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**Would you like to show your dog at
the Madison County 4-H Dog Show
this year?**

We do not currently have a superintendent for dog in St. Clair, but if you would like to sign up to show your dog in Madison, please contact Angie. You are still able to do an animal science project for dog in St. Clair. If you are interested in showing, please consider taking our Dog Obedience Classes every Wednesday from April 14-May 26 from 6-7pm. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details and sign up as soon as possible. Space is limited! Our Dog Show is June 9 at 6pm in Edwardsville.

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.

Madison-St. Clair County Office
1 Regency Plaza, Suite 200
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-344-4230, 618-344-5602 Fax



Despite all of the weather setbacks, we finally had a great day for a steer weigh in! A big thank you to Matt Gerald, Joe Fournie, Scott Parker, Russel, David, Josh, Jeremy, Daniel and everyone else who pitched in to make the day a success for our youth.



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.

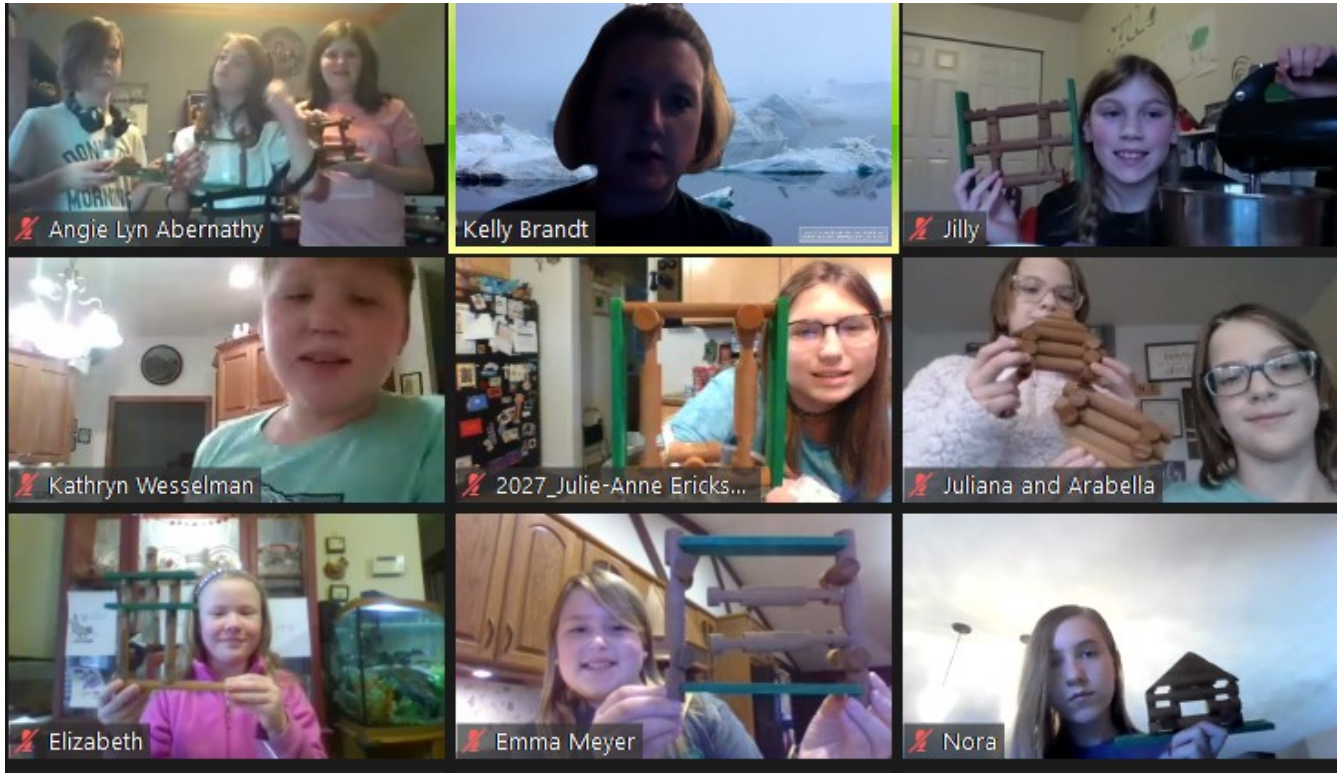


IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN HORSES, RABBITS, POULTRY, DOGS, AND/OR CATS:

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.

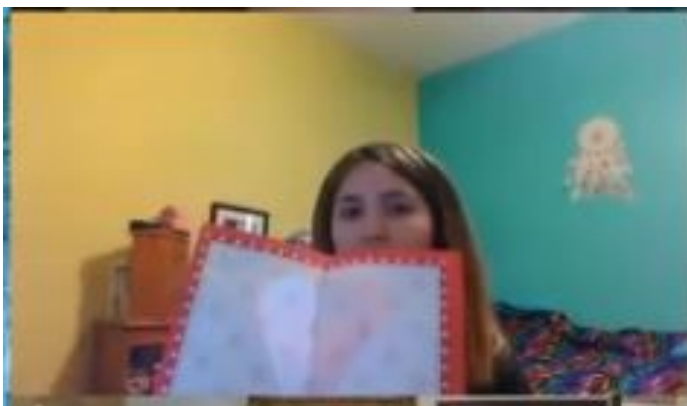
Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs.

