



# Hamilton County Clover News

## Farm Bureau Farmers Breakfast



Set your alarm for an early morning on Tuesday, March 23 as Hamilton County 4-H will prepare and serve the Farmers Share Breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. at the Union

Hall. We plan to serve biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. We will begin cooking at 5:30 a.m. and kids can leave when they need to get to school. It would be great if we could get a few parents to stick around to finish and clean up.

This is a great opportunity for 4-H and the Farm Bureau to work together to show appreciation for our farmers.

Please call the office and let me know if you can work or would like to donate eggs, milk, juice etc.

## Candy Sales

The Hamilton County Federation has decided to sell Easter Candy as a fundraiser. There is a form in this newsletter and one will be emailed to you. Please do



your part and try to sell at least a few boxes. Forms must be turned in by March 30 and we will be making candy each day after school on March 29-April 1. If you would like to help make candy please plan to join us.

We plan to also have candy for sale at the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 on the courthouse lawn.

## April 2021

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## Hamilton County 4-H Federation

The April Federation Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 following the after school classes ending at 3:30 at the GIFT Garden (weather permitting). Please plan to attend so we can make plans for the summer events.



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## 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.

## Shooting Sports

Results of the first annual Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Shoot are now posted on the Illinois 4-H events website, or click here:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/4HVirtualShootResults2020>

Over 420 scores were posted and ribbons have been mailed to the top ten winners in shotgun; air rifle; compound archery; and recurve archery. Congratulations to all the participants and especially the 4-H leaders that went to the extra effort to offer this contest to their local shooting sports 4-H clubs! Thank you, volunteers!

\*\*We'll send a separate email when the press release is available in the coming days!



## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training



9am – 7pm; Saturday, June 5, 2021

Location: 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Registration Details Coming Soon.

## State Robotics Challenge

Use robotics to tell your story in the 2021 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Challenge!

This year's team-based challenge will be virtual, and each submission will be evaluated on Story, Table Performance, and Technical/Design during summer judging sessions with winners announced at a Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 2nd.

Register now through April 30:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/4HR2021>

For details about the challenge, and other FAQs head here:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/2021CHALLENGE>



## International 4-H Opportunity

Host an international student: Host a Japanese youth this summer through States' 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/>



## New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club

To the first 20 adult volunteer 4-H leaders that respond.....start up a new 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club and I'll mail you a kit of supplies that will allow you to complete all six of the fun activity lessons in this new curriculum! Each kit will supply up to ten 4-H youth with the learning supplies they need.



Want to look at the curriculum first? Find it on the Illinois 4-H Project page website at:  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/nature-fishing-and-wildlife>

Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) to submit a request! New 4-H Bass Fishing SPIN Club curriculum ready to go!

## Cloverbud Meeting Scheduled



If you are enrolled in any 4-H club and are in grades K-2, make plans to join us for a fun

Cloverbud meeting on Wednesday, April 21 at the courthouse at 5 pm. Sydney Lay will host the meeting and offer an educational lesson and craft. It has been months since the kids could come together and we really miss them. RSVP by Monday, April 18 so we can get supplies.

## Project Enrollment Deadline

Just a reminder that the final day to add or drop projects is April 1! You can do it yourself in 4HOnline or paper forms can be emailed to you. Let Kathy know if you want a paper form ([koglesby@illinois.edu](mailto:koglesby@illinois.edu)). If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## Illinois 4-H Making a Difference

Inviting 4-H members and clubs to be part of the 2021 True Leaders in Service: National 4-H Day of Service event on April 24th as they support the people around them and the communities they live in! Use the link below to find out about two opportunities to join statewide efforts to advocate for others, making a difference in your community!



Registration opens 3/18:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23183>

We plan to have several community activities that day for you to participate in. Watch your email and Facebook pages for updates.

