

# Cumberland County

## 4-H Newsletter

4-H Families & Supporters,

Another year is coming to a close. We wrap-up at the end of August and gear-up at the beginning of September. This is a good time to reflect on your past year. What did you enjoy? What do you want to do again? Is there something you saw you want to try? New year... New projects! Take a chance and try. I would love for each 4-H member to have one miscellaneous project. This is a great way to diversify yourself! Also—don't forget judging at State fair Day is August 11! Are you ready?

Sincerely,

Jaylynn Maxey, 4-H Program Coordinator

**FAQ: I got a check in the mail and it says it is from the University? What is it?**

**ANS:** The checks you received are for **2018** premiums. If you exhibited a premium eligible project at any of the county shows in July 2018, you will receive a check. This check is only good for 60 days, so after September they will no longer be able to be cashed.

### UPCOMING DATES:

- August 11—Cumberland County 4-H Project Judging at State Fair
- August 12—Leader's meeting, 6:30 PM, Village Hall
- August 9 – 12—General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- September 1—New 4-H year Begins!
- September 2—Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 6—4-H Night with the Pirates at Home Football Game
- September 20— End of Year Records due to office
- September 28—Fall Festival Parade & Face painting
- October 13—Fall Bash, 3 PM, Location TBA
- October 19—Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- November 10—Achievement Program, 4 PM
- December 7—Happy Holidays on the Square, community service event
- December 14—Holiday Candy & Craft Workshop
- January 19—Holiday Skating Party
- March 1-7—Cumberland 4-H Week
- April 19-25—National Volunteer Week
- May 1—Fair Participation Deadline
- May 15—Project Selection Deadline \* Literature Order Deadline

\*Dates maybe subject to change, please check update emails for changes\*

**Mark  
these  
dates on  
YOUR  
calendar!**

# What's happened?

## GP Show Family Fun Night

While best laid plans may go awry... We improvise. Pizza, pop, and games kept members going after the General Project Show. Members played games—even challenging the dads to a couple competitions! Laughter filled the auditorium as members played the various games. Thank you to everyone who helped pick up, brought food, and helped with games.



## Shooting Sports Training Changes

There have been some big changes made to the shooting sports training for coordinators and instructors. Ones I think our volunteers will find great! Starting this fall, training will only be a one-day in person commitment. Before attending the training, you will complete online modules. This will allow for more flexibility in the training. So save the date! The training this fall will be on Saturday, October 19 at 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello. If you are interested—since it now is only one day—send me an email and we will get you on the list. Super excited for what this will do for our shooting sports program!

## 4-H Night with the Pirates

This year will be bigger and better than last year. We will have a booth at the first Cumberland high school home football game. We will be doing different games with the children who come to the game. We will also be giving away prizes and trying to show how much fun 4-H is. It would be awesome if each club took an hour shift to come help out. Parents, leaders, and members could talk with other parents there to get their children involved. If we have enough volunteers, we may be able to do face painting too. Let me know if your club is interested in working an hour at the game! This will be on Friday, September 6. Send me an email with your club's preferred time.

# Fall Bash



Mark your calendars! The Fall Bash will be on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 3 PM. I have not set the location yet, but stay tuned! Families are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. Because the last couple years have been unfavorable with weather, I will be looking for a location that we can get inside out of the elements.

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## Achievement Program

*You're  
Invited*

You're invited! The annual Achievement program will be on November 10 at 4 PM at the Cumberland grade School Cafeteria. Extension will be providing a meal, so you will need to RSVP by October 29. You can use the following link to RSVP: <https://go.illinois.edu/achievementprogram> to sign you and your family up. Please put down everyone that will be coming to ensure enough food for everyone. Looking forward to recognizing everyone's outstanding work!

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## Re-enrollment deadline & incentive

It is almost that time of year again! Time to re-enroll for a new 4-H year. We will have a re-enrollment deadline again this year. Failure to enroll by then may prevent participation at county events. You will not be able to enroll until September 15 for the 2019-2020 4-H year. For those members who do enroll by the deadline, they will receive an incentive! Last year everyone got t-shirts, but we are going to change things up this year and get those who enroll something different than a t-shirt. The Pick your Project guides will go out this fall to leaders at the kick-off meeting. Stay tuned for more excitement!

