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**Congratulations Lorena  
Kraemer of the Farmers &  
Friends 4-H Club!**

Lorena was selected as one of the top  
ten winners of the 2019-2020 4-H  
Sustaining the Future Award sponsored  
by the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates  
Youth Education in Agriculture  
Committee.



As a winner, Lorena is invited to this year's  
Premier 20 Leadership Conference.

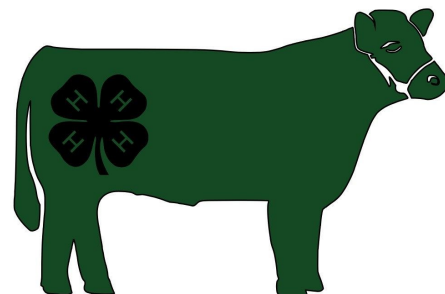
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## St. Clair County Steer Weigh-In

- ♦ **Date:** Saturday, February 13, 2021
- ♦ **Time:** 9-11 a.m.
- ♦ **Place:** Scheve Park Ag. Bldg.  
Harnett & Harper, Mascoutah
- ♦ **RSVP by:** Monday, Feb. 8, 2021  
@ angielyn@illinois.edu



### **ATTENTION LIVESTOCK MEMBERS!**

***IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND/OR GOATS:***

All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program.

**You may complete this training online for \$12:**

<https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>

We will try to hold in person trainings closer to show time if the COVID numbers are low enough.



***IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN HORSES, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CATS:***

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime.

Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs.

The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>



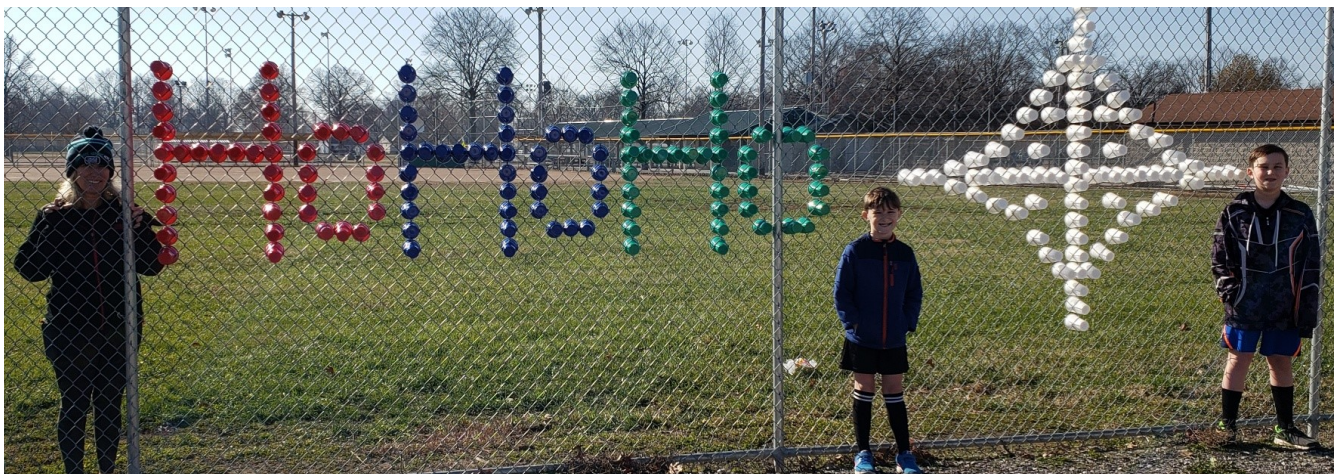


### New Ideal 4-H Club

Members of the New Ideal 4-H Club decorated the fence at Scheve Park in Mascoutah as a service project for "Cruisin' With Santa" sponsored by the Mascoutah Tuesday Women's Club.

They were also selected by the First Baptist Church of Mascoutah as the "organization of the week" and they will be praying that the club can begin meeting in person again!

I think we can all agree that we are ready to be back in person and spend some time with our clubs .





# Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
<b>Farm Credit Illinois</b>	Available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an ag. based college curriculum next fall.	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>March 12, 2021</b>	<a href="http://www.farmcreditil.com">www.farmcreditil.com</a>
<b>IAA Foundation Scholarships</b>	All applicants must be a high school graduate or be graduating in 2021 and must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school.	<b>\$1,000-\$7,500</b>	<b>February 15, 2021</b>	<a href="http://www.iaafoundation.org">www.iaafoundation.org</a>
<b>Garden Clubs of Illinois</b>	Available to juniors, seniors and graduate students planning careers related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>March 15, 2021</b>	<a href="http://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org">www.gardenclubsofillinois.org</a>
<b>Korsmeyer Scholarship</b>	Available to a high school senior who has been actively involved in 4-H for a minimum of four years and must be a permanent resident of Madison, St. Clair or Monroe County. Applicant will be chosen based on several criteria including a minimum 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>April 17, 2021</b>	<a href="https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fillable_lucille_korsmeyer_scholarship_2020.pdf">https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fillable_lucille_korsmeyer_scholarship_2020.pdf</a>
<b>Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County Scholarship</b>	Scholarship is open to high school seniors or college freshmen that have participated in the 4-H livestock auction for 2 consecutive years or more including the current year.		<b>May 1, 2021</b>	<a href="mailto:Livestockboosters@gmail.com">Livestockboosters@gmail.com</a>

### 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training

9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

If you are interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Leader for pistol or air pistol, rifle or air rifle, archery, shotgun, or hunting & outdoor skills, please contact me as soon as possible and we will get you scheduled to join a training. I am hoping to add another training closer to home as well so please stay tuned.



**Host an international student:** Host a Japanese youth this summer through 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!

**SCHEDULE:** Hosting takes place mid-July through mid-August.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 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.

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** January- May or until all placements are made  
Apply Today <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>



### Travel abroad with 4-H

Start planning now for a trip in 2022.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with 4-H and experience foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life.

**TRAVEL PERIOD:** 4 –8 weeks (dates vary by program June-August)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Youth ages 12-18 (some programs 15-18)

**Cost:** \$2700-5000\* Based on previous years (price varies by year, program and length of stay)

**RECRUITMENT PERIOD:** September-November

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/go-abroad/>

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Finland · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

\*Country availability changes each year

For more information, visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> or contact us by email: Miriam Rosenbohm at [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes at [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu)  
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### 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23034>

### 4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue 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 have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

#### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation – Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?**
2. **Let's Play!**

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

#### 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation – Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

1. **One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!**
2. **Summer Fun!**

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>



Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug!

## 4-H Youth Opportunities to Lead and Learn

Ask Angie about scholarship opportunities!



### Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW-March 4 @: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>.

## 2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

Register here: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>

Registration closes on Friday, February 19th.

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at [mbbecker@illinois.edu](mailto:mbbecker@illinois.edu)



AgriScience

## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.



**YLT**

Illinois State 4-H  
Youth Leadership Team

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19
- **Length of service:** Two years
- **Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](https://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the "application" at the bottom of the page.
- **Deadline:** March 15, 2021

The State Youth Leadership Team plans and implements the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists (behind the scenes and in front of the audience) for many other statewide events. Team members have the opportunity to serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

**"To Make the Best Better"**

## Preparing for College? Look at Discovering STEM at ACES and the Ag Discovery Program!

Discovering STEM in ACES is a two-week virtual experience, July 11- 23, 2021, via Zoom from the University of Illinois. It is designed to help the students explore STEM programs dealing with food, environment, and human sciences. Students are selected based on grades, stated interest in STEM areas, letter of recommendation, and a final zoom interview. The application deadline is Friday-March 19,2021. <https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/diversity/discovering-stem>.

For students interested in exploring opportunities associated with becoming a veterinarian and working with wildlife, there is a program offered through the USDA called Ag Discovery Program. This program is also virtual via Zoom, July 11-30, 2021. The deadline to apply is Thursday- March 25, 2021. See the link to access the application: <https://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/ag-discovery>

The **2021 regional hippology contest** will be held virtually on March 13. The contest will be conducted in the same manner as the 2020 regional hippology contest using the Compass Blackboard online learning management system (LMS) and remote proctoring software Proctorio. The contest will consist of 10 stations and a 50 multiple choice question written exam.



