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## **Welcome New 4-H Members**

Welcome! We have approximately 48 new members who have joined the Boone County 4-H Program this year so far. We hope to see that number increase in the next several months. To our experienced 4-H members, parents and leaders, please be sure to mentor our new members and help answer questions. And, our office is always just a phone call or email away as well.

New 4-H Parents (especially those who are 1-3 years) who would like some help navigating through the 4-H Program should consider attending our 4-H 101 for Parents workshop being offered at Super Saturday! Watch for more details.



## **Increase Membership**

Remember, it's not too late to invite your friends to join 4-H. We challenge each of you to share all the great benefits 4-H has to offer to your fellow peers.

Youth may enroll any time during the year. However, we do have a fair exhibit eligibility deadline of April 1st for youth to be eligible TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.

## **Community Service Report**

November and December were packed full of community service activities for Boone County 4-H! Thank you to everyone who participated.

- Yarn for Sgt. P's Lapghans — 82 skeins of yarn
- Fall Food Shower — 714 pounds of food was distributed to area food pantries.
- Military Mail — 1,785 cards were sent off to our troops.
- Hometown Christmas — 99 trees were decorated and delivered to families in the Boone County area. A very special shout out to all our special volunteers who work hard organizing this event.



*Great job to ALL members & leaders for supporting our community and doing things for others!*

## **4-H Leaders Meeting**

Date: **Thursday, January 30**

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Place: **Extension Office Meeting Room, Suite 5**

This meeting is open to all leaders, both project and organizational leaders.



**Extension Office Closed  
January 20, 2020**



*MLK Day*



## 4-H Dog Workshop January 18 | Dixon

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. Register at [go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic](https://go.illinois.edu/state4-Hdogclinic). There is no cost to attend. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.

## Important 2020 Dates

- Boone County Public Presentations — February 1
- General Projects Day — July 11
- Boone County 4-H Dog Show — July 18
- Illinois State Fair Jr. Horse Show, Springfield –July 26-Aug.2
- Boone County Fair — August 11-16
- Illinois State Fair, Springfield— August 13-23
- Boone County's General Exhibit Day @State Fair — Aug. 16  
*includes Public Presentations*
- Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon, IL— August 29

## Project & Possession Dates

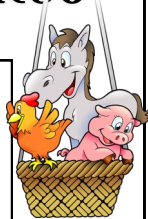
### Project Enrollment Deadline

#### **January 1**

Beef  
Dairy Steers

#### **April 1**

Dairy	Rabbits
Goats	Sheep
Horse	Swine
Poultry	
Dogs	
Cats	
All General (non-animal)	
Projects	



### Birth & Ownership Dates for ISF junior livestock show

There are important livestock birth and ownership deadlines to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Local ownership dates may differ. Please contact the office immediately if you need this information, or go to the State 4-H website:  
<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/>



## Public Presentations Contest

Date: **Saturday, February 1**

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Extension Office, Suite 5

Are you enrolled in Public Presentations? Or, would you like to educate others through a presentation? If you answered YES, then come join us at the Public Presentations Contest. The county will host our contest earlier this year to avoid conflicts with other events. Should you be selected at the county level the State Contest will be during the Illinois State Fair county judging day Sunday, August 16.

Speech categories will be emailed out after January 6 or you may refer to the State 4-H Office page (<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/projects/communications>) Start working on those speeches now as February 1 is right around the corner.

**Register for the contest by calling the Extension Office (815) 544-3710 by January 27th.**

### Possession of Animals

Beef Cows.....	January 1
Beef Steers .....	February 1
Beef Calves & Heifers .....	May 1
Dairy Cows.....	January 1
Dairy Steers .....	February 1
Dairy Heifers.....	May 1
Dairy Calves .....	June 1
Dairy Steer Calves.....	June 1
Goat Milking Does .....	January 1
Goat Kids & Yearlings .....	May 1
Sheep Lambs & Yearlings .....	May 1
Swine Barrows.....	May 1
Poultry .....	May 1
Rabbits.....	May 1
Dogs — Must be owned or leased by	May 1
Horses – Must be owned or leased by	May 1

**Reminder:** There will be no replacement of any animal that dies after the possession date. However, it is permissible to have more than one animal.

