staff will order books 1x/month. You will be notified when they arrive at the Extension office, and you may then pick up.
- ♦ There is no fee for up to 3 books (this is covered by the Monroe Co. Extension & 4-H Education Foundation). You will be responsible for costs for any additional books.
- ♦ For any projects that have books with "levels", we recommend staying in a project "level" for 2-3 years before moving up to the next level.



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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The 4-H Achievement Program took place on Sunday, November 7 at the Monroe County Annex. Members were recognized for successes from 2020-2021, including: member years, club officers, state event participants, livestock record book and award application completion, I Dare You Award recipients, leader years of service, and more.



The National I Dare You Leadership Award, a recognition of personal achievement, balanced living and service to others was awarded to **Lydia Lutman** (Bushy Prairie) and **Sophia Dell**, (Maeystown Clovers). Both are also active in 4-H Federation and Teen Teachers.



Lydia's grandpa, **Richard Woodcock**, and Sophia's grandma, **Dorothy Rodenberg**, both received the I Dare You Award when they were 4-H members.



A few of the 2020-21 First Year Members



Debbie Eckart was honored for her 40-plus years as a leader with the Lucky 4-H Club.



Annette Schreder (Clover Friends) and **Sharon Barbeau** and **Kim Doiron** (Sunshine 4-H) were honored for their service to the 4-H program as they retire as leaders this year.



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HARVEST NIGHT-THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated or attended the annual Harvest Night dinner auction, which helps to support Extension & 4-H programming throughout the year.

We are very appreciative of the Harvest Night Committee and the 4-H Federation for their help in making this event a success!



4-H DONATIONS GO TO GOOD CAUSE



4-H members collected over 60 personal care and cleaning items during the month of October, as a kick-off to the new 4-H year, which were donated to the House of Neighborly Services for individuals in times of need.

Thank you to all who donated!

FACE MASKS FOR SALE!

We still have several University of Illinois/4-H facemasks for sale!

Order yours here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23524>



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>

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.

Only \$10
per
workshop!

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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WELCOME TO 4-H WORKSHOP**JANUARY 10, 2022****6:30pm****Monroe County Annex**

Open to NEW (and returning) 4-H members and parents who want to know more about...

- ♦ Enrollment and Program Fee/Concession Stand
- ♦ Projects and Shows
- ♦ Where to find things on the Extension website
- ♦ Who to ask for help

Attendance Prizes!!!

Let us know if you will be attending by calling 939-3434 or emailing Kelly at kmbrandt@illinois.edu,

**FARM CREDIT AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP****Deadline: Monday, Feb. 28, 2022**

Thirty \$2,000 scholarships are available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an agriculture-based college curriculum next fall. Two student applicants of color will be recognized as Diversity in Agriculture Scholars.

Recipients receive \$1,000 of the scholarship for the Fall 2022 semester and the remaining \$1,000 will be available to students who continue pursuing an agricultural degree during the Fall 2024 semester.

Please visit: <https://www.farmcredetil.com/About/community-engagement/Scholarships> for more scholarship details.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**Deadline: Monday, Feb. 28, 2022**

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

As your group develops project ideas, note the following criteria judges will consider on each application. Does your project:

- create a tangible & visible presence in the community
- require youth sweat equity
- deliver tangible value to the community

Please visit: <https://www.farmcredetil.com/About/community-engagement/improvement-grants> for more info.

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LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

***Must be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)**

- 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 (neatly).
- The Instruction Guide is found here: 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, 2022** for evaluation.

4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION GUIDELINES

UPDATED guidelines for the 2022 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction as determined by the Monroe County 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Committee are:

Exhibitors may sell:

- one large specie: Beef, Sheep or Swine (sold by lb.)
and
- one small specie: Goat, Rabbit or Poultry (sold by head/pen)




4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in 4-H online by January 1, 2022.
- All livestock project members must show an *in-progress* Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July club meeting prior to the county fair.

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4-H Leader & Officer Training

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!



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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!



DO YOU WANT TO BE A 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR?

SAVE THE DATES: 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ADULT VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAININGS

- Sat., March 26, 2022 Tombstone Range, Marion, IL (southern Illinois)
- Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)
- July 2022 TBD in Northern Illinois

Registration details coming in January.

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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!

Christmas Camp	December 21-22, 9am-12pm, Monroe County Annex
Christmas Holiday-Extension Office Closed	December 24-Jan. 4
Connecting with Cultures & Continents Workshop 2-China: The Oroqen People	January 6, 4:00-6:00pm, Virtual
Welcome to 4-H Workshop	January 10, 6:30pm, Monroe County Annex
Leader/Officer Training	January 29, TBD
Steer Weigh-in	February 19, 8am, Monroe County Fairgrounds



4-H Program Weather Policy:

When Monroe County schools are closed due to inclement weather, county 4-H activities will be closed as well unless otherwise notified.

Enjoy a joyful holiday season with your friends and family.
Thank you for your support and dedication to 4-H during 2021!
 Wishing your family health and happiness in 2022!

Monroe County Extension Staff



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