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Fulton County 4-H Newsletter September/October 2019



Dear 4-H Families:

Wow! What a busy summer we had!!! It is hard to believe that fall is almost here. THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to make the summer 4-H shows and events successful. Without the support that you gave, the events would not have been possible. Much hard work by the 4-H members was evident from all of the fine 4-H projects. Congratulations on a job well done.

Constructive comments regarding the summer 4-H shows and events are always welcome. Please put your comments on paper and send them to the Extension Office, or email jblout@illinois.edu

We're starting a new 4-H year -- so glad you're part of it!

This newsletter is one of our ways of communicating with every 4-H family in Fulton County — show it to your parents!!! Please read it, and make note of dates that apply to your family. As always, call us at 547-3711 if we can help you in any way to get more out of 4-H.

Visit our website!

[http://web.extension.illinois.edu/
fmpt/fulton4h/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/fulton4h/)

**Join the Fulton County 4-H
facebook group!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janis Blout".

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New 4-H Year Begins

We are beginning a new 4-H year in Fulton County. Clubs will soon be having their organizational meetings and electing officers. Club enrollment materials will be given to Key Leaders at the 4-H Leaders' Meeting on Monday, **October 7**, at 6:30 p.m. To be a 4-H member in the 2019-2020 year, youth must be 8-18 years old as of September 1, 2019.

4-H Achievement Program Set For November 10

All 4-H families and friends are cordially invited to attend the annual 4-H Achievement Program on Sunday, November 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the Lewistown Community High School Auditorium. Awards will be presented to many 4-H members. Key Leaders will receive more information closer to the date.

4-H Federation Meeting

4-H Federation membership is open to any 4-H member in the eighth grade and over. Those age 12 and over are welcome to attend meetings and participate in events. You'll meet new friends and get involved in countywide leadership activities.

The first 4-H Federation meeting of the new year will be on Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m., at the Extension Office in Lewistown.

Federation meetings include a short business meeting, sometimes a game or activity, and time to snack and get to know 4-H members from other towns. They host the YMCA Night in January, send things to the troops, and come up with other activities to sponsor. In the summer 4-H Federation members are asked to help with Farm Safety Day Camp, 4-H foodstand cleaning, setting up 4-H General Show, and more. Even when it's work, we still have fun! We also go on an outing in August, to thank the ones who actively participate. For more information, call Janis at 547-3711, or email jblout@illinois.edu.

State Fair Participants

Congratulations to all the Fulton County 4-H members who participated at the Illinois State Fair Junior Show, in both livestock and non-livestock areas. As usual, our county was very well-represented. We had almost 100 participants! Fifty-one of these were exhibiting non-livestock projects, and approximately 45 showed livestock. We're so proud of you!

Thanks to all of our State Fair exhibitors for representing Fulton County so well.



Kate Hampton,
Photography



Bryer Nelson, Sheep



Fulton County 4-H member Emma Eathington was one of three teens honored for naming the Coliseum of Champions at the Illinois State Fair! The Coliseum was renovated in recent years, and reopened this year. A contest was held to rename it, and Emma submitted the chosen name, as did two others. She received a silver platter of recognition and a Mega-Pass to the State Fair. Emma is on the left in this picture of the ribbon-cutting by the governor. We're proud of you, too, Emma!

Lee Roy Knuppel Inducted Into 4-H Hall Of Fame

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame to honor extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff.

Lee Roy Knuppel has been named a 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee for 2019. Lee Roy has been a 4-H volunteer in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program for 10 years, teaching and mentoring youth in Fulton and Tazewell Counties. More than 60 young people have learned safety and respect for firearms through Lee Roy's teaching. He has volunteered for 4-H in other ways over the years, too, including helping with a 4-H club his late sister, JoAnn Block, led for many years.

Over 65 people were added this year to the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Only one person per county may be nominated each year. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion. Lee Roy received his medallion at a ceremony at the Illinois State Fair on August 13.

