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 4-H Family News**



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GIVE THANKS WITH RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

While it may be difficult to do some community service activities during a time of social distancing, 4-H members are encouraged to spread joy and give

1. Leave happy notes for someone to find.
2. Tell your teacher thank you.
3. Share a positive message on social media.
4. Compliment someone.
5. Clean your room without being asked.
6. Call your grandparents.
7. Rake leaves for a neighbor.
8. Donate your outgrown clothes.
9. Donate food to a food pantry.
10. Read a book to someone.
11. Welcome a new 4-H member in your club.
12. Say hello to everyone you see.
13. Clean out mom or dad's car.
14. Donate your allowance to a charity.
15. Do not complain for a whole day.
16. Send a care package to a soldier.
17. Do a sibling's chore for them.
18. Write a thank you for your mail carrier.
19. Donate un-used toys.
20. Tell someone a joke to make them smile.
21. Feed the birds.
22. Make someone else's bed in your house.
23. Play with your pet.
24. Send a cheerful card to an elderly person.
25. Say thank you to people all day.
26. Help clean off the dinner table.
27. Send a get well card to someone who is ill.
28. Smile at everyone you see.
29. Encourage a friend to spread kindness.
30. Think of new ways to spread kindness in the months to come!

COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-H members are encouraged to collect items for senior citizens at Bella Vista apartments in Waterloo and the Valmeyer senior apartments as a county community service project. We are collecting soft blankets, socks, word search books, simple games, puzzles, lotion, snacks, etc. at the Extension office, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo, 8:00am-4:30pm, M-F. during November.



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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4-H Week Proclamation

4-H Federation officers, Lydia Lutman, Janella Neary and Megan Vogt along with 4-H staff, Rachel Hazen and Kelly Brandt met with Monroe County Commissioners, Vicki Koerber, Bob Elmore and Dennis Knobloch at a county board meeting for a proclamation signing declaring Oct. 4-10 4-H Week.

Here's your (4-H) Sign!

"4-H Grows Here" signs are popping up all over the county.

Your 4-H Leader will provide you with your sign. It is yours to keep and we ask that you place it in your yard each fall to promote 4-H in Monroe County!

Albert, Oscar & Stanley Hoerr proudly display their sign outside of their home.



4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE!

A county-wide 4-H Achievement Program will not be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Alternatively, your club leader will be provided with your awards as well as ribbons from the summer 4-H Shows to acknowledge you at your club meetings this fall.

4-H ENROLLMENT: OPEN!



- 4-H Online is **OPEN** for enrollment at il.4honline.com
- Instructions were emailed to your family and will be given to you by your club leader.
- 4-H Online will have a **NEW LOOK** this year. Your email login and password will remain the same as in the past.
- You will no longer order project publications in 4-H Online. After enrolling, you will receive an email confirmation which will allow you to order on a separate site.



There are so many projects to choose from in 4-H! Take a look at this year's Project Guide for options from Beef to Visual Arts!

You must enroll in at least one project area per year. Don't forget that whatever you enroll in must be exhibited at 4-H Shows next summer!

Check out this years guide here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/>

Still not sure what projects you want to try?

Take a look at the new SPARK sheets that are available to help you make your decision. More SPARK sheets will be added throughout the year until all project categories are included but you can access several of them now at the following site:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-spark-sheets>



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State Master Gardener Teamwork Award:



Congratulations to Jr. Master Gardener Club leaders: **Ellen Rey, Mike McClymont, Ann Glosecki and Karlene Feldker** for winning a State Master Gardener Teamwork Award!! The volunteers teach youth about vegetables, herbs, flowers, the environment, and much more.

The Jr. Master Gardener club meets throughout the spring and summer months.

Hoofbeats competition Team

The Hoofbeats Competition Team recently attended a presentation on the horse skeletal system from Deanna Pries Horsemanship at Shade Tree Stables.



Cloverbuds

The Monroe County Cloverbud group held their first meeting in October with the theme of "kindness."