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



February Workshops

We had a great time this month learning how to make pop-up, light-up Valentine Cards and popsicle flashlights at our Maker Workshop (below left). Then we learned about the Inuit people and made Inuksuit (above) and Inuit Ice Cream (below right).



2021 Show Books and Record Books Updated!

- ♦ **2021 Show Book:** https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2021_st_clair_county_showbook.pdf
- ♦ **2021 Livestock Record Books:** https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf



Not sure what a Show Book or Record Book is or how to read it? Join me for a virtual webinar where I will walk you through them. But first, have your kiddos hop on the meeting so they can hear from a couple of show judges about how the judging process works. I will also be inviting the livestock superintendents to join us in case you have questions for them.

- ♦ **WHEN:** Thursday, March 16, 6PM
- ♦ **ZOOM LINK:** [https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88576284643?](https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88576284643?pwd=RW9kNTNNcHl0Mkw1MHdqdkVTcVZHUT09)
[pwd=RW9kNTNNcHl0Mkw1MHdqdkVTcVZHUT09](https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88576284643?pwd=RW9kNTNNcHl0Mkw1MHdqdkVTcVZHUT09)

Scholarship Information

Organization	Information	Amount	Deadline	Website
Farm Credit Illinois	Available to high school seniors with agricultural career aspirations planning to enroll in an ag. based college curriculum next fall.	\$2,000	March 12, 2021	www.farmcreditil.com
Garden Clubs of Illinois	Available to juniors, seniors and graduate students planning careers related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.	\$4,500	March 15, 2021	www.gardenclubsofillinois.org
Korsmeyer Scholarship	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.	\$1,000	April 17, 2021	https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/fillable_lucille_lester_korsmeyer_scholarship_2020.pdf



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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, 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!



We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for **100** deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded **\$5,000 cash** to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply here: https://invischangemakers.smapply.io/prog/invisalign_changemakers/

4-H Youth Opportunities to Lead and Learn

Ask Angie about scholarship opportunities!

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.

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19
- **Length of service:** Two years
- **Apply online:** 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.

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Trailblazer scholarship: Do you feel like a Trailblazer? Like you've paved the way for others around you? Be a part of the virtual Illini Summer Academies experience and get the opportunity to attend a college exploratory camp that you will never forget! The Trailblazer scholarship is open to first generation, low income youth in the state of Illinois.

This is a full scholarship!

Apply by **February 28, 2021**.

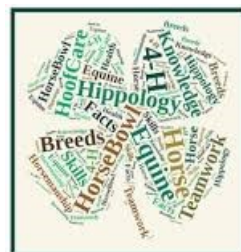
For more information, visit our website or contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu

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



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/>

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a photo challenge to Midwest youth in grades K-13. Explore the world in TONES for the Black & White Photography Challenge.

In this challenge, we encourage you to play with shadows, look at texture, layer dark and light tones to create stunning black and white photographs. Submit up to three (3) black & white images by 11:59 p.m. on March 15. Find more information

here: z.umn.edu/blackwhitephotos

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.

March 23 → *Europe*: The Celtic People

Register by **March 16**: <https://go.illinois.edu/Celtic>



Only \$5 per workshop!

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>



Each workshop
scheduled from
4-6pm



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 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/?](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=23002)

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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)

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Cost is only \$5

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

Limited to 24 youth

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Dog Obedience Classes

ATTENTION ALL 4-H DOG PROJECT PARTICIPANTS!

DEB LEWIS WILL BE OFFERING DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES TO HELP YOU GET YOUR DOG READY TO SHOW.

CLASS INFORMATION:

WHERE: TRIANGLE H FARM, 2082 S. MORELAND ROAD, EDWARDSVILLE, IL

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS APRIL 14-MAY 26

TIME: 6PM-7PM

BEFORE CLASSES START:

- REGISTER AND PAY YOUR \$40 PARTICIPATION FEE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN COLLINSVILLE
[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/2021DOG](https://go.illinois.edu/2021dog)
- SUBMIT OWNERSHIP OR LEASE PAPERWORK
- BRING COPY OF DOG'S CURRENT RABIES VACCINE.
- SUBMIT TRIANGLE H FARM LIABILITY FORM

DOG SHOW DATE: JUNE 9, 6PM

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE OBEDIENCE TRAINING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DOG SHOW, BUT CONDITIONING YOUR DOG TO BE AROUND OTHERS IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAINING ORDER AND SAFETY DURING THE DOG SHOW SO WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE OBEDIENCE CLASSES.

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: ANGIELYN@ILLINOIS.EDU

CALL: 618-344-4230

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Who:

Youth ages 13 and up

What:

Come to the table at the 2021 Food Action Summit! Share your ideas, vision and passion while you network with Food Advocacy Professionals on a shared vision for future food security, food access and food justice

When:

May 15th, 9-11am, 12:30-4:30pm (Registration opens March 1st)

Where:

This virtual summit will take place via Zoom

Contact:

Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu



Keynote Address "The Future of Food Justice" – A conversation with Dr. Bobby Smith II, a sociologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Get inspired. Get empowered. Share your vision. Strengthen your leadership.



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