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# McDonough County 4-H Clover

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## To Make the Best BETTER



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**Dear 4-H Families and Friends,**

Happy National 4-H Week! We can't wait to celebrate 4-H across the nation during the week October 2-8, 2022. This year's theme is "Opportunity for All". I want to challenge each of you to invite a new friend to join 4-H and help us spread the word about 4-H. During the week of the 2nd through the 8th, we will be highlighting 4-H in a number of ways. Check out our Facebook to see how you can show your support for 4-H!

As a reminder, enrollment is not yet open., Be on the lookout for an email from Beth mid October letting you know ZSuites is open for enrollment!

As we move into a new 4-H year, take time to celebrate your successes this past 4-H year and identify goals for this year. Have fun during your celebration and let's work together to build a better world.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

## Thank You to our 4-H Club Leaders

We have some AMAZING leaders! Thank you for volunteering your time and helping our members keep "Learning by Doing." Your 4-H Club Leaders attended the New Year Kick Off with Beth Chatterton and Shelby Carlson on September 27. They have materials and resources to share with you at your next club meeting.



**I PLEDGE...MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING**

## New 4-H Enrollment & Registration System Coming this Fall!

Illinois 4-H is switching our enrollment and registration system from 4-H Online to ZSuite this fall. We believe this new system will offer a more user-friendly experience and features that will help you stay connected to the 4-H program and find new exciting experiences and opportunities for your kids!

Visit <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/zsuite-enrollment-info> for details and a video on how to enroll in 4-H with ZSuites, when registration opens soon.

New Enrollment  
System



## National 4-H Week is October 2-8!

Mark your calendars for the 2022 National 4-H Week!

What has your club done in the past to celebrate that you think other clubs should know about? Share your ideas for a chance to be featured on a statewide idea sheet (with credit to your club!).

Share your idea here: <https://form.jotform.com/221983990346063>

National 4-H  
Week



## 4-H Spirit Week

Join the fun with a National 4-H Spirit Week! Encourage your friends and family to participate.

10/2 — **Service Sunday**

10/3 — **Member Monday**

10/4 — **Time Machine Tuesday**

10/5 — **Why 4-H Wednesday**

10/6 — **Thankful Thursday**

10/7 — **Favorite Project Friday**

10/8 — **Spirit Saturday**

## What Does It Mean?

Have you ever heard a term in 4-H and thought what does that mean? We are here to help! 4-H is an amazing youth program that has been active for over 100 years. In some families, 4-H is a tradition they pass on to the next generation with excitement. Some families are starting their 4-H journey for the first time this year. To help better understand our “4-H Lingo” we have provided a terms list in each green folder for our 4-H families. You will receive them during your 1st 4-H meeting. We are also going to highlight a few each newsletter as different terms will be used more frequently at different times of the year.

**Projects:** What members want to learn about over the 4-H Year. Signing up for a project DOES NOT mean that they have to bring that project to the fair, just that they want to learn more about it.

*There are 2 types:*

**General Show Project:** All projects not related to showing live animals. Selection Deadline of March 1.

**Livestock Project:** All projects related to showing a live animal at the Fair. Beef, Dairy, Dogs, Goats, Horse, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. Selection Deadline of January 1.

**I PLEDGE...MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY**

## Unit-Wide Policies

- The new year begins September 1. Please make sure you read and understand the policies. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a deadline lands on a weekend the paperwork needs to be turned in the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m. before the office opens.
- **December 1** - Re-enrollment, project selection, and RISK form need to be completed in ZSuites. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2023 4-H shows at the fair.** Check with your club leader about the \$20 program fee. Each club will be invoiced for the total amount due.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. **This year attending meetings virtually as well as in person counts for attendance.**
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration.** However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets to the Extension Office monthly** after each 4-H meeting. Attendance reports may be emailed, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary Record Book. You may print it out.
- Treasurers need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online Treasurer Record Book.
- **January 1** – Livestock and Companion Animal (dogs & horses) Project Enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock** project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your enrollment in December, but if you need to add a general project you may do so before this deadline.
- **May 1** - Horse project members' ownership/lease papers and pictures due to the office.
- **May 1** – **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members (aside from cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits). For all other animals, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement for all of us at the county level. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person.
- **June 1** – Dog project members' ownership/lease papers due to the office.
- **June 8** – Online entries will be due at the close of the day. This is where you tell us what projects you are bringing to the fair. Keep in mind—do not delay!

## Registering for Events:

4-H has so many opportunities for its members to take part in. Did you know the local extension office will help cover the cost of state conferences and events? It's true! Make sure you follow the correct procedure so you don't miss out on any opportunities. The Extension office will cover half of the fee up to a total of \$300 per year per member. The local 4-H Foundation may choose to cover more of the cost.

- Contact your local program coordinator and let them know about the event
- Register for event and select the "pay by check" or "my county will pay" option
- Let your program coordinator reach out to the 4-H Foundation
- Once the Extension Office has paid their portion and the Foundation has covered the amount they choose, you will be invoiced for the remaining balance
- Please do not pay until you have been invoiced for the total remaining cost



## Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop

Interested in competing in the Superior Young Producers Contest or just interested in livestock in general? Join the Livestock Skillathon Contest and Workshop on Saturday, 11/5 from 9am-noon!

This event will be held at the Animal Sciences Lab on the UIUC campus and is open to all 4-H'ers and FFA members ages 8-18! There is a \$5 registration fee and lunch is provided.

Get ready to compete in a traditional livestock skillathon contest with a workshop immediately following.

More details and registration information is available at: [go.illinois.edu/LivestockSkillathon](https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockSkillathon)

## 4-H celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!

What can you and your club do to get involved this month? Read!

