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**Join me November 13 at 9am for Coffee  
with the 4-H Coordinator  
(juice and donuts too)!**

I will go over several things including:

- ♦ How to register in 4-H Online and I can help you register that day.
- ♦ Learn all about projects, project publications and showing your projects at the county fair.
- ♦ I will tell you about several resources that will help you keep up with 4-H information and activities.
- ♦ We will talk about community clubs, SPIN clubs and how meetings work.
- ♦ County awards and livestock record books.

**You can register to attend in person:**

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24456>

**or via ZOOM:** <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88120215363?>

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## 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:** Christina Lanter from New Ideal 4-H Club

**Top Treasurer Book:** Nicholas Seibert from New Ideal 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 did not receive any applications for this award this year. Leaders and volunteers, please be on the search for a good candidate that shows leadership throughout this new 4-H year. We love to recognize their hard work.



## Illinois Holstein Award

This award goes to an individual that shows Holsteins at the County Fair. This year we had 3 youth:

**Lorena Kraemer-Farmers & Friends**

**Johanna Kraemer-Farmers & Friends**

**Jack Henss-Farmers & Friends**

## 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 we had two ideal candidates:



**Brady Benson-New Ideal**

**Julie-Anne Erickson-Creative Critters**

## LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

- ♦ **Kevin Patrick Kapelski-Turkey Hill Busy Bees**
  - ♦ Completion Swine
  - ♦ Top 11-14 Swine
  - ♦ Top Overall Swine

I would really like to see more youth filling out the livestock record books.

As you have learned in the YQCA training, the record books are an important step in acknowledging the time and money that goes in to caring for your animals. If you start on them at the beginning of the year then they will be ready to turn in by September 15. You can find the record book here:

[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock\\_record\\_writable.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/livestock_record_writable.pdf)



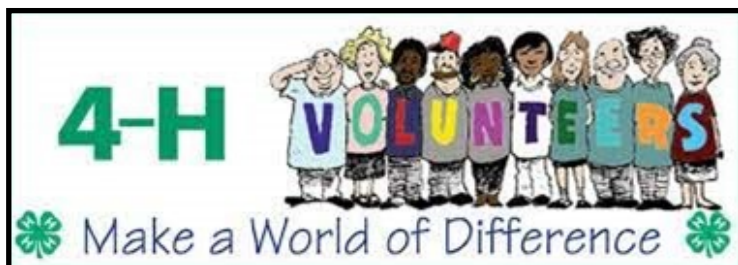
## COUNTY AWARDS

- ♦ **Daniel McComb-Creative Critters**
  - ♦ Top Civic Engagement
  - ♦ Creative Arts
- ♦ **Jillyn Stoks-Happy Herd**
  - ♦ Civic Engagement
- ♦ **Ethan Amburgey-Creative Critters**
  - ♦ Civic Engagement
- ♦ **Julie-Anne Erickson-Creative Critters**
  - ♦ Top Creative Arts
- ♦ **Andee Erickson-Creative Critters**
  - ♦ Creative Arts
- ♦ **James Hobbs-Creative Critters**
  - ♦ Top Food Systems
  - ♦ Creative Arts
- ♦ **Kevin Patrick Kapelski-Turkey Hill Busy Bees**
  - ♦ Top Animal Science
  - ♦ Top STEM

*County award applications are a great way to show what you have done throughout the year. These award applications focus on 4 areas:*

- **Participation**
- **Project Learning**
- **Community Service**
- **Leadership**

*The more you do throughout the year, the more items you will have to list on your application. Make sure to start writing down your activities now so you don't forget any.*



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

**5 YEARS**

- ◆ Jessica Erickson-Creative Critters

**15 YEARS**

- ◆ Sarah Bohn-Farmers & Friends



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

- ◆ **James Hobbs– Creative Critters**



The Farmers & Friends 4-H Club had their meeting at the Radloff Farm in October and we performed the officer installation ceremony. The Radloff 4-H members did a

demonstration on how they perform embryo transfers on sheep. They also invited everyone to come back the next day to see the process in person. It was very informative!



## Explore with Extension

We had a very fun day with some 4-H members on Columbus Day!



We went on a nature walk and scavenger hunt whenever the rain decided to stop for a few minutes. We also collected lots of nature items to create one of a kind wreaths. These wreaths can be used as a Visual Arts Nature project!



Zoey and Ava delivered the pumpkin centerpieces that we made as a community service project to the Villas of Holly Brook Assisted Living facility.



Rachel Hazen introduced us to 2 important cultural celebrations including Dia De Los Muertos where we decorated sugar skulls, and Samhain where we created masks.



Emily Reece taught engineering concepts in order to solve a food shortage issue. Everyone had a great time launching their rockets and sending food to the islands!

We hope you join us for our next event!

## Galactic Quest SPIN Club

This club has 9 youth from Madison and St. Clair counties participating in the 4-H STEM challenge.



### Week 1

We learned about the importance of keeping our personal information safe, then we practiced using a [Caesar Cipher Wheel](#).



### Week 2

We learned about convex and concave lenses, then we put together a simple refracting telescope. Thomas Foster, SIUE Physics Professor brought a telescope for us to view constellations.

### Week 3

We learned about resources available in our solar system and the implications of space travel on our health by playing a board game called Astro Adventure and participated in a Facebook live Quiz Show.

To infinity and beyond....