Previous inductees from Fulton County are Virginia Barnard, Frances Fisher, Sharon Spangler, Ruth Knott, JoAnn Block, Wanda Williams, Diane Simons, Cindy Ellis, Charlotte Ann Myers, Linda Porter, Cindy Chaffin, Kathy Butler, and Cathy Eathington.



Take a Trip Across the Globe

There are various opportunities for 4-H members age 12-18 to travel to other countries as part of the States' 4-H International Exchange program. For information and costs, check out their website @ states4hexchange.org/.

Leader Of the Year and Volunteer Of the Year Recognitions

The Fulton County 4-H Program is once again planning to recognize adults who help to make 4-H strong in Fulton County. At the Volunteer Recognition Banquet to be held in March 2020, one 4-H Volunteer and one 4-H Leader will be recognized for their contributions to 4-H. To nominate someone, write a letter telling why you think they should receive the award, and send to the Fulton County Extension Office, 15411 N IL 100 Hwy, Lewistown, IL 61542. Nominations are due November 10.

4-H Projects For the 2019-2020 4-H Year

A listing of 4-H projects available can be found in the new 4-H Project Guide. Your leader will have these soon. You can view the 4-H Project Guide online at

go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide

New projects —
Child Development
Family Heritage
Sports Nutrition
Visual Arts Leather

Discontinued —
Geospatial

Illinois 4-H Website

The 4-H statewide website has lots of good information on opportunities for members and leaders. If you have not visited it for awhile, take a few minutes to see all that it has to offer —

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>

Join Our Facebook Group!

Fulton County 4-H has a Facebook group where much information is shared, recent updates are posted, etc. Type in “Fulton County 4-H” in the search box, and you will see it. Click on “Join Group,” and that’s all it takes!

Ten Gallon Challenge

We would like to thank everyone who has participated or will be participating in the 4-H Ten Gallon Challenge! Your donations of dairy products to food pantries helped local farmers, local businesses, and your neighbors in need. Your efforts made a difference – and we’d love to hear more about your experiences! Please help us capture the full effects of your contributions by completing the **10 Gallon Challenge Record Form** with your club. But don’t stop here! Food pantries are always looking for dairy donations. Consider continuing the 4-H 10 Gallon Challenge by making regular contributions throughout the year.

Thanks to the Smithfield Up and Coming 4-H Club for turning in your report!

State 4-H Scholarships

If you are planning to apply for either of the scholarships listed below, please notice the deadline has been moved up. Information on these scholarships has appeared in previous 4-H Newsletters.

The deadline for **state scholarships** has been changed to November 1. Apply online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships for these scholarship opportunities:

- Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
- Livestock Scholarship

Electing New Officers

Officer roles are an important part of helping the 4-H Club run smoothly, and gives youth leadership skills. As many clubs will be electing new officers in the next month, here are a few important things to consider:

- Members should get to know the people running for office before voting is required.
- Those running for an office should be willing to stand in front of their club and state why they would like the officer position and why they would do well as that officer.
- A 4-H Club needs officers who will work well with all members, not just a select few. They need to be dependable, show up for a majority of meetings, and be dedicated to making meetings interesting and worthwhile.

••Don’t run for an office if you don’t plan to attend the meetings regularly!

4-H Club Radio Programs

If your club is unable to do its radio program as requested, **please** be courteous and call the Extension Office at 547-3711. Our 4-H radio program airs on Sundays at 9:05 a.m. on WBYS 1560 AM. You need to have it done by the Wednesday before the Sunday that it airs. Key leaders receive detailed information in the mail several weeks before your air date.

Membership Challenge!

We need to grow our membership numbers! Here is your challenge — for each current 4-H **family** to invite one new **family** to join 4-H. The best advertisement is friends inviting friends. When your club has its first meeting of the new 4-H year, **please** invite a new family to attend!

