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### **POSTPONED TO START MAY 14**

#### **Cookin and Bookin, March 12-August 13, 2020-4:30-6:30 p.m.-KSB Hospital Private Dining Room, Dixon**

Where can you try new foods, make lasagna, and toss water balloons? At Cookin and Bookin of course! The club meets on the second Thursday of each month from March 12 through August 13 at 4:30pm in the KSB Hospital Private Dining Room. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/CookinBookin](http://go.illinois.edu/CookinBookin). The cost of the club is \$50.

### **CANCELLED**

#### **Carroll County 4-H Livestock & Dairy Judging, March 14, 2020-8:00am-Carroll County Highway Bldg, Mt. Carroll**

Saturday, March 14, will be the annual 4-H & FFA Livestock & Dairy judging contests, at the Carroll Co. Highway Garage west of Mt. Carroll on Rt. 64. Registration for the livestock contest will be 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m., with the contest starting at 9:00 a.m. At this time 4-H'ers and FFA members will judge steers, heifers, production heifers, swine, sheep and have a questions class. Dairy judging registration will start immediately following the livestock judging contest. Registration for the dairy contest will be from 11:45 - 12:15 p.m., with the contest starting at 12:30 p.m. Registration will be online at [go.illinois.edu/CarrollJudging](http://go.illinois.edu/CarrollJudging) or by calling Molly Sedig at 815-244-9444.

### **CANCELLED**

#### **Lee County Project Pool, March 14, 2020- 8:45am registration-Noon- Lee County 4-H Center, Amboy**

This morning workshop is designed to showcase some of the unique project options available in the 4-H program. Take advantage of this opportunity to explore something you have never considered before. Open to all 4-H members and their friends; need not be a 4-H member to participate. Pre-registration is required by March 6. Late registrations will be limited in class choices. Registration fee is \$15. Register online [go.illinois.edu/ProjectPool](http://go.illinois.edu/ProjectPool)

### **POSTPONED**

#### **Kids & K-9's, Saturday's March 14, 21, April 18, 25-9:30am & 11:00am- Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon**

This is a survey class that will introduce you to all facets of training including obedience, rally, agility, and conformation. It is also designed to help your dog become a more integral part of your family. Open to youth ages 8-18. Advanced Classes will begin at 9:30am and beginners will take place at 11am. The fee will be a \$20 yearly 4-H membership fee. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/kidsk9](http://go.illinois.edu/kidsk9)

#### **Visual Arts & Crafts 4-H Club, Saturdays March 14, 28, April 4, 18, 25- 10 AM-Noon-Whiteside Extension Office**

Youth ages 8-13 are invited to attend a new visual arts club and spend time drawing, dyeing, sculpting and painting with friends and family. The club meets from 10 AM - Noon Saturdays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 18, and 25 at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/4HArtClub](http://go.illinois.edu/4HArtClub)  
The cost of the club is \$10 for current 4-H'ers and \$20 for new 4-H'ers.

### **POSTPONED**

#### **All About Birds, March 19, April 16, & May 21-5:30 PM- Mt. Carroll Public Library**

Being in nature, pausing in it, sitting in it and discovering its wonders, brings a sense of calm and renewal. Discovering our bird friends is one way to accomplish all of this. Join Carroll County Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Nancy Gmitro for a three part series on birding. Topics to be covered include: Identification by sight and sound, types of feed and the birds they attract, and make your own bird feeder or house. To register for this program contact the Mt. Carroll Library at 815-244-1751.

### **CANCELLED**

#### **All About Birds, March 19-10:30 AM- York Township Public Library, Thomson**

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#### **Snappy Crafters 4-H Art Club, March 19 April 2, 9, 16, 23-5-6:30 PM- Lee County Extension Office, Amboy**

Do you like to challenge your creativity? During this 4-H Club, youth will have the chance to explore and expand their creativity. The club meets from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Lee County Extension Office in Amboy. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/LeeArtChallenge](http://go.illinois.edu/LeeArtChallenge). The cost of the club is \$10 for current 4-H'ers and \$30 for new 4-H'ers.