## Requirements to Exhibit

The following requirements must be met to be eligible to exhibit at the Boone County 4-H General Projects Day and/or Boone County 4-H Fair Show:

- ✓ Enrolled in project by deadline.
- ✓ Attendance Policy-- 4-H'ers must attend 2/3 of club meetings after enrollment, with exceptions of excused absences of illness, school or church activity.
- ✓ Horse Project Members ONLY -- Equestrian Safety Education Program prior to May 1st. **Drill Team members must complete by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- ✓ YQCA for dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats by May 1st. See Page 4 for instructions!
- ✓ QAE for horses, rabbits, poultry dogs and cats by May 1st.



Date: **Monday, January 27**  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Boone County Extension, Suite 5

Date: **Monday, February 24**  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Boone County Extension, Suite 5

*Federation is open to any 4-H member in 8th-12th grade! Come join us!*

## Soft Plastic Collection



Boone County 4-H Federation is asking for your help to collect 500 pounds of soft plastic so we can earn a Trex plastic bench that will be placed at the Boone County Fairground. The items we will be collecting include: plastic store/grocery bags, produce bags, bread bags, ice bags, cereal box liners, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, salt bags, case overlap, dry cleaning bags, plastic e-commerce mailers. *All plastics must be clean, dry, and free of food and organic matter.* You may drop off your collected plastic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 2:30-4 p.m. and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 6:00-7 p.m. at the Extension Office Meeting Room. Please do not drop off at other times; we do not have space to store the plastic. Please contact the office if you have a large amount of plastics, and we can make special arrangements for you.

## Junior Leadership Conference February 22 & 23 | Effingham



You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool

ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's

Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now! REGISTER: [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc). This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

In addition to cool things to do, you'll each participate in these fun workshops:

- Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H!
- Tacky Tourist Trivia
- Weathering the Storm of Agriculture
- Follow Our Lead
- Pass the Plate

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.



# Barnyard Beat

## Weigh-In & Tattooing Dates —

The following animals will need to be weighed, tagged, and/or tattooed to be eligible for the 2020 4-H Show. All events will take place at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Please see the specific details below:

Beef Steers	Saturday, February 15	10:00 am -12:00 pm	If you plan to exhibit a steer at the 2020 4-H Show, it must be tattooed at this time.
Dairy Steers	Saturday, February 15	12:00-1:00 pm	For those who don't weigh-in your dairy steers, they must be tattooed by Extension staff/volunteer and that number must be recorded in the Extension Office in order to show and sell in the auction (Dairy Steer Guideline #3).
Market Wether Lambs	Saturday, May 2	10:00-11:00 am	All market wethers must be weighed and tagged to be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Show.
Goat Wethers	Saturday, May 2	11:00 am-11:30 am	All goat wethers must be tattooed to be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Show.

### Beef Committee Meeting

Date: **Wednesday, January 29**  
 Time: **7:00 p.m.**  
 Place: Extension Office

### Illinois Beef Expo

Date: February 19-23, 2020  
 Place: Illinois State Fairgrounds  
 A Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, February 22. For more information, please visit: <https://illinoisbeefexpo.com/>

### Dairy Bowl

Dairy Bowl Practices will begin on **Sunday, January 5** and will be held every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. through February at the Boone County Extension Office. The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest will be held during the Illinois Junior Holstein Spring Thing, February 29-March 1 in Peoria, IL. Come to the first practice to learn more.



## YQCA Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Boone County Exhibitors showing **Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and/or Goats** need to take the YQCA training to be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 4-H Shows. There will be two methods of completing the course either online (\$12) or attending a face-to-face training (\$3). Either way, you will need to go to the YQCA website to register <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. You will sign on to YQCA using your *4-H Online username and password*. Next, you will select the name of the youth taking the training. A course list will then come up on your screen and you will need to choose either online or instructor led. When you choose, instructor led, choose Illinois and click select training. Choose the date and location for the training you wish to attend, there are many counties with trainings; make sure you choose a Boone County class. Once you have selected a training a new screen will show you what class you have selected and you will need to select purchase the class. The next screen will ask you to enter a payment by entering a credit card number.

