



4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Montgomery County 4-H Families**

April 2019



As part of a unit wide community service project, led by Macoupin’s Fantastic Fours, Montgomery County 4-H collected stuffed animals and blankets during the month of march. Recently, members delivered the collection to the Hillsboro Area Hospital, which keeps them on hand in the emergency department. A representative, from HAH, said the gifts are used to comfort young children in emergency situations.



Congratulations Kylie Neisler! Kylie, a Montgomery County 4-H member, submitted a name suggestion for the Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Her entry was selected, and the Coliseum will now be called the “Coliseum of Champions”.

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Montgomery County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/montgomery4h>



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4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY AND AIR RIFLE

1:30pm - 3:00pm

At 4-H Park in Butler

May 5,
May 19,
May 26,
June 2,
June 9.



A parent or guardian must stay with youth.

Cost—\$10 for Members annually
Or \$20 for Non-Members
(includes the member fee)

New members will need to fill out forms before participating.

Register here: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/>
Look for 'Montgomery County Archery'

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

A program to help students in need.

April 1 - 30 2019
Drop off at the Extension office in Hillsboro

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened with no advertising
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Scissors - student round tip
- Place in 1 handle cloth bag (Pattern on website)

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COME JOIN US FOR A LIVESTOCK CLINIC!

May 4th 8:30AM-3PM
Christian County Fairgrounds

Schedule:
8:30-9 ~ Registration
9-11:30 ~ Sheep & Goats
11:30-12:30 ~ Lunch (Provided by
Christian County Farm Bureau)
12:30-3 ~ Hogs & Cattle
3 ~ Wrap-up
Cost: \$10
Registration fee includes T-shirt!

Learn from livestock industry professionals about fitting, feeding, and showmanship skills!

All 4-H ages welcome!

Presenters:
Sheep- Dustin Cruit
Goats-
Hogs- Kane Austin
Cattle-

Register at: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=19598>

Christian County Fairgrounds 1716 West Spesser Taylorville, IL 62568
For questions about this event, call (217) 287-7246 or email at cgump@illinois.edu

UNIT 18 YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

KICK-OFF MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
LOCATION: TBD

As a member of the Unit 18 Youth Leadership Team, you can...

- Practice leadership in a variety of ways across Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties
- Help plan unit-wide events for yourself and fellow 4-H members
- Advocate and promote 4-H locally and across the unit
- Be a teacher and mentor to younger youth
- Meet new 4-H members from other counties
- HAVE FUN!

Open to all members of Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County Federations/YLTs

LUNCH PROVIDED

MULTICOUNTY Served on a committee to plan a multi-county 4-H event or program

RSVP to Sara Marten at marten1@illinois.edu or 217.532.3941

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Egg-cellent Eggs!



**April 19,
5:00-5:45pm**

Free Event
Ages 5-7



Learn about eggs, egg recipes, egg experiments and of course egg decorating.
Join us for this EGG-stravagant workshop!

Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SHOT GUN



Held at Crannie Mack shooting range 11 Lakecrest Ln, Hillsboro

1:00-3:00 p.m.

May 5, June 2, Jun 23

- New members will need to fill out forms before participating.
- To participate in the Shot Gun class you must be age 10-18 (age as of September 1, 2018)
- Parent or guardian must stay with youth

COST-\$10 FOR MEMBERS ANNUALLY
OR \$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS (INCLUDES THE MEMBER FEE)

Register here:

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University of Illinois College of ACES 4-H Tour

Monday, April 22, 2019

Leave Montgomery County 6:45 a.m. and returning in the evening. A parent/guardian must attend with the youth. You will also be responsible for transportation to Champaign. Must be a 4-H member ages 15-18.

Tour consists of:

- Conversations with faculty advisors and students in a variety of areas (Natural Resources and Crop Sciences; Ag Business and Economics; Family Development and Food Science & Hospitality; Ag Communications and Leadership; and Animal Sciences/Pre-Vet. Have been requested.
- Real information on scholarships, work and internship opportunities and tuition
 - Visiting labs and classrooms
 - Touring campus housing options
- Firsthand view of amenities like gyms and pools and performing arts

Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/MontgomeryCountyExtensionOffice> at 217-532-3941

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APRIL 18, 1-4:30PM

SEWING SERVICE PROJECT

SEW SCHOOL SUPPLY TOTES FOR OUR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
There are a limited number of spots, so please register online to let us know you are coming.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/3294.html>

Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro



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April 15

LAST DAY TO ADD OR CHANGE
PROJECTS IN ORDER TO EXHIBIT AT
THE 4-H FAIR.





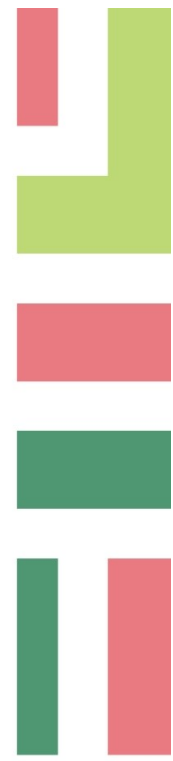
More info to come

May 18 10-11:00a.m.

