



Hamilton County Clover News

Cosmic Bowling Planned

Unit 24 is planning a six county event. You are invited to a fun evening of COSMIC BOWLING at Ross Cottom Lanes on Friday, February 25, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



The cost is \$4.00 per game, per person, with free shoe rental if you bowl 2 or more games. If you just bowl one game you will need to pay shoe rental.

This will be a great time to socialize with members from Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline and White counties. We would love to

see a big crowd of 4-H members and adult volunteers in attendance.

Don't forget to bring extra money for snacks and drinks.

Cosmic Bowling Community Service

We will offer an opportunity to participate in a Unit 24 community service activity. We will be collecting items for "Birthday in a Bag." You can donate anything to make a special gift to be distributed at food pantries in your area. Items you may want include are cake mix, icing, disposable cake pan, candles, plates, napkins, cups, streamers, party favors, gift bag, card and any other items you see fit. Don't worry about putting together a complete bag. We will assemble bags with what we get donated.

Please call the office at 643-3416 by February 18 if you plan to attend. They need to know how many lanes to reserve.

Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting will be held Thursday, February 10 at 3:30. We will be making Valentines for Veterans and packing donated items. Please plan to join us!



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JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



Test Your Knowledge at Trivia Night



The Barbwire Gang 4-H Club will host a Unit 24 4-H Trivia Night on Thursday, March 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement. All clubs are invited and can enter as many teams as you

like. There is no fee to participate and prizes will be awarded.

All ages are encouraged to play along. There will be many different topics and categories and you may be surprised by the amount of useless knowledge you have stored in your brain. Please contact the office by March 6 with your entries. A taco bar meal will be provided at 5:30.

Youth are asked to bring a non perishable food item for the Barbwire Gang Gives Back Box that is at the GIFT Garden. This will provide you with a multi-county event and service project for your records.



Illinois 4-H State Awards Ceremony Planned

I am extremely proud to announce that all five of our Hamilton County Experience Award applications have been approved!!! Congratulations to these well deserving 4-H members:

Emilee Cox—Emerald-Project Mastery

Sarah Darnell-Emerald-Project Mastery

Courtney Lynn-Emerald-Project Mastery

Shiloh Willis-Emerald-Project Mastery

Ava Winternheimer-Emerald-Project Mastery

Each member should have received an e-mail notification with instructions to send a bio and photo.

The awards ceremony will be held on April 9. More info to follow on location.



Livestock Clinic, Skill a thon and YQCA Training

Are you interested in livestock, meeting new people who share your interests and increasing your livestock knowledge?

Mark your calendars for a day of fun and learning on Saturday, March 19 at Circle H Cattle Company 21228 State Route 242 Dahlgren, IL 62828. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the clinic starts at 9:30.

4-H members will compete in a couple judging rings, livestock demonstrations, feed ingredient identification, breed identification, equipment identification and YQCA training.

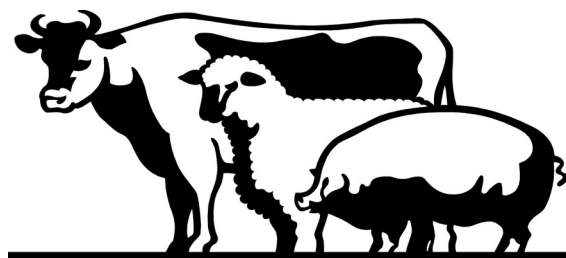
A \$5.00 fee will register each member in all classes except the YQCA training that you MUST preregister for online.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories in both junior and senior divisions. Lunch will be provided by Farm Credit.

Please contact the Hamilton County Extension office at 643-3416 or by email to pjhatfie@illinois.edu with any suggestions or to register.

Throughout the day members will complete the face to face YQCA training, the cost will be \$3.00 and must be preregistered. See page 3 for details.

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



If you have not cashed your 2020 4-H premium check please do so as soon as possible!!! We will not reissue!!!