Another great idea is to have one of your club’s 4-H leaders assigned the task of keeping the new families informed as you go through the year. We don’t want anyone missing out on important opportunities and deadlines.

FULTON COUNTY 4-H WEEK

October 21-25, 2019

“Inspired To Lead — Called To Serve”
(or use a theme of your choice)



Your club is invited to help publicize its activities and Fulton County 4-H during 4-H Week, **October 21-25, 2019**, with the theme of **“Inspired To Lead — Called To Serve.”** 4-H has a vast array of activities — many ways to build character and leadership, and many ways to care for others through community service. As a 4-H member, you’re one of six million other youth who are 4-H members. Show how 4-H enhances the lives of 4-H members, their families, and communities. Fulton County 4-H is excited about what it has to offer, and wants to let everyone know!

We want families to get involved in the 4-H Program! The list of ideas for 4-H promotion could be endless. Here are a few:

- Put up a Window Display or Bulletin Board (See contest rules below).
- Design a poster to be put up in store windows, in support of 4-H.
- Invite a new person to join your club — Do this one for sure!!!!!!
- Wear an article of clothing that has 4-H on it. — ***Wear 4-H T-shirts, green shirts, pins, etc.!!!***
- Thank your leaders -- send a thank you note; bake him/her some cookies.
- Talk to your local newspaper or radio station about a 4-H story, or take out an ad in the paper.
- Give a talk or demonstration to civic organizations about what 4-H has to offer.
- Plan a member recruitment drive for your club; **distribute fliers about 4-H to area schools.**

WINDOW DISPLAY/BULLETIN BOARD CONTEST RULES

1. Displays must be in place by noon on Monday, October 21, and remain in the window until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 25.
2. Displays will be given ratings based on the same criteria as used in the past. Copies of the criteria are available at the Extension Office.
3. Entries are due to the Extension Office by October 18.

KEY LEADERS: **Return the form below by October 18** to the Extension Office, to inform us of your 4-H Week plans (or call or email). Recognition will be given at the Achievement Program to all clubs that participate in some activity during the week (and notify us).

The _____ 4-H Club will have a (check all that apply):

_____ Window Display, located at this town business _____

_____ Bulletin Board, located at this town business _____

_____ Will participate in Fulton County 4-H Week by (list other activities): _____

Leader signature _____

Return this slip to the Extension Office, 15411 N IL 100 Hwy, Lewistown IL 61542, or call 547-3711, or email jblout@illinois.edu.

4-H Leader News

4-H Leaders' Meeting -- October 7

There will be a **4-H Leaders' Meeting** on **Monday, October 7**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Extension Office in Lewistown. ***Each club is asked to have at least one adult leader present.***

Topics will include new requirements for animal project members, 4-H newsletter ideas, new projects, required documents, enrollment policies, online 4-H enrollment, fiscal policies for 4-H clubs, upcoming events, and more. Key leaders may pick up their materials that evening to begin the 2019-2020 4-H year. There will be refreshments after the program, and door prizes will be given! If a club does not have at least one leader present, an individual meeting will need to be scheduled with Janis. **It is very important for each club to have at least one adult leader present.**

4-H Treasurer Books and 4-H Secretary Books Due at Extension Office

Please bring in your 4-H Club Treasurer Book Printout (requires five signatures) and Secretary Book Printout from the 2018-2019 4-H Year by September 30, 2019. We are required by the state to collect these every year. They will be returned to you. **This is not optional.** Thank you to the clubs that have already brought theirs to the office. **State 4-H Policy states that a 4-H club will NOT be re-enrolled for the new year until the Treasurer's and Secretary's Book Printouts for the prior year have been submitted.**