### **CANCELLED**

#### **Ready Set Grow, March 21, 2020 –8-2:15pm– Sauk Valley Community College**

Join the Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties for this one-day event, Saturday, March 23 at Sauk Valley Community College offering participants information about horticulture, backyard gardening, pest control and more. To register: [go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow](http://go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow)

### **CANCELLED**

#### **Digital 4-H Technology Series, Next Date, March 21-8-9:30 am-Whiteside County Farm Bureau, Morrison**

The Whiteside County 4-H Digital Ambassadors will continue the technical series on March 21 at the Whiteside County Farm Bureau in Morrison. During the lesson, Online Banking and More, the 4-H Ambassadors will assist adults with using digital records for medical care, banking and beyond. Please bring your own phone and/or tablet if you have one. If interested in attending please call the Whiteside County Extension Office at 815-632-3611 or register online at [go.illinois.edu/Whiteside4HDigital](http://go.illinois.edu/Whiteside4HDigital)

### **CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH**

#### **Wits Fitness, Monthly Workshop-Next Date, March 26-10-11:30am-Sterling Public Library**

Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Karla Belzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this program at the Sterling Public Library; new participants are welcome to join at any time. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/witsfitness](http://go.illinois.edu/witsfitness)

#### **Now You Seed It Workshop, March 28, 2020- 10 AM- Noon- Sterling Public Library**

Get a jump-start on your spring gardening! Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and learn how to start seeds and sustain your bedding plants until they are ready for outdoor planting. The workshop will take place from 10 AM- Noon Saturday, March 28 at the Sterling Public Library upstairs meeting room. You will take home informational handouts on planting hints and dates, a seedling and a seed tape, to kick-start your summer garden. This program is free; registration is required to ensure materials for everyone. Register at [go.illinois.edu/WhitesideSeeds](http://go.illinois.edu/WhitesideSeeds)

#### **Wee Naturalist, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of Month, March 28- 10:30-11:30 am-Odell Public Library, Morrison**

Bring your favorite 4-7 year olds to Wee Naturalists offered by University of Illinois Extension. Classes will be held 10:30-11:30 AM the 4th Saturday of the month through May at the Odell Public Library in Morrison. Wee Naturalist is a program that will explore the natural world through story and fun. Space is limited at each session so register early by calling the library at 815-772-7323, new participants are welcome to join at any time.

#### **Snappy Crafters 4-H Art Club, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4-5-6:30 PM- Savanna Public Library**

Do you like to challenge your creativity? During this 4-H Club, youth will have the chance to explore and expand their creativity. The club meets from 5-6:30 p.m. Mondays, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 at the Savanna Public Library. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/CarrollArtChallenge](http://go.illinois.edu/CarrollArtChallenge) or by calling 815-244-9444. The cost of the club is \$10 for current 4-H'ers and \$30 for new 4-H'ers

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## **CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH**

**Wits Fitness, Monthly Workshop, March 31-10:30am-Noon- York Township Public Library, Thomson**

**Wits Fitness, Monthly Workshop, March 31--1:00-2:30pm-Mt. Carroll Public Library, Mt. Carroll**

Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Karla Belzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. You are never too young or too old to get started training your brain, so join Karla in this fun and informative class. Class is FREE and open to the public. You are welcome to join the class at any time! We will be offering this program at the Mt. Carroll and Thomson Public Libraries monthly on Thursdays. To pre-register for the series or for more information, visit [go.illinois.edu/CLWEvents](http://go.illinois.edu/CLWEvents) or call 815-632-3611.

**4-H Public Speaking Contest, April 4, 2019-10:00a.m. - Bethel Reformed Church, Sterling**

The public is welcome to attend and watch the 4-H public speaking competition at the Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling at 10am. All 4-H'ers in Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside Counties can sign up to participate in the contest by registering online at [go.illinois.edu/PublicPresentations](http://go.illinois.edu/PublicPresentations)

## **POSTPONED**

**Cooking with Herbs, April 8 -5:30 pm-York Township Public Library, Thomson**

Join Master Gardener Nancy Gmitro once a month this winter at the Thomson Library for a lesson on herbs. Thursday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. participants will have fun creating herbal soup recipes. To register for this program contact the Thomson library at 815-259-2480

**Eyes Wide Shut Paint Night, April 8, 2020-6-8:00p.m.-Whiteside Extension Office, Sterling**

Join University of Illinois Extension and explore your creative side as you create your own masterpiece. Eyes Wide Shut is a painting class for Jr. High School youth to adults of all ages and skill levels. We will delve into the science and art of color theory. Pick your canvas size; find your joy in painting. Class size is limited and cost is based on size of canvas. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/paintnight](http://go.illinois.edu/paintnight) or by calling Mary Nelson at 815-632-3611.