4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment

Summer camp employees wanted! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working outdoors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping. We start accepting applications for the following positions January 1, 2022.

Summer Program Staff (18 years old minimum)
Summer/Seasonal Assistant Camp Director
Lead Male/Female Counselors
Lifeguards
Outdoor Education Director
Arts & Crafts Director
Creation Station (S.T.E.M.) Director
Recreation Director
Climbing Tower Director

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp website towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources.

Contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu, (217) 762-2741 with any questions.



4-H Memorial Summer Youth Camp

Are you ready to get back to camping at 4-H Memorial Camp? We are! We are planning on having four (4) Summer Youth Camps in the summer of 2022. New this year, we will have an early registration period for 4-H Members only. Watch for additional information to be shared on the 4-H Memorial Camp website and on our Facebook page.

Registration Dates:

Jan. 24-Feb. 6, 2022 4-H Members Only
Feb. 7, 2022- until full 4-H Members and non-members

Camp Dates:

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022



Virtual Fishing Challenge Planned

GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Link to tournament details published in March!

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

Hint: Sign up for 4-H Sport fishing project now, and begin preparing for crappie contest in April by going here to begin learning about crappie:

<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>



Black History Month

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the history and the achievements of African Americans as a part of Black History Month. Here are some ideas of how you and your club can help celebrate this month:

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



Reminder

This year we will once again be enforcing the 6 meetings rule. You must attend at least 6 club meetings or 3 club meetings and 3 other county activities in order to be able to show and sell at the auction. Don't wait until this summer it will be too late!

National 4-H Opportunities

Applications are now OPEN for the 2023 #4HYouthinAction Awards! Now is the chance for 4-H'ers ages 15-19 to tell their 4-H story of impact, leadership, and purpose.

Four selected recipients will: earn a \$5K scholarship, serve as a national youth spokesperson ...and much more!

Learn more about the awards, application process, and apply!

<https://bit.ly/3FgUIb0>

Deadline to apply is March 28, 2022.



National 4-H Council Young Alumni Advisory Committee Needs You

Opportunity to recruit National 4-H Council Young Alumni Advisory Committee (YAAC) Members

Application available on January 10

Deadlines: February 28 and March 28 (see below)

- National 4-H Council needs your help to identify and nominate dynamic, proven leaders to serve on the Young Alumni Advisory Committee (YAAC).

- The YAAC serves as a bridge to the young alumni community, informing National 4-H Council's Board of Trustees & working closely with Council Associates to provide counsel, work on strategic initiatives and help grow our network of 4-H alumni.

- To apply, applicants must be nominated by a 4-H professional or volunteer by February 28. Nominees should be between the ages of 18-22 as of July 1.

- Nominees must complete the application by March 28. · Nomination form will be live on January 10 at: <https://4-h.org/alumni/yaac-nominator-form/>

If anyone is interested or knows someone that would be great contact the office today!

4-H Town Hall Meeting

Save the Date – March 1, 2022

Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the first Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, to be held virtually. We look forward to sharing updates regarding the National 4-H Board of Trustees, Illinois Extension, and Illinois 4-H from

Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois; Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean & Director of Illinois Extension; and Lisa Bouillion Diaz, Assistant Dean & Director of Illinois 4-H. Attendees will be able to submit questions for discussion. Registration will open on February 1. Register by February 21 – <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>.

The poster for the Illinois 4-H Virtual Town Hall features a dark blue background with a green horizontal band. At the top left is a large red 'I' logo. To the right of the 'I' is the text 'Illinois 4-H presents' in white. Further right is the 4-H clover logo. The green band contains the text 'VIRTUAL TOWN HALL' in large white letters. Below the green band, the text 'TUESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:00 PM' is written in white. Underneath that, it says 'Register by February 21: <https://go.illinois.edu/4htownhall>' and 'Attendees will be able to submit questions as part of registration process.' Below this, there are three circular headshots of the featured speakers. To the left of the headshots is the text 'FEATURED SPEAKERS'. Below each headshot is the speaker's name and title. At the bottom left of the poster is the text 'Illinois Extension'.

