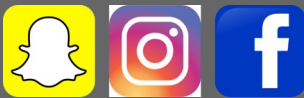




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# E-NEWS



August 8, 2019

“To Make the Best Better”

Hello everyone,

We survived-woot, woot! Fair is over and we beat the heat. Everyone did a tremendous job representing yourselves and your clubs.

Thank you to everyone that exhibited their projects, helped in the food stand, worked the BBQ, took out trash, cleaned bathrooms, helped with animal shows, served as a judge, superintendent, or a junior Superintendent, etc. The fair could NOT run without each of you.

I wanted to send this issue of the e-news as an end of the year wrap up, however, there will be a few announcements that I want you to pay extra attention to so you have plenty of time.

I will send you a NEW YEAR e-news and newsletter in the next few weeks, after I participate in the State 4-H New Year webinar, and will let you ya'll know all the details regarding the new 4-H year and any changes that may take place, so be on the lookout!

Leaders– please respond to my email and send me all information about club programs by the **August 27** deadline. Please call me or email me with questions.

Thanks everyone!

**Angela Miller**  
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**NEW YEAR KICK OFF- Enrollment for the new 4-H year will begin until September 16 at the earliest. Hopefully the roll-over will be completed and the State 4-H will give us the OK to go live by then. So– I will send everyone an announcement when we are up and running.**

**CHOICE AWARD-I AM STILL TRYING TO FINALIZE A FEW ITEMS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM SO THE PACKET SHOULD BE IN THE MAIL SOON. I WILL SEND EACH OF YOU A LETTER, ORDER FORM AND INSERT (WITH THE ITEMS YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM) IN THE MAIL. ALL ORDER FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ON OCTOBER 24.**

**ALL CHOICE AWARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT DURING THE ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET WHICH IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17.**

#### **ADULT 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION TRAINING –**

There is a new format starting this fall!! Certification of 4-H adult leaders will now be possible by accomplishing the required 12 hours of training by completion of an on-line course and an 8-hour, one-day, hands-on discipline training on the range.

The first hands-on field day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp. More information about the on-line class coming soon.

If you would like to attend please call the Extension Office to discuss it with me. We are trying find adult to help us start Archery. If we are successful, we can get that up and running we can try to certify in the other shooting disciplines.

Registration for the training is open now through October 9, 2019. So please let me know ASAP!

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES-I hope you had a positive experience at Illini Summer Academies sponsored by University of Illinois Extension 4-H. The hands-on learning sessions with university instructors provided valuable exposure to new career paths. You can view and download photos of the week from <https://uofi.box.com/s/ap5ne5be4904vy2ep7lit58orf73lbek>.

COUNTY/STATE AWARDS APPLICATIONS: Recognition for 2019-20 program year will use current forms and requirements but the timetable will be moved up. The State deadline for all experience, scholarship and individual state awards which includes the IL State 4-H Award, Key Award, and LCP application, and applications for the Diamond and Emerald Clover Awards is now October 11.

With this change being implemented, this will now be the deadline for all COUNTY AND STATE AWARDS.

A few things have changed!

1. The "Top 4-Her" Award will be given to individuals 15-18 years of age based on an application and interview process. This is a change! If you would like to apply, simply fill out the attached application. Your application must also be accompanied by 2 references. I have attached the reference form for you. Once we receive all the completed paperwork, Farm Bureau will set up interviews. Recipients will be recognized at the Achievement Banquet. Judging will be based on the application and the interview!

2. The "I Dare You" Award will now be awarded to individuals based on Leader Nomination.

All applications must be received at the Extension Office by October 11 by 4 pm.

**FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD**– If you have someone, a business, or group that you think is deserving of the Friend of 4-H Award please go online and nominate them. Give us a brief description of what they have done and why they should be recognized!

That link is live and will be available until October 11.

**SHOW US YOUR BEST FAIR PHOTO CONTEST**. We had more than 425 photos and comments for the contest. They were all amazing. The top 50 are pictured @ <https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4H/posts/10158052902804240>.

These photos will be on display in the Orr Building of the fair. Popular vote will determine winners.

**THANK YOU NOTES**– I have once again asked leaders to make thank you note writing part of their club's activity during the September or October meeting. I cannot stress the importance of writing thank you notes enough. These individuals are asked to sponsor and support a number of organizations in a variety of ways. I am very thankful for their support of our organization and hearing from the 4-Hers whom they have supported is part of that. It is important they see who their donation is supporting and what their donation was used for. Please thank them accordingly!

**YOUR CLUB LEADER HAS THE LIST OF ALL 4-H MEMBERS IN THEIR CLUB WHO RECEIVED AN AWARD, BANNER, OR CHOICE AWARD DURING THE 4-H FAIR. THE LIST INCLUDES THE SPONSORS NAME AND ADDRESSES. CONTACT YOUR LEADER!**

**TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR PRIZES, GIFTS, OR AWARDS**– “Program participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number PRIOR to receiving a prize, gift, or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will NOT be eligible for prize, gift, or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.”

-State 4-H Office

If I require a 4-Her's social security number in order for premiums are paid, I will contact that 4-Her directly. I will only need SS#s from the 4-Hers who I have A. I have not collected their number before AND B. if the premium check will be for more than \$100.



**4-H FEDERATION MEETING**– Would you like to be a part of Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation? Come to our next meeting to find out more information and participate in planning the upcoming year. We will be meeting on Monday, September 9 at the Extension Office located at 204 Vine St. in Elizabeth. This meeting will begin at 7 pm.

**WHAT DO WE DO IN FEDERATION?**

Federation members plan county wide activities such as the 4-H Ski Day, 4-H Bowling Party, and 4-H Swim Party. They do community service, lead the Achievement Banquet, organize the Pork Chop BBQ, and work on their public speaking, leadership, team work... all while having fun and meeting other around the county.

**WHO CAN JOIN?**

Anyone can join. We encourage at least one representative from every club to participate, but anyone can be a Federation member. Meetings are typically the 1st Monday of every month. (Although in September we are meeting on the 2nd Monday to avoid Labor Day)

Federation donated 50 gallons of milk to the five local food pantries in our county.



Federation members attended a tubing trip to celebrate the end of a great year!

Federation members spent time decorating flamingos for our County 4-H Flocking... to celebrate National 4-H Week.



Federation members worked on teambuilding, communication, and team work during this Escape Room Challenge.

## **GEORGIA BOOT TO OFFER 4-H DISCOUNT IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

Georgia Boot is the brand known as “America’s hardest working boot” with a legacy of comfort and durability passed down from generation to generation.

As part of the #4HBestBootForward campaign, Georgia Boot is offering a bold, one-of-a-kind 50% off discount on any boots on the [georgiaboot.com](http://georgiaboot.com) website (except clearance items).

This offer will be available for 8-weeks only, starting August 1st and can be redeemed via a coupon code. In addition to the 50% discount, Georgia will also donate 5% of all boot sales using the coupon code back to National 4-H Council.

To get your discount code go to <https://www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/> and register today.

### **A COUPLE OF THINGS TO NOTE**

- To get the discount code you must register with Georgia Boot and the code will be provided to you after that.
- It’s very unusual for Georgia Boots to offer this steep of a discount. As a result, they do not want the code ending up on “retail me not” or other coupon sharing sites. (SO.....)
- Please don’t share the code openly on social media.

***Good luck to all our  
4-H members who will be  
exhibiting at the ILSF over the  
weekend!  
YOU’VE GOT THIS!***