Free class open to youth ages 11-18



Held at the Extension office in Hillsboro
Register Here Register here:
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Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or Korean youth this summer through States' 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!



Be aware:

- 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.

Several host families still needed.

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>, or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu

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Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.

So much to see and do!

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.



Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13



Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

Make sure you tell your leader how much you appreciate them.

Check out the masters at this year's state fair

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.



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Take the whole family



Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact>. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!



Share your 4-H club service projects!

We know clubs are doing amazing service projects. The state 4-H office wants to share your amazing stories. It's simple to tell your story:

1. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice
2. Tell us a little about your project.
3. Add a picture if you have one.

Your stories will be collected and shared back on the State 4-H Website! If you've already done a service project this year.... Great, go and report anything you've done since September 1, 2018.

Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.



You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.



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Come watch robots take over the world; Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.



ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES: June 23-29, 2019



Illinois 4-H is proud to offer this hi-fidelity college exploratory experience on the University of Illinois campus. Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore the University of Illinois campus and many degree programs and careers. Applications are on the registration site @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H

All academies feature project-based learning where youth are either conducting experiments, making something, or discovering some aspect of the world few people ever get to see. It wouldn't be college without lots of time for socializing, meeting new friends, and exploring campus.

Chaperones Needed!

Chaperones are needed to support the 2019 Illini Summer Academies held on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus June 23 – 29. The conference is a great opportunity to support and guide high school youth as they explore potential post-high school and career avenues. Chaperones do not pay a registration fee, and lodging is provided on-site in the newly remodeled dorms. Many meals are provided. Chaperones will spend some time supervising planned activities, but will also have some flexibility in their schedules while participants are engaged in campus learning experiences. If you have questions, email Pat McGlaughlin @ patm@illinois.edu. Use the following link to register as a chaperone

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=20007>.

Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



David Falter
Shooting Sports Archery Instructor

"I enjoy seeing kids excited about something they are learning."

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Celebrating our 4-H Club Leaders

THANK YOU!

You Make 4-H Great!

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Sarah Laurent
Clovers Cloverbuds
4-H Club Leader

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Marti Benning
Sewing 4-H Club Leader

Marti has been volunteering for 4-H for over 30 years! She has grown the county sewing program to teach more youth the valuable skill.

30+
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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Heather Hampton+Knodle
Starr Shooters 4-H Club Leader

"I enjoy teaching youth to work as a team to make a change in their community."

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Amy Knodle
Walker 4-H Club Leader

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Theola Broers

Shooting Sports Archery
Assistant Instructor

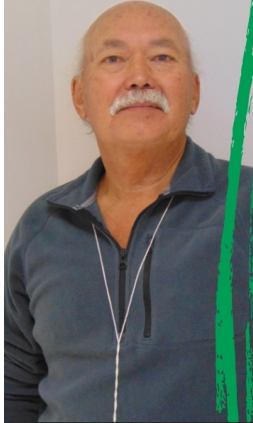
FIRST YEAR VOLUNTEER

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT




Phil Crouch

Shooting Sports Air Rifle
& Outdoor Skills Instructor

"I like to teach new skills to
youth and see them succeed."

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Sarah Schmidt

Clovers 4-H Club Leader

"What I love most about 4-H
is the skills kids learn and
community awareness that
lasts a lifetime."

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Randi Riemann

Country Roots 4-H Club Leader

"I enjoy helping youth with
their projects and prepare for
the 4-H fair."


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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Peggy Hampton

Raymond Buckeyes Cloverbuds
4-H Club Leader

Peggy retired from Extension
last year, but continues to
volunteer with the Raymond
Cloverbuds!

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Amanda Snow

Raymond Buckeyes
4-H Club Leader

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mark your calendar!



April 7 – 13	National Volunteer Week
April 13	Small Animal Workshop
April 18	Community Service—sewing school supply bags
April 22	YLT Chicago Trip/U of I College Tour
April 23	Music Competition
April 25	Public Speaking and Food Demonstration
April 27	National True Leaders in Service Day
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 11	Day with the Cardinals
May 11	State 4-H Robotics STEMbot Competition, Bloomington
May 18	Health workshop
May 31	Babysitting clinic
June 8	Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
June 15	FAIR: Visual Arts Show
June 17	FAIR: Cat and Dog Shows
June 18	FAIR: Poultry, Rabbit, Beef and Dairy Shows
June 19	FAIR: Sheep and Goat Shows
June 21	FAIR: Swine Show
June 25	County deadline for Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Show
June 23 – 29	Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
July 9	FAIR: Food and Clothing Shows
July 18	FAIR: General Show 6PM
July 20 – 21	4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
August 12	General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield (Montgomery County)