## Hamilton County 4-H

### Exhibit Dates

- Public Presentations-April 22 at Courthouse 6:00 p.m.
- General Projects-June 21 at 8:00 a.m. at Big Red Barn
- Pulled Pork Dinner-June 21 4:00-7:00 **tentative**
- Rabbits & Poultry-July 8 at 9:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Small Pets, Cats & Dogs-July 8 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Early Weigh-In-July 8 at 4:00-6:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Ag Olympics-July 8 at 7:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Livestock Show -July 9 at 8:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Hospitality Tent-July 9 at 100 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Awards Presentation-July 9 at 1:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Livestock Auction-July 9 at 2:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
- Tractor Show-July 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Floral Hall

## YQCA Training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a required annual training for 4-H youth exhibiting beef, sheep, goats, swine, and dairy projects. This requirement does not apply to poster projects, horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, or cats (although those members must still complete the online QAEC training – only once).

To Complete the Certification

1. Visit <http://yqca.org/> and Click on Sign In/Register
2. Under 4-H Online Sign In, click on sign in with 4-H Online
3. Select Illinois 4-H Youth Development
4. Put in your e-mail address and password
5. Select Courses
6. Select Course List - Make sure the member tab is selected
7. Choose a Course by member age.
8. Two Certification Options:  
Online – Completed at home by the member - \$12  
Instructor Led Training - \$3
  9. Search by State
  10. Select Training - example: University of Illinois Extension - Saline County
  11. Purchase Course



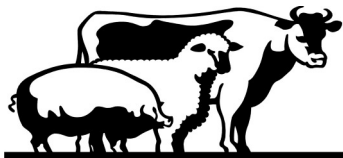
If you choose to attend in person there will be two opportunities. One will be at the Saline County Fairgrounds on April 24 from 2-3:00 p.m. with a limit of 50. (If this fills up they will offer another one from 3-4:00 p.m.) If you choose this one the Saline County Stockmen’s Association will refund the \$3.00 fee.

There will be another face to face opportunity on May 1 from 9-10:00 am at the White County Fairgrounds. This one will cost \$3.00. Please let us know which one you plan to attend.

You must register and pay online following the instructions above to attend the in-person trainings. No walk-ins allowed—no fees can be paid at the event.

**June 1, 2021 Deadline No Exceptions!**

## Online Ethics Certification Required for 4-H Animal Projects



All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online Quality Assurance and Ethics course one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don’t complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> . This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. **Deadline June 1, 2021.**

# 4-H Alumni News & Events

## 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!

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/>



## 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!

## Speak Your Mind

The Public Presentation Contest for Hamilton County has been set for Thursday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement. All 4-H members interested in giving a talk are encouraged to do so. Four categories are available to choose from, Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Oral Interpretation and Original Works. You may select to do one or two talks. You could even give a speech you wrote for a class at school. Turn your science fair projects into a speech. Each time you speak in front of an audience you gain so many skills that will carry you through the rest of your life. Contact the office with your title by April 19. This is your chance to speak your mind!



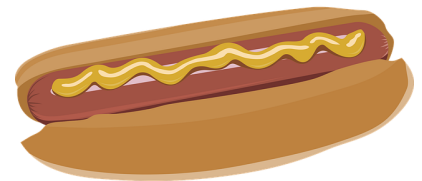
If your selected to advance to state fair , all ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions: Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, Oral Interpretation. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair. All presentations must be 4 to 6 minutes in length. See the rules and scoresheets online at [4-H.illinois.edu](https://4-H.illinois.edu). Click Member>Projects>Communications.

## Food Stand at Tractor Show

Hamilton County 4-H has been asked to provide the food stand at the Ageless Iron Tractor show on

July 10. We will be selling all our favorites at the 4-H stand throughout the day. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

The finances in Hamilton County took a big hit because of Covid and we will be trying to make a little money so we can continue to offer the many 4-H activities in this county! Let me know if you will be available to help!



## Help for 4-H Clubs

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

Click on the Clubs tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

**Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

**Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

**Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

**More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.



## 4-H Volunteer Training Opportunity

Thursday, April 22, 2021; 7 PM

Join this training on the Illinois 4-H Cloverbud program to learn how to support 4-H learning experiences for youth in the 5-7 year age group. Cloverbuds is an exciting entry point to 4-H for youth you don't want to miss! Use this link to find out more about this training and to register:

Registration opens 3/17:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=23352>

### ILLINOIS 4-H

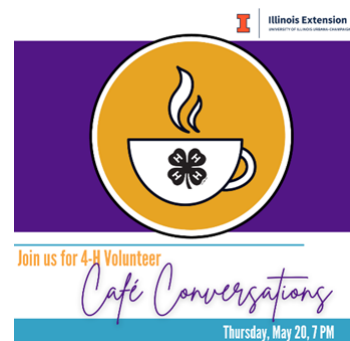


VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

## 4-H Volunteer Café Conversation

Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

Use the link below to register (registration opens 3/18):



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

Remember – 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!

