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# ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H Family News



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**The office will be  
closed November 3,  
26 & 27 in honor of  
Election Day and  
Thanksgiving.**



I would like to invite you to a ZOOM meeting for new families on Saturday, November 14 at 10am. I will go through the registration process as well as talk about what a typical 4-H year looks like:

- What happens at meetings?
  - What are projects?
- Where can I get project help?
- How do I show my projects?
  - Answer your questions.
- Show you where to find resources.

[https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86958429887?  
pwd=UlhXUk9XVUdOTmFFb3RxeWlLek9kZz09](https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86958429887?pwd=UlhXUk9XVUdOTmFFb3RxeWlLek9kZz09)

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# National 4-H Week

Congratulations to Creative Critters for winning the contest for promoting 4-H.



Last year we ordered several 4-H yard signs to help us promote 4-H in our neighborhoods and at our meeting locations. They make a great welcome sign for new members when they show up at a meeting for the first time. Any families that would like a sign, please contact the Extension office or send an email to [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu).

Sponsor: <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/>

## Silly School Days!





## Secretary and Treasurer Books

Those clubs that submitted their record books by September 15 were eligible to receive the Top Record Book Award:

**Top Secretary Book:** Morgan Waller from Creative Critters 4-H Club

**Top Treasurer Book:** Kathleen Lowrance from Creative Critters 4-H Club

## I Dare You Award

This prestigious award goes to individuals who were nominated because of their potential to be great leaders and make a difference in their club, their community, their country and their world. We had several amazing nominees this year so it was a very difficult decision, but this year's winners are:



**Nicole Waller from Creative Critters 4-H Club**

**Hope Kapelski from Turkey Hill Busy Bees 4-H Club**



## Illinois Holstein Award

This award goes to an individual that shows Holsteins at the County Fair. This year we had 1 young lady show her Holstein:

**Lorena Kraemer from Farmers & Friends 4-H Club**

## EEC Electricity Award



This award goes to an individual that completed an electricity project through 4-H and submitted an application describing that project. This year's winner is:

**William Fredin from New Ideal 4-H Club**



## County Awards

- ♦ **Andrea Erickson**-Creative Critters received a certificate of achievement for Photography and Visual Arts
- ♦ **Julie-Anne Erickson**-Creative Critters received Top Awards for both Food & Nutrition and Interior Design/Photography/Visual Arts



## Congratulations to these Volunteers for reaching year milestones with 4-H:

**1 YEAR DOWN (and hopefully many more to go)**

**Stephanie Lowrance**-Creative Critters

**Kevin Leemon**-Trailblazers

**Jamie Weihe**-Trailblazers

**10 YEARS**

**Angie Kinzinger**-Turkey Hill Busy Bees

**15 YEARS**

**Melissa Epps**-Turkey Hill Busy Bees



District V Garden Clubs of Illinois awarded the following member a Certificate of Excellence:

- ♦ **Faith Sigstad** of Turkey Hill Busy Bees -Floriculture



## 4-H Registration is Open

Please go to [www.il.4honline.com](http://www.il.4honline.com) and complete your registration by January 1, 2021.

You can find instructions for enrolling here:

**New Enrollment:** <https://uofi.box.com/s/5akg7hq4ayfsgc4ipwj7o0mp4m5jc5kq>

**Re-enrollment:** <https://uofi.box.com/s/31387qi8vfq8x0s7yml393f8h33mueqm>



## 2020-2021 4-H Project Guide now available!

It's time to pick the 4-H projects that you would like to work on throughout the year and show at the County Fair. You should select at least 1 project, but you can select as many as you think you can complete. There will be an opportunity to order publications that can help you with your projects at a later date. Project resources are available:

<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>



## State Fair Results

The State Fair Results are now public so if you would like to view your projects and those of others please visit this link:

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



### TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE – SHARE YOUR STORY!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they have worked independently to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community by focusing their energies on the 4<sup>th</sup> “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Illinois 4-H members and clubs have demonstrated how to **Make the Best Better**, during the COVID-19 crisis by developing plans and taking action collecting and donating food to stock shelves at local food pantries; reaching out vulnerable populations who may not have family members close to pick up needed supplies; and by making hundreds of face masks face masks to distribute to medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

If you did not register your plan for serve outreach, please use this link to share what your plan

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. Be sure to also follow-up and report what you accomplished on through your service project. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link located in the middle of the page where it says, **CLICK HERE** to report your 4-H Community Service Activity to provide your club update!

The logo for 4-H Club Officers, featuring the text "4-H Club Officers" in a green, sans-serif font.

## Welcome New 4-H Club Officers!

If you have the position of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, please plan on attending the training below (**Effective & Engaging Meetings**) on November 12 at 7pm.

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

## 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!

### Session #2 - Thursday, November 19, 2020

TOPICS will include:

- ♦ Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference
  - ♦ Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

## 4-H VOLUNTEER VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Effective & Engaging Meetings – Thursday, November 12, 2020

*The 4-H club meeting is typically one of the first experiences for new youth and new families interested in 4-H. This is the place where members get to know one another and share ideas. This means creating engaging and effective club meetings is the first opportunity to capture the interest of the members and the confidence of the parents. Join us to learn key strategies to help you create effective & engaging 4-H experiences in your club!*

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

# Farmers & Friends 4-H Club Fundraiser

Enjoy a breakfast burrito at the Mason Lodge

**NOVEMBER 21, 2020  
8AM-NOON**

219 E. St. Louis Street, Lebanon



This is a curbside service, simply pull up, place your order (\$8/burrito) and one of the Farmers & Friends 4-H members will bring your order out to you.

# *The Country Clover Journalism Club*

If you are interested in writing, photography,  
interviewing, newspapers, etc. then this is  
the club for you!

If you would like to see your works  
published in the Troy Times-Tribune  
please contact Angie today at  
[angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu)