The following face-to-face trainings will be offered in Boone County. The sessions will all be held at the Extension Office Meeting Room, 205 Cadillac Ct Suite #5 Belvidere from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. *All youth attending a face-to-face training must register and pay the \$3 fee through the YQCA website.* Please note that two of the options are for junior level only. Families with youth in various age levels can choose to attend just one training that is for all ages.

### Dates for Junior Level Only — Ages 8-11

- Tuesday, February 11
- Monday, March 9

### Dates for All Ages Levels

- Thursday, February 27
- Wednesday, March 25
- Tuesday, April 7

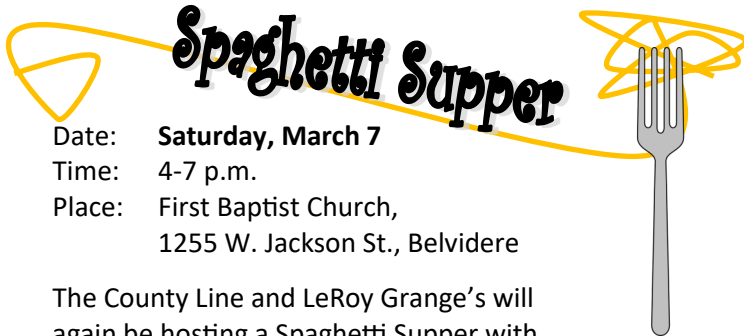
**Age Based on your age as of December 31, 2019!**



## Quality Assurance and Ethics—QAE

### For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it **once in your lifetime**. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. *NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.*



Date: **Saturday, March 7**  
 Time: 4-7 p.m.  
 Place: First Baptist Church,  
 1255 W. Jackson St., Belvidere

The County Line and LeRoy Grange's will again be hosting a Spaghetti Supper with the proceeds to benefit the Boone County 4-H Program. Silent auction items, desserts and workers will be needed!

### Speaking for Illinois 4-H Spring training March 21 | Sterling

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** team. The training is **Saturday, March 21** at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling.

The day-long training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements: Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H!* Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training to cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Save the date and be ready to sign up when registration opens in mid-January @ [go.illinois.edu/sfi4H](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H).



### Livestock Judging

Are you interested in learning more about livestock judging. Practices will be held at the Boone County Extension Office. Practices have been scheduled for Sunday, January 12 & 26 at 9:00 a.m. Come to the first practice to learn more or contact Cathy Richardson at 815-509-7345.

### 2020 International Night

Date: Saturday, March 14  
 Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
 Place: Boone County Community Bldg., 111 W. First St.,  
 Belvidere



The following are the countries to be represented so far: England, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan & Mexico.

<p>Women        Changing the        Face of        Agriculture  <small>A project of the Illinois Agri-Women</small></p>	<p><b>Explore a Future in Ag        March 6   Decatur, IL</b></p> <p>Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference</p> <p><b>March 6</b> at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <a href="http://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com">http://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com</a>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.</p>
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### 2020 4-H Camp

The dates for 4-H Camp are **June 8-12** at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL.

For more information go to: [go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp)



# Scholarships, Adventures, Explore



## **I** Four Years. Free Tuition

Beginning with first-time freshmen and new transfer students in the fall of 2019, all tuition and campus fees will be fully covered for four years if an in-state student's family income is \$61,000 (the median for the state) or less at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check out all the details online @ [go.illinois.edu/college4me](http://go.illinois.edu/college4me).

## **College Scholarships**

### **HCE Scholarship**

The Boone County Association for Home and Community Education will be offering a scholarship (the amount to be determined) to high school seniors who are current Boone County 4-H members. Applications and criteria are available at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-boone-county>. Under County Awards tab. Due Date: April 1

### **Farm Bureau Scholarships**

The Boone County Farm Bureau® Foundation is offering scholarships to Boone County graduates or graduating seniors who wish to continue their education. The eligibility requirements are as follows: a member or a dependent member of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau®; a resident of Boone or Winnebago County; and plans to pursue a vocation or college education in agriculture. The applicants will be judged in the following four areas: Leadership, Scholarship, Demonstrated Interest, and Essay Content. The applications are available online at <http://winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org>. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before February 1

### **Compeer Financial Scholarship**

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America is offering \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors based on a combination of academic achievement, agricultural and community youth organization involvement, and an essay. The application period is January 1- March 15, 2020. Visit [compeer.com/giving-back](http://compeer.com/giving-back) to download the application and for more details about qualifications.