4-H Insurance

State 4-H provides some accident insurance for CURRENTLY ENROLLED 4-H club members, as part of the yearly program fee that is paid. Our four-county unit provides some accident insurance for 4-H leaders. The University of Illinois provides liability coverage for enrolled, screened volunteers who conduct 4-H events and activities. It is excess coverage, which means it pays after the person's own coverage pays. **If you have kids attending your club meetings, yet they have never enrolled, they are not covered — so it is VITAL that you make sure all youth are enrolled.**

Volunteer Screening

A state requirement of the 4-H Program is that we must screen all new volunteers, and have certain information on file for all volunteers. Any new leaders must complete a set of three screening forms. Volunteer Screening forms are good for five years, and then must be updated. Adults will not be viewed as 4-H leaders until their screening forms have been processed and approved. **If you have an adult in your club who has been serving in a leader capacity, and has not been screened, this is in violation of state policy.** Please be sure your adult volunteers are all screened so they can be legally viewed as 4-H leaders. If yours is a club with just one leader, it is suggested to have at least one more person be screened, to take your place during an absence. New leaders also must complete ANCRA training.

4-H Club T-Shirt Designs

If your club is designing and ordering T-shirts, please send a copy of the design to Janis before you submit your order, to make sure all 4-H emblem policies are followed. It is a federally trademarked emblem.

4-H Program Fee

The 4-H Program fee will remain at \$20.00 for this year. The fees will again be collected shortly after May 1st, or those enrolling online may choose to pay online at time of enrollment. Leaders may collect the fees and bring them to the Extension Office at any time, due by June 1. No one is denied membership because of inability to pay. There will be a family cap of \$60.00 per family.

4-H CALENDAR

September

- 8 Avondale 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m.
- 14 State 4-H Shotgun Shoot in Bunker Hill, Illinois — Fulton County 4-Hers attending
- 29 Big Ten 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m.
- 29 4-H Federation meeting, 2 p.m., at the Extension Office
- 30 Deadline to turn in Treasurer and Secretary books

October

- 7 4-H Leaders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m., at the Extension Office
- 18 Entries due for Window Display Contest
- 20 Canton Luckettes 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m.
- 21-25 Fulton County 4-H Week
- 31 Happy Halloween!

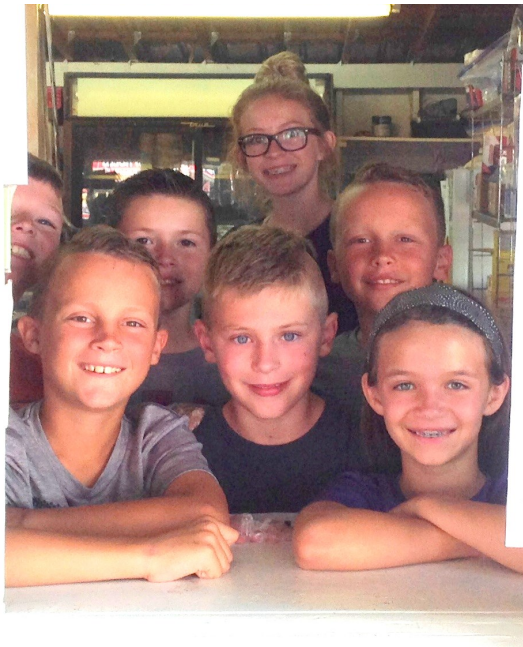
November

- 10 Logan Leaders 4-H Club Radio Program, 9:05 a.m.
- 10 Deadline for nominations for 4-H Leader and Volunteer of the Year
- 10 4-H Achievement Program, 2:30 p.m., Lewistown Community High School**
- 28-29 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Extension Office Hours

The Fulton County Extension Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed during the lunch hour, 12 noon to 1 p.m. The answering machine is left on when we are out of the office, or when we are away from the phone. Our office is located in the lower level of the Farm Bureau Building, on the north edge of Lewistown.

If you are a person who needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of the listed programs or events, contact Janis Blout at University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County Office, phone 309-547-3711.



Thanks to everyone
who worked at the
4-H Foodstand!!!



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