# County Calendar of Events

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| November 2     | Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton   |
| November 3     | Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #4  |
| November 10    | Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #5  |
| November 13    | New Family Orientation, 9AM in Collinsville or via Zoom, see page 1  |
| November 16    | Winchester Shotgun Club meeting, 5:30 PM, 600 Powder Mill Rd, East Alton   |
| November 17    | Galactic Quest SPIN club meeting #6 at Willoughby Farm 6-8 PM  |
| November 22    | Pumpkin Workshop at 5:30 PM: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/pumpkin1">https://go.illinois.edu/pumpkin1</a>                         |
| November 25-26 | Office is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday  |
| December 1     | Parent's Night Out/Polar Express, 5-8:30 PM, <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress">https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress</a> |
| December 2     | Cultures & Continents Virtual Workshop: <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/kurds">https://go.illinois.edu/kurds</a>                    |



## Jessica Erikson

**Saint Clair County  
2021 4-H Hall of Fame Nominee**

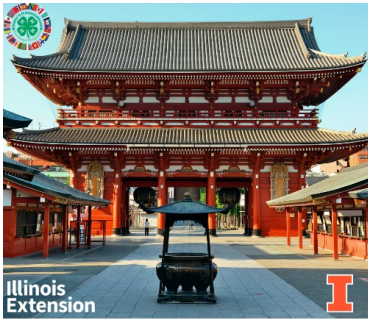
"Jessica works tirelessly to provide a hands-on opportunity for her club members to learn about projects and to take part in extensive community service projects. Jessica is a kind hearted person who truly values what 4-H means and how it can impact the children she teaches and mentors!"

-Saint Clair County 4-H



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**Travel Abroad Update!**

### Travel abroad with 4-H in 2022

Travel to Japan, South Korea, Costa Rica, Romania, Norway, Argentina, and Taiwan!

The application deadline is Dec 1. [Apply here!](#) Program information can be found [here](#).

For those 25 and older, you can be a chaperone! [Learn more here](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.states4hexchange.org>.

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Instagram: @states4hinternational

Every November we celebrate the history, heritage, traditions, and culture of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

- **Learn:** <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>
- **Read:** Check out a book by a Native American author.
- **Watch:** <https://bit.ly/3E9l9PE>
- **Give:** Choose a service project that benefits the Native American community.
- **Cook:** Prepare a traditional Native American recipe.

- **Experience:** Head to a museum or cultural exhibit.

- **Support:** <https://shop.beyondbuckskin.com/>



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## International 4-H Opportunity

4-H youth aged 13 and older are invited to apply to join a SPIN club with Brazilian youth to work on the issue of food insecurity.

The deadline to apply is November 22. Meetings will be hosted via Zoom. This year's meetings will take place on

December 2 & 16 with the 2022 dates to be determined at a later date. Register today!

<https://form.jotform.com/212786589776176>



# State Calendar of Events

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>November 1</b>  | <b>DEADLINE: Summer 2022 Outbound Applications Due</b>                 |
| <b>November 2</b>  | <b>Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM</b> |
| <b>November 23</b> | <b>Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM</b> |
| <b>November 30</b> | <b>Standing Together Taking Action 4-H SPIN club meeting 5:30-7 PM</b> |
| <b>December 1</b>  | <b>Deadline to apply for travel abroad with 4-H, see page 7</b>        |



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# Pumpkin Workshop

Join us on Monday, November 22 to  
create a one-of-a-kind pumpkin  
centerpiece with Amy James from  
the Petaled Pail.

Cost is \$35 and space is limited. You can  
select an orange or white pumpkin.

<https://go.illinois.edu/pumpkin!>



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# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**Time: 5:00PM - 8:30PM**

**Cost: \$20.00**

Youth ages 5 and up are invited to join us for a ride on the *Polar Express* with Extension, complete with activities, dinner, movie and hot cocoa. All youth will go home with several gifts ready for enjoying or giving.

**Please register by Friday, November 26, 2021.**

<https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress>



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We invite you to hop aboard the Polar Express with Extension! Upon arrival, you will receive a train ticket, but don't let it blow away! You will get your ticket punched at each station for a chance to win a bag of 4-H schwag.

While aboard the Polar Express, you will drink the most rich and creamy hot chocolate imaginable and dine on some truly delectable treats.

We will have several stations where you will have the opportunity to disembark from your journey to create holiday cards, make several presents ready for gifting or simply enjoying with your family, and much more!

If rest and relaxation are more your thing, then don't hesitate to get comfy and watch The Polar Express. Want to take it to the next level? Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring a pillow and blanket to really nestle in!

Space is limited to 25 so hurry and register today!

<https://go.illinois.edu/polarexpress>



# Connecting with Cultures & Continents

## Online Workshops Series with 4-H

Join us for 3 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.

**December 2** *Middle East:* The Kurds

Register by November 24: <https://go.illinois.edu/kurds>

**January 6** *China:* The Oroqen People

Register by December 23: <https://go.illinois.edu/China>

**February 3** *Australia:* The Aboriginal People

Register by January 27: <https://go.illinois.edu/Australia>

Only \$10  
per  
workshop!

Register for any of the above workshops and you  
will receive a Passport to the World project  
guide, 1 per family!

Recommended ages 8+

Parental supervision suggested during cooking.

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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# THE COUNTRY CLOVER TROY TIMES-TRIBUNE

We are seeking aspiring writers,  
journalists, and photographers to join our  
4-H Journalism Club

**The club will run from January-June 2022  
and will publish 3 times.**

There is NO COST to join! You will learn all  
about the newspaper business and see your  
work published. Contact Angie with the  
University of Illinois Extension for more  
information: [angielyn@illinois.edu](mailto:angielyn@illinois.edu) or 618-344-  
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