# Hamilton County 4-H Federation Holiday Candy Sales

\$3.00/ bunny—\$5.00 for small box—\$10.00 for large box

Orders due March 30, 2021 Payment due at time of order.

Must be picked up April 2.



The 4-H Federation will once again be selling their famous homemade candy for the holidays. Chocolate or “tie-dye” bunnies will be \$3 each. Oreo Balls, Peanut Butter Balls, Chocolate Covered Peanuts, and Easter Crack available in a small box with 12 pieces of candy for \$5.00 or a large box for \$10 with 25 pieces. You can get assorted or all of one kind. Pretzel Rods are 3 for \$2. Orders and payment must be submitted by March 30, 2021. All candy must be picked up in the courthouse basement on April 2, 9 a.m. to noon *unless other arrangements are made.*

*All proceeds help support the Hamilton County 4-H Program!*

Name	Small \$5.00 Large \$10.00	Bunny \$3.00 C=Chocolate T=Tie Dye	Oreo Balls	Peanut Butter Balls	Chocolate Covered Peanuts	Easter Crack	Pretzel Rods 3/\$2.00	Total Amount

## Upcoming Dates

March 20	Scrapbooking Workshop 10:30-11:30
March 23	Farm Bureau Farmers Breakfast 6:30-9:30 a.m.
March 29-April 1	Candy Making Afterschool
April 1	Project Enrollment deadline
April 2	Candy pick-Up 9:00 a.m. -noon
April 15	Federation Meeting 3:45 at garden
April 21	4-H Cloverbud Meeting 5:00 courthouse basement
April 22	Public Presentation Contest
April 24	National Day of Service
May 20	4-H Volunteer Café Conversations
June 1	YQCA and QAEC Training Deadline
June 5	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training
June 21	General Projects Show-Big Red Barn
June 21	Pulled Pork Dinner tentative
July 8	Rabbits & Poultry 9:00 a.m.
July 8	Dogs, Cats and Small Pets 1:00 p.m.
July 9	Livestock Show 8:00 a.m.
July 9	4-H Livestock Auction 2:00 p.m.
July 10	Ageless Iron Tractor Show (foodstand)

## 4-H is Online 24/7

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global>



Be the first to email Paula with the correct answer and win a prize!

### RIDDLE

Kate's mother has three children: Snap, Crackle and \_\_\_?

## Barbwire Gang Meeting

The Barbwire Gang held a club meeting last week and had a great turn out. Excited to get back to 4-H in person activities!



**Watch your emails for more information about the upcoming workshops.**

Congratulations to Trinity Davis for correctly answering last months riddle.

**Youth Sponsors:** Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Hamilton County Coal/Alliance, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, McNeil Consulting, 4R Equipment, David & Susan Johnson, Edward Jones Investments, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Twilight HCE Unit, Dahlgren HCE Unit, Happy Neighbors HCE Unit, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Wuebels Repair, LLC, Rick Basinger Country Financial, Food Park, Wilson's Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Dick and Lucille Auten, Pennie Anselment, Christopher Johnson, Bunge SCF, Heritage Woods, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, Pitchford Elevator, Miller's Welding, Peoples National Bank, Posey County Co-Op, Southern FS, Legend Ag/Stone Seed Group, KA Rich Inc., Hamilton County Telephone Foundation, City of McLeansboro, Katrina Roberson, EA, Monsanto, Wolf Creek Farm, Hall's Sawmill, Maschhoffs, Ferrell McLeansboro Family Medicine, Synenergy, Gavilon, Posey County Co-op, McLeansboro Elks, Dairy Queen, Brad Cross/STC, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, Aydt Farms.