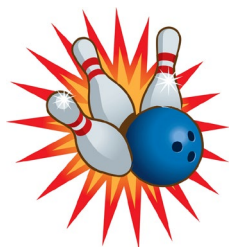




Now is the time to join in a fun community service activity. Pope-Hardin county 4-H is collecting socks with grippers for Rosiclare Health Care Center. We need a total of 40 pair of socks. All socks must be slip resistant for safety purposes. Along with the socks 4-H members are making Valentine cards for the residents. Think of the smiles you will put of the faces of the residents with your cards and socks. Such a small gesture from you means so much to them. Jillian will be leading a card making activity at the next Clover Crew meeting. Be sure to bring your socks to the meeting and be prepared to make a card or two. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can drop your cards and socks off at the Extension office. The drop box is always available. Last day to drop off is February 9th.



UNIT 24 COSMIC BOWLING

Calling all 4-H members and volunteers... You are invited to a fun evening of COSMIC BOWLING at **Ross Cottom Lanes on Friday Night, February 25, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** The cost is only \$4.00

per game, per person. If you bowl 2 games or more, the shoe rental will be waived.

We are joining 4-H members from Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, and White Counties for a fun Unit 24 bowling night! This will be a great time to meet 4-H members from other counties and renew old friendships.

Don't forget to bring your bowling money and extra money for snack, drinks, and arcade.

In order to have enough lanes reserved, you must RSVP by February 18th!

Pope-Hardin County

4-H Newsletter

Calendar of Events

- 2/06 Clover Crew Meeting 2 PM @ DSAC
- 2/09 Last Day to drop off Socks and Cards
- 2/11 Federation Meeting 4 PM @ DSAC
- 2/17 Café Conversation
- 2/18 DEADLINE to RSVP for Cosmic Bowling
- 2/18 Enrollment/4-H Dues/Project Selection Due to Extension Office
- 2/19 Syrup Workshop @ DSAC
- 2/22 Parliamentary Procedure Training
- 2/25 Cosmic Bowling
- 3/10 Trivia Night
- 3/12 Woodworking Workshop @ DSAC
- 3/19 Livestock Clinic, Skill a Thon, YQCA
- 3/19 Café Conversation

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Kendra at klcook@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.



COSMIC BOWLING COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are collecting birthday items to deliver to area food pantries. We would like to create a complete Birthday bundle in a disposable cake pan with all the items necessary to make a fun birthday party. There are many families who might not be able to provide this important recognition. We ask that families attending Cosmic Bowling bring any of the following items if possible: Disposable 9x13 cake pan, Cake Mix, Small Bottle of Vegetable Oil, Canned Frosting, Party Plates and Napkins, Birthday Candles, Birthday Gift Sack, Decorations and/or Birthday Card. Thank you for your generosity!



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/3FqUIb0>



I wanted to notify you of a small change that took place. All emails from me will now be from klcook not klvaughn. My email address is now klcook@illinois.edu.



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.

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



As we are almost halfway through the 2021-2022 4-H year, what's that mean... It's time to narrow down on those projects you want to show this summer. Hats off to those that have already enrolled, paid 4-H dues, and submitted your project selections! It is that time of year for planning General Show, Livestock Show, Horse Show, and to put it all together in that handy dandy little book called the county handbook. The one that we all rely upon to make sure our projects are just the right size and meet all requirements, to make sure we have all our dates correct, and has everything we need to know about showing. In order to get the handbook finalized, I need enrollments, 4-H dues, and project selections turned in by February 18th. Don't worry if you decide to drop a project, not a problem, you can still drop a project up until May 31. Visit 4HOnline.com to complete your enrollment and finalize your project selection from the convenience of your home. We also have paper forms available if you would prefer the paper method. Do not hesitate to contact Kendra at klcook@illinois.edu with questions or concerns.



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.

LIVESTOCK CLINIC
Skillathon, Judging Classes,
& YQCA Training

MARCH 19
9:30 - NOON

CIRCLE H CATTLE COMPANY
DAHLGREN, IL

TO REGISTER CALL:
HAMILTON COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE
618-643-3416

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Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the clinic starts at 9:30.

Highlights include 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. YQCA training requires online registration and has a \$3.00 fee. The day will conclude with prizes awarded in several categories in both junior and senior divisions and lunch provided by Farm Credit Services.



Enrollment/Re-Enrollment Instructions for youth/adult re-enrollments: Go to <http://v2.4honline.com>.

- Enter your email address and password.
- Click Sign-In.
- Continue to Youth and Cloverbud Member Enrollment to re-enroll youth members, continue to Adult Enrollment to reenroll Adult members.
- If you are returning to 4-H, your member record will be listed on the family Member List.
- Click "Enroll Now" under the Program in which you would like to enroll.
- Follow through each page to complete your enrollment.
- If you have forgotten your password, click "Reset Password?" to receive an email with a link to set a new password.

Illinois 4-H has a maximum per family enrollment fee of \$60. Based on this amount, the first three youth members in a family would be expected to pay \$20 per member. For the fourth member and beyond, the fee would be waived. For the fourth member and beyond, please select check as the payment method. As an FYI Illinois 4-H has been experiencing quite a lot of credit cards being declined by 4-H Online. Families who have paid with a credit card in the past should delete their credit card information before trying to re-enroll members

You may pay by credit card or check when enrolling online. If paying by check, please make the check payable to University of Illinois Extension. Please make sure you enroll in Pope-Hardin County.

We have changed how we order 4-H Publications. Instead of ordering through the office or club, your order them on your own. You can now order publications online at: <https://shop4-h.org/collections/illinois-virtual-pop-up-shop> Click - Log In. Click - Create Account. After entering the account information, click - Return to Store. This is a

new process. Some of the publications may not be uploaded yet, so you may need to check back at a later date.



GENERAL SHOW
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

STATE FAIR
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022

ILLINOIS 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

4-H members and clubs have continued to demonstrate they are **True Leaders in Service**, as they roll up their sleeves and put the 4-H Pledge into action working toward positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. **The True Leaders in Service Day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2022!** Start planning now to focus your energies on the 4th "H" and pledge your HANDS to larger service! Service projects can be the work of individuals, 4-H clubs, or planned as a county-wide service project. No matter what project you feel is needed most in your community – this will be a day to make a difference! Please use this link to register your Community Service event:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=24356>



FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2022 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall

2024 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before February 28. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is **MATCHING** this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

Get cash to help improve your community. Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. Be sure to contact Kendra Cook at klcook@illinois.edu before applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!



Join us for 4-H Volunteer

Café Conversations

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VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS! – SAVE THE DATES!

If you are new to the Illinois 4-H program, the Café Conversations is a platform for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H members serving in leadership roles from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. We will identify the topics for the next two Conversations in January!

- **Thursday, February 17, 2022; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 19, 2022; 7 PM**

Watch for future registration details!

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