### Horse Bowl and Hippology

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-online-regional-hippology-contest>

Also on March 13 will be a **virtual regional horse bowl contest**. Last year horse bowl was not transitioned to a virtual format, but this year there will be virtual testing of horse bowl knowledge, albeit without the characteristic reading of questions and quick response on the buzzer. Instead, the regional Horse Bowl contest will consist of a fill-in-the-blank and/or short answer written test administered through Compass Blackboard with actual horse bowl contest questions used as the virtual test questions. Participants will still compete in teams and a team score will be compiled from the three highest scoring team members.

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>



### 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is currently working on summer programming plans for 2021 to align with Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The [camp website](#) will be updated with information concerning both camping and summer employment.





## 2021 4-H Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. **Nominations are due May 1.**

<https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H CLUBS

It is time to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community! Farm Credit Illinois is inviting 4-H Clubs to apply for a \$500 grant to assist club members in being positive change agents by making their local communities better places to live. Eligible clubs are those located in one of the counties served by Farm Credit Services Illinois in Extension Units in southern & central Illinois.

**Applications are due March 12, 2021.**

Access the application using the following link:  
[www.farmcreditIL.com/community](http://www.farmcreditIL.com/community)



## 4-H Alumni Opportunities:

### INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile! Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

### SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected! [Share your 4-H News](#)

### WE HOPE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO US!

We hope you will engage with us online and help create a network of 4-H alumni.

**Linked In:** <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

## 4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

JOIN 4-H Alumni for some fun and networking on February 4, 2021 for our first 4-H Alumni event! We will host a trivia night and Lisa Diaz, IL 4-H Assistant Dean & Director, will provide an update on Illinois 4-H! Registration is now open!

<https://buff.ly/2LL4tIC>

Cost is \$10/per person.

Register by February 1!

Time: 7:00 pm

Platform: Zoom

# Connecting with Cultures & Continents

## Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 5 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.

~~January 27 → *South/Central America*: The Guna (Kuna) People~~  
Register by ~~January 20~~: ~~<https://go.illinois.edu/Guna>~~

February 25 → *Artic*: The Inuit People  
Register by February 18: <https://go.illinois.edu/Inuit>

March 23 → *Europe*: The Celtic People  
Register by March 16: <https://go.illinois.edu/Celtic>

April 28 → *North America*: The Cahokia People  
Register by April 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/Cahokia>

May 25 → *Africa*: The Zulu People  
Register by May 18: <https://go.illinois.edu/Zulu>



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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# Virtual Maker Workshop

When: February 10, 2021  
4pm-5pm

Join us for a ZOOM maker workshop where you will create 2 Pop Up Valentine's Day Cards that light up and a Popsicle Flashlight. These projects will qualify as a "Maker Project" and "Visual Arts Paper Project". When you are finished you will have 2 4-H projects ready to show at the end of the year!



You can register online here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23001>

Cost is only \$5

Kits will be available to pick up in Collinsville from  
February 5-9

Limited to the first 25 youth who register.

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# Virtual Heritage Arts Workshop

**WHEN: March 9, 4pm-5pm**

Join us for a ZOOM Visual Arts Heritage Arts workshop where you will create a stamped cross stitch piece and a dream catcher. Both of these pieces will qualify for a Heritage Arts project!



You can register online here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23002>

Cost is only \$5

Items will be available to pickup in Collinsville  
from March 3-8

Limited to 24 youth

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# Virtual Floriculture

## Workshop

WHEN: April 8, 4pm-5pm

Join us for a Floriculture workshop where you will learn how to force bulbs indoors and you will plant a culinary herb basket. New herb projects have been added to Horticulture and Floriculture this year. You will have 2 completed projects after attending this workshop.



You can register online here:

[https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23003)

[RegistrationID=23003](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23003)

Cost is only \$5

Items will be available to pickup in Collinsville  
from April 2-6.

Limited to 24 youth

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