There are millions of books by talented Hispanic/Latino authors waiting to be discovered. Ask for recommendations at your local library. Make it a mini book club and discuss your pick with friends or at your club!

Head here: [go.illinois.edu/4HHispanicHeritageMonth](https://go.illinois.edu/4HHispanicHeritageMonth) for more ideas!



## Project (There is that word again) Spotlight: Theatre

Get ready to command the stage!

Theatre Arts opens the world of theatre to youth with activities in communication, improvisation, pantomime, script writing, cultural and historical influences, stage design, and costume design. Life skills and workforce development concepts are woven throughout the curriculum as youth master more sophisticated theatre techniques and ideas.

In 4-H, members choose projects that interest them.

View our full project guide to explore more projects <https://go.illinois.edu/ProjSel21-22>

## #GOALS

The beginning of every 4-H year is the best time to set your goal or goals for your 4-H year. Whether it is project goals, community service, or roles in your club. Not sure where to start? Ask your fellow club members, 4-H leader, or the 4-H office. We are all here to help you succeed and make 2023 your best year ever!

**I PLEDGE...MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING**

## 4-H Green Communities

In April of 2022, McDonough County 4-H members along with our Extension Horticulture team planted 25 trees at Patton Park in Macomb. It is time for some tree maintenance. Anyone interested in helping out can meet us at Patton park on Friday, October 7 at 2 p.m. We will be meeting at the parking lot next to the Dog Park. Please bring weather appropriate clothes and gloves. We will be pulling weeds, refreshing mulch and removing any trees that didn't last the summer.



This project will county as a County Wide event for awards applications as well as an intro for the Forestry project. Check out the link below for more information about Forestry in 4-H.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/ways-participate/projects/forestry>

## SPIN Club Corner

### Last practices for the Shooting Sports Season

#### Air Rifle (Ages 8-18)

October 3, 6-7:30 pm

4-H Fairgrounds, 3022 W Jackson, Macomb, IL

#### Air Pistol (Ages 8-18)

October 10, 6-7:30 pm

4-H Fairgrounds, 3022 W Jackson, Macomb, IL

#### .22 Small Bore (Ages 10-18)

October 1, 9:30-11:00 am

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb, IL

#### .22 Small Bore Pistol (Ages 10-18)

October 1, 11:30-1:00 pm

Spring Lake Shooting Range, Macomb IL

#### Shotgun (Ages 10-18)

October 15, 9:00-11:00 am

Argyle State Park Shooting Range, 700 Rd, Colchester, IL

**If you have any questions about McDonough County 4-H Shooting, please feel free to contact the shooting sports coordinators:** Julian Inniss ~ [jinniss@illinois.edu](mailto:jinniss@illinois.edu), 309-342-5108



## What is Federation?

The purpose of the 4-H Federation is to cooperate with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program in unifying and strengthening the 4-H Youth Development program in McDonough County. Federation bands together the local 4-H clubs into a central representative body for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, carries out unit-based 4-H activities and events such as camps, contests, fund-raising activities, recreational events and achievement night. The bounce obstacle course at the fair in 2019 was thanks to them and the BBQ tickets our members sold. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Beth for more information; 309/837-3939 or email [chattert@illinois.edu](mailto:chattert@illinois.edu).

***Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 9 at 1 p.m. in the Extension Office***

**FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.**

# National 4-H Week

## Word Search

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 B D E Q E Z U U M J T L Q A G F T X N Q  
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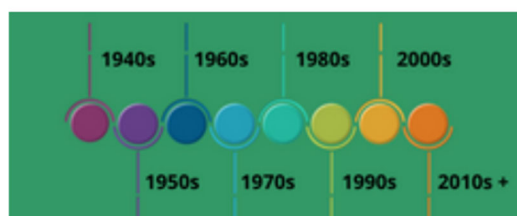
### McDonough County Words

BLANDINSVILLE  
 BUSHNELL  
 CLUB  
 COLCHESTER  
 CORN CLUB  
 DOING  
 FOUR H  
 GOOD HOPE  
 INSPIRE  
 LEAD  
 LEADERS  
 LEARNING  
 LOYALTY  
 MACOMB  
 MAKE THE BEST BETTER  
 NATIONAL  
 PRESIDENT  
 RECREATION  
 REPORTER  
 SCOTTA  
 SECRETARY  
 SERVICE  
 TEAM  
 THANK YOU  
 TREASURER  
 WEEK

### Calling all 4-H Alumni!

Participate in reunions to be held by the 4-H Decades. Find dates and register for the events by heading here: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hbythedecades>.

### 4-H By the Decades



## Throw Back 4-H Club Photos










## Happy Birthday To You, Happy Birthday To You.....

A very Happy Birthday to all the 4-H members born in October! We want to celebrate with you! Please stop into the Extension office anytime during this month to pick out a 4-H birthday gift and let us wish you a "Happy Birthday."

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

# October 2022

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31					

October 2-8

October 7

October 8

October 9

October 15-16

November 5

November 25-29

December 1

### 2023

January 1

January 13-15

March 1

April 1

April 8

April 22

National 4-H Week

Tree Service Project at Patton Park, Macomb

4-H State Rifle Shoot, Central Illinois Precision Shooters, Bloomington

4-H State Pistol Shoot CIPS, Bloomington, Illinois

Junior Leadership Conference

Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop

National 4-H Congress

**Re-Enrollment Deadline**

**Livestock Project Deadline**

Youth Livestock Conference

**General Project Deadline**

State Awards Banquet

State Robotics Competition

State Public Speaking Competition