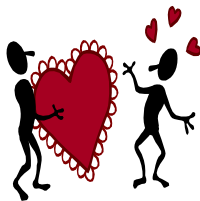
Hosted by the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association

Valentines for Veterans

Once again we are collecting items to be delivered to hospitalized Veterans on or near Valentines Day. You may bring items to the office any time before February 11.

Following is a list of acceptable items:

Books	Sugar	Creamer
Socks	T-shirt	Razors
Kleenex	Quarters	Cards/stamps
Toothpaste		Toothbrushes
Denture Cleaner		Shampoo
Conditioner		Coffee
Shaving Cream		Sweat suits
Dental floss		Puzzle books
Playing cards		



We will also be taking Valentine cards. You may make them yourself or as a club project. The federation will be making Valentine cards at the February meeting on February 10. Please join us!

Parliamentary Procedure Training

I move. Is there a second? All those in favor? Those are words you have likely heard during 4-H club meetings, but what do they mean, and why are they important? Join us for the second workshop in our leadership series to understand more about Parliamentary Procedure and how it can make meetings more fun, effective, and efficient.



This training is for everyone! Whether you are a club officer wanting to learn more about running meetings or a club member that wants to feel more comfortable speaking up in meetings, take a moment to register today!

This virtual training will be held Tuesday February 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Registration Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/220066073058147>

4-H Sewing SPIN Club

The 4-H Sewing Spin Club continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The next class is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 3 pm in the courthouse basement.

The club is led by Rhonda Millenbine and Sue Kinder .

Members will first learn the basics of sewing and sewing machines and move on to complete various projects.

This club is open to any youth 3rd through 6th grade. You can sign up anytime!



Dahlgren Craft Club

The Dahlgren Afterschool Craft Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The January meeting was cancelled several times but the group will resume meeting in February.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 1 right after school in the library. Federation member will conduct simple crafts and provide snacks. If you are in grades 3-6, please plan to join us and invite your friends.



Upcoming Unit 24

Workshops

Woodworking Workshop @ DSAC
March 12 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
if needed

Horsebowl & Hippology Contest @ SIUC
March 26 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

YQCA Training @ Saline County Fairgrounds
April 23 2-3:00 p.m.

YQCA Training @ White County Fairgrounds
May 7 9-10:00 a.m.



Unlock Ag Innovations Program

This workshop was developed by our very own Katie Buckley and her amazing team working with National 4-H Council.



Please see the link below for all information regarding the training and sign up to attend! This form will also sign up your Unit to participate in this year's program.

Sign Up Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/220135462466149>

Details:

Saturday, February 19 from 11 am - 3 pm

Illinois 4-H State Office - 801 Country Fair Drive, Suite E, Champaign IL, 61821

Who: 4-H Teen Teachers, Federation Members, 4-H Ambassadors, and others with an interest in reaching young people with this fun interactive program.

Registration limit per county: 3 teens and 2 chaperones per county (staff or volunteers)

Fee: Free, but registration required

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 16 by 5 p.m.

Supplies: Supplies will be distributed by the number of youth you promise to reach and the number of presentations you do. All supplies are reusable and yours to keep.

Hospitality: lunch will be provided.

Expenses: mileage will be covered for one car per county. No overnight required, so no hotel rooms provided.

COVID-19 Protocols: Mask wearing will be required inside the Farm Bureau building.

Please contact the office if you are interested in attending! This would be great for the summer classes.

Open to Federation members and Teen Teachers!

Community Improvement Grants Available for 4-H Clubs

Farm Credit Illinois will once again be offering \$500 Community Improvement Grants to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters.

Each club can submit a \$500 grant application. If you would like me to write it for you I would be glad to help out. These grants are to make positive impact in your community by coordinating an improvement project. Project ideas include: tree planting and landscaping, community gardens, fairground updates and park improvements.