### **IAA Foundation Scholarships**

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application is now open. Apply Online @ [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Application Deadline: January 31, 2020. For students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.

## **Governor's Volunteer Service Awards**

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 21. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

## **4-H Family Spirit Award**

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>.

**Nominations are due May 1.**

## Horse Happenings



### Northern Lights Horse Promoters Meeting

Date: Monday, January 27

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: **Pizza Hut** – Belvidere

Everyone is welcome to attend. Email ideas or any questions you might have to Kris Hall at [KLharle@yahoo.com](mailto:KLharle@yahoo.com)

### Illinois 4-H State Junior Horse Show

July 26-August 2 | Springfield, IL



## CLUB NEWS

### County Clovers — Faith Beasley

October Meeting — Brogan led the Pledge to American flag, Abby led the pledge to the 4H flag. Enrollment is open until Nov 1st. \$10 fee per child enrolled, the club is paying the other half including Cloverbuds. Recognition Program is October 27th we hope to see you all there. We are cleaning up afterwards. Bring nonperishable food to the next meeting and cards for the troops. Hometown Christmas is Dec 4th and we are spending the \$30 for a tree. We threw out a few ideas for International Night to see if any are available still. Mario Beasley presented an idea for the club to donate \$100 to the pig barn to update our clubs area. The motion passed. Chad Beasley and Jason Charlesworth will be doing the work closer to the fair.

November Meeting — Cheyenne led the pledge to American flag. Cole led the 4H pledge. We then had a federation report. Congrats to all our members who won awards at recognition night. Officer Training is Dec 10th at the extension office. Super Saturday is Feb 8th and if you're interested in teaching a class let the extension office know ASAP. We received our info on our Christmas family it is one adult and two children. Talked about bowling event after Christmas will discuss further in December. After the meeting we will be meeting to make the decor for the Christmas tree.

### Horse Bowl Practices Continue

Horse Bowl and Hippology practice will continue on Friday evenings at **6:30 p.m.** at Extension Office Meeting room. This is an opportunity to learn more about horses and compete against other teams. This is open to both 4-H'er with horses and those who have a horseless horse project. Please contact Toni Ellingson (815) 621-9531 or Danielle Mirabal (815) 258-1238 for more information.

- ◆ **Northwest Regional Contest** — April 4 at Knoxville High School.
- ◆ **State Horse Competitions** — U of I, Champaign. **April 18**—Hippology & Horse Speaking Contest; **April 19**—Horse Bowl



### Be A True Leader In Service April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice). Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

Save the date and watch for more "County-Wide" service plans to come.

### Study Food Science

Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2	3  Horse Bowl	4
5  Dairy Bowl	6	7	8	9	10  Horse Bowl	11
12 Livestock Judging 9AM  Dairy Bowl	13  Plastic Drop-Off 2:30-4 PM	14	15	16	17  Horse Bowl	18  4-H Dog Workshop in Dixon
19  Dairy Bowl	20  Extension Office Closed	21	22	23	24  Horse Bowl	25
26 Livestock Judging 9AM  Dairy Bowl	27 Federation @ 6:30 PM  Plastic Drop-Off 6-7 PM	28	29	30  Leaders Meeting @ 6:30	31  Horse Bowl	

# February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Public Presentations Contest @ 9 AM
2  Dairy Bowl	3	4	5	6  Beef Committee @ 7 PM	7  Horse Bowl	8  Super Saturday
9  Dairy Bowl	10  Plastic Drop-Off 2:30-4 PM	11  YQCA— Ages 8-11 ONLY @ 6PM	12	13	14  Horse Bowl	15  Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-Ins
16  Dairy Bowl	17	18	19	20	21  Horse Bowl	22  JLC Conference in Effingham
23  JLC Conference Dairy Bowl	24 Federation @ 6:30 PM  Plastic Drop-Off 6-7 PM	25	26	27 YQCA— All Ages @ 6PM	28  Horse Bowl	29  IL Holstein Spring Thing & March 1