Youth learned about ways to be kind, why kindness matters, made cheerful cards and brought donations for senior citizens.

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Monroe County 4-H Federation

Great job to all of the Federation members that volunteered their time spreading mulch and cleaning up at the Bellefontaine House in Waterloo!



Thank You!

Thank you to Nu Deal Oil in Hecker for their generous donation to the Monroe County 4-H Federation !



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ATTENTION 4-H ALUMNI!

For the next several months we will be highlighting local 4-H Alum and their successes on our 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages to show our current members the positive effect that 4-H can have long-term.

Please consider answering a short questionnaire to help with this effort!
Email Kelly Brandt at kmbandt@illinois.edu to receive your questionnaire.



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:

- You must attend at least 4 meetings during the year, either in person or virtually.
- You must give a talk or demonstration, either in person or virtually.
- You must be enrolled in 4-H online by January 1st, 2021.

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually 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 will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Register here for 11/19: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

ADDITIONAL 4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

Effective & Engaging Meetings - Thursday, November 7, 2020

Registration link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22664>

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State 4-H General Project Show

To view the 2020 IL State 4-H Project Show results, visit

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/3857>



4-H University

University of Illinois

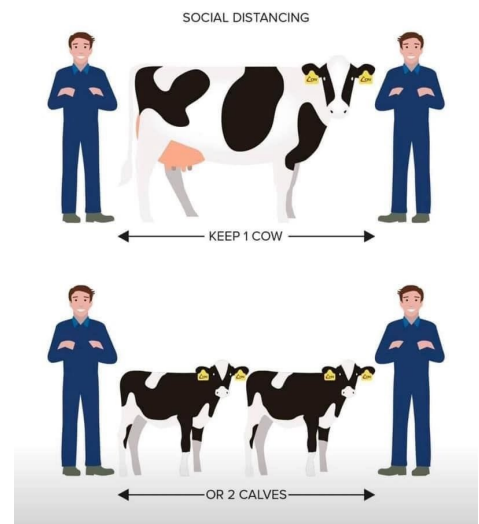
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4-H University is an virtual learning environment that houses curriculum and activities for multiple project areas for 4-H members. **Current project areas include Cooking, Drones/UAV's, and others will be added in this digital format.** Join Illinois 4-H in ushering in a new era of youth centered, content delivery! Now available for free in the App Store for iPhones or iPads.

4-H Club Meeting Guidelines

As we begin our new 4-H year please keep these guidelines in mind when meeting in person:

- Remember to bring and wear your face mask to all meetings. You will not be allowed to stay at the meeting without a mask. If you do not have a mask, please reach out to your club leader prior to your meeting.
- Be sure to keep a safe distance from others. If you are sitting close to your family that is fine but you should have 6 feet between those outside of your household.
- Thoroughly wash hands and/or provided hand sanitizer prior to meeting.



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Calendar of Events

Extension Office Closed — Election Day Holiday	November 3
Extension Office Closed — Thanksgiving Day Holiday	November 26-27

*Clubs should continue following state mandated meeting guidelines as necessary.



Harvest Night Update

Due to many uncertainties & restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and with respect to the impact on our local economy, 2020 Harvest Night has been cancelled. We appreciate all of your support in the past. Please save the date for November 20, 2021.

To “fill the gap” for cancelled Harvest Night 2020 and help Monroe County Extension and 4-H Education Foundation support Extension programs, you can send a donation in various ways. Proceeds from Harvest Night donations help support 4-H and other Extension programs throughout the year.

2020 Contribution Form – I would like to help ‘Fill the Gap’ for HARVEST NIGHT #13.

This contribution is:

- In memory of/in honor of: _____
- Unrestricted
- Scholarship Fund
- Baebler Educational Farm
- Other: _____

Make check payable & mail to:
 Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation
 P.O. Box 246
 Waterloo, IL 62298

To make a secure Credit Card donation, please visit: HarvestNight.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Your gift to enhance programming in Monroe County is greatly appreciated!

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