Apply today at www.farmcreditIL.com/community. Deadline to submit is Monday, February 28, 2022.

Farm Credit Illinois Offers Scholarships

Once again Farm Credit Illinois will offer \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors planning to study agriculture in college. Apply at www.farmcreditIL.com/scholarship. Submission deadline is Monday, February 28, 2022.

Our very own Kate Miller was a 2021 recipient.



Hamilton County 4-H

Exhibit Dates

Public Presentation Contest—March 14 at 6:00 p.m. Courthouse basement
General Projects—June 21 at 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn
Pulled Pork Dinner—June 21 4:00-7:00 p.m. tentative
Rabbits & Poultry—June 30 at 9:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Small Pets, Cats & Dogs—June 30 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Early Weigh-In June 30 at 4:00 –6:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Farm Follies—June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Livestock Show July 1 at 8:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Hospitality Tent—July 1 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Awards Presentation—July 1 at 1:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Livestock Auction—July 1 at 2:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Tractor Show—TBA
Horse Show—TBA



Speak Your Mind

The Public Presentation Contest for Hamilton County has been set for Monday, March 14 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 March 11. This is your chance to speak your mind!

Enrollment in the Public Presentations project is required to participate in this section. No live animals are allowed in speeches. Counties may advance a total of 3 entries from any category to the state contest, to be held April 30. A 4-H member may advance in one individual category and one team category.

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.



Farm Bureau Farmers Share Breakfast

Set your alarm for an early morning on Tuesday, March 22 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, sausage, scrambled eggs, OJ, Milk, 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 us know if you can work or would like to donate eggs, milk, juice, sausage, coffee or biscuits.



Upcoming Dates

January 1	Camp Summer Employment Applications Open
February 1	Dahlgren Afterschool Craft Club 3:30 p.m. Library
February 9	Sewing Club 3:00 p.m. Courthouse basement
February 10	Federation Meeting 3:30 p.m. Courthouse basement
February 11	Valentines for Veterans deadline
February 19	Unlock Ag Innovations Program 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Illinois 4-H State Office
February 22	Parliamentary Procedure Training 6:30 <i>Virtual</i>
February 25	Cosmic Bowling 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ross Cotton Lanes
February 28	Community Improvement Grant application Deadline
February 28	Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship
March 1	Illinois 4-H Town Hall Meeting
March 10	Trivia Night 5:30 Courthouse basement
March 12	Woodworking Workshop 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 DSAC
March 14	Public Presentation Contest 6:00 p.m. Courthouse basement
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March 26	Horsebowl & Hippology 9:00-4:00 SIUC (tentative)
March 28	Youth in Action application deadline
April 9	State 4-H Awards TBA
June 5-9	Camp Dates
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June 30	Rabbit & Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.
June 30	Cats, Dogs Small Pets Show
June 30	Early Weigh-in, Farm Follies 4:00-8:30
July 1	Livestock Show, Hospitality, Awards , Livestock Auction
July 5-9	Camp Dates
July 17-21	Camp

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 I have no sword, I have no spear, yet rule a horde which many fear, my soldiers fight with a wicked sting, I rule with might, yet am no king. What am I?

Congratulations Emilee Cox for answering the November riddle.

There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

There are no stairs, it's a one story house.

Youth Sponsors: Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, Honeysuckle Vine Events, McNeil Consulting, David & Susan Johnson, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Twilight HCE Unit, Dahlgren HCE Unit, Happy Neighbors HCE Unit, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Wuebbels Repair, LLC, Trudee Wynn Country Financial, Larry Pauketat, Lisa Cross Financial Advisor, Food Park, Wilson's Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Dick and Lucille Auten, Christopher Johnson, Bunge SCF, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, 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, Hall's Sawmill, Maschhoffs, McLeansboro Elks, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, SECLR Farms, SN Partners, Fairfield National Bank, H & R Agri Power, Miller Seed Solutions, Woodrow Farms, Aydt Farms, Waier Farms.