**Share Your Life Story, April 9, 17, 27 May 8, 15 22-10:00-11:30 am- York Township Public Library, Thomson**

This writing series for all abilities will explore how to get started in sharing your life story and will include writing sessions and activities. Previous writing experience is not required. This 2020 series is a continuation from previous Life Story Writing Workshops; new participants are welcome to join at any time. These workshops will be held in Thomson and is free and open to the public. To pre-register for the series or for more information, visit [go.illinois.edu/lifestory2](http://go.illinois.edu/lifestory2) or call 815-632-3611

**Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar Series-April 14-1:30pm- Online Webinar Only**

Four Seasons Gardening, a 12-session program presented by University of Illinois Extension will present *Grow Your Own Cut Flowers* on April 14. To listen to the webinars for free from home, you can register at [go.illinois.edu/fourseasons](http://go.illinois.edu/fourseasons)

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## **POSTPONED**

**Herbal Cooking Class, April 18- 10 AM-Noon-Carroll County Farm Bureau Kitchen, Mt. Carroll**

Carroll County Master Gardeners and the Mt. Carroll Library have teamed up to offer an herbal cooking class Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Carroll County Farm Bureau kitchen in Mt. Carroll. Master Gardener Nancy Gmitro will share some cooking secrets with herbs and participants will enjoy creating soup recipes. The class is limited to ten participants and registration can be done by calling the library at 815-244-1751.

**Rabbit Workshop, April 18 & June 6-10:00-11:30 AM-Lee County Extension Office, Amboy**

4-H youth with rabbits are encouraged to attend the 4-H Rabbit Workshop on April 18 and June 6 at the University of Illinois Extension office in Amboy, IL. Those interested are able to sign up for one or both workshop days and are asked to bring their animal to the workshop for hands-on learning. Pre-registration for the workshops are appreciated. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/LeeRabbit](http://go.illinois.edu/LeeRabbit)

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop, April 20, 2020- 9-5pm, Whiteside Extension Office, Sterling**

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course designed for adults who work with youth between the ages of 12-25. Just like CPR and First Aid training prepares you for a physical emergency, YMHFA prepares you for a mental health challenge. To register [go.illinois.edu/youthmentalhealth](http://go.illinois.edu/youthmentalhealth)

**Wits Fitness, Monthly Workshop-Next Date, April 20-10-11:30am-Odell Public Library, Morrison**

Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Karla Belzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this program at the Odell Public Library in Morrison; new participants are welcome to join at any time. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/odellwitsfitness](http://go.illinois.edu/odellwitsfitness)

**Mums the Word Gardening Workshop, April 25, 2020- 1-3 PM- Sterling Public Library**

If you are looking to add the jeweled colors of mums to your garden, you should be contemplating mums in early spring. Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and discover how to grow and care for these colorful members of the daisy family. The workshop will take place from 1 PM – 3 PM Saturday, April 25 at the Sterling Public Library upstairs meeting room. This program is free to attend, please register at [go.illinois.edu/WhitesideMums](http://go.illinois.edu/WhitesideMums)

**Wits Fitness, Monthly Workshop, May 7-10:30am-Noon- York Township Public Library, Thomson**

**Wits Fitness, Monthly Workshop, May 7--1:00-2:30pm-Mt. Carroll Public Library, Mt. Carroll**

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**4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club, Tuesdays May 12-August 4, 6:00-7:30p.m. – Whiteside Extension Office, Sterling**

Teaching children about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables & flowers and learning to use the harvest. A portion of the produce grown will be given to food insecure situations. The club is for youth ages 8-12 and the cost is \$25 for non-4-H members and \$15 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Whiteside County Extension Office at 815-632-3611. Register online at: [go.illinos.edu/whitesideCOJG](http://go.illinos.edu/whitesideCOJG)

**4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club, Tuesdays May 19-August 11, 4:30-6:00 p.m. - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dixon**

Teaching children about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables & flowers and learning to use the harvest. A portion of the produce grown will be given to food insecure situations. The club is for youth 3-5 grades and the cost is \$30 for non-4-H members and \$10 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525. Register online at: [go.illinos.edu/LeeCoJG](http://go.illinos.edu/LeeCoJG)

**4-H Summer Camp, June 8-12, 2020-Rock River Christian Camp, Polo**

4-H Camp is open to all youth, ages 8-14 by June 8, 2020. Campers do not have to be a 4-H member to attend 4-H Camp. Youth need to be interested in and excited about having a week of outdoor fun, away from television and technology, where they can make new friends and try new things. Visit [go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hsummercamp) to register online.

**Fairy Garden Workshop, June 20-10:30am-Noon-Winifred Knox Memorial Library, Franklin Grove**

Come learn about the magic of fairy gardens. Join University of Illinois Extension Lee County Master Gardeners from 10:30 am - Noon June 20 at the Winifred Knox Memorial Library in Franklin Grove. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 815-456-2823.

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**Herb 101 Workshop, August 15-10:30am-Noon-Winifred Knox Memorial Library, Franklin Grove**

Join University of Illinois Extension Lee County Master Gardeners and learn the basics of growing, using, and preserving herbs. The workshop will run from 10:30 am - Noon August 15 at the Winifred Knox Memorial Library in Franklin Grove. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 815-456-2823.