## Leader & Supt. Meeting

We will have a leader and superintendent meeting on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 PM at the Toledo Village Hall to discuss the shows. If you want to add anything to the agenda, let me know by Friday.

Cumberland County 4-H is the flagship youth-development program of University of Illinois Extension. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event mentioned in this newsletter, or to unsubscribe, please email [jmaxey2@illinois.edu](mailto:jmaxey2@illinois.edu) or phone 217/849-3931. Visit the office at 102 S. Meridian, Toledo, IL 62468. Mailing address is P.O. Box 218. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

# WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

This year we would like to work with Toledo businesses to create a holiday celebration the first Saturday in December. This is a plan still in the works, but if you would like to help plan and be involved... Sign up! I will keep you updated, but be looking for ways you can help celebrate the holiday season as a community. We pledge our hands, head, heart, and health to our community and this is an opportunity to show that!

## WEEDING AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society is needing help weeding their flower beds. If your club would be interested in helping them one night, please let me know. I can get you in contact with them. This is a great opportunity for community service for your club and can be put in your records.

## FACE PAINTING AT FALL FEST

We will be providing face painting again this year at the Greenup Fall Festival following the parade. We will be set up on the lawn of the municipal building. This is till 4 PM. If anyone is available to help, I would appreciate it! Send me an email with whatever time you are available to work it. This is an activity for older 4-H members and parents/leaders.

## BLESSING BOXES

Vicki Marti Oakley and Michelle Roan-Repp are working on putting together Blessing Boxes in Memory of Cheryl Pitman and Andy Vincent. You can help in a couple ways:

- Volunteer to help them build the boxes, which can go down as a community service event in records
- Or bring stuff to the office to place inside them once they are made

They will be making one for each town: Greenup, Toledo, Neoga, and Jewett.

This is a great opportunity to give back to the community with time, skills, or items. If you are interested in helping build the boxes, contact me at the office for more information.

## GREENUP FALL FESTIVAL PARADE

The parade will begin at 11 AM. Members should arrive by 10:45 AM. We will line up on Jefferson street again this year. Remember—we will have sign-in/sign-out sheets for members being dropped off. You can pick them up at the end of the parade (near the bank) or at the blue shed behind the Municipal building. Because the parade is down the main street, I will not release members to walk back alone to find parents. This is not a safe option for members.

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# GENERAL PROJECT SHOW

## PROJECT FORMS

Don't throw these away! Turn them in at the end of the year to be eligible for awards at the Achievement program. Records are a great way for members to prepare for records you will need to keep as an adult. For example: taxes, transaction book for purchases, budgets, and more!

## RESULTS

Below is a link to view the results! Thank you for everyone who came. I am so proud of what our members have accomplished this year.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/downloads/80308.pdf>

## STATE FAIR DELEGATES

Don't forget the State Fair project exhibition is on Sunday, August 11. You should have received a packet in the mail with a map and exhibitor guide. Also included is a project tag. You tear off the bottom portion with your information and leave the top part with the string with your project. When you return at 3:30 to pick up your project, you show the bottom portion to make sure that you picking up your own project. Projects will not be dismissed until 3:30, so make sure to plan ahead!



## SURVEY SAYS...

Didn't get an opportunity to fill out a survey at the General Project show? Check out our links below! There are three different ones: parent, members age 5-12, and members age 13+. We would love to get your feedback to make the show the best experience possible for members and their families.

Parents: <https://go.illinois.edu/gpshowparent>

Members 5-12: <https://go.illinois.edu/gpsurveymembers5to12>

Members 13+: <https://go.illinois.edu/gpsurvey13plus>



# Fair Wrap-up

## RESULTS

We have the results posted! Find them online at the following link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/downloads/80292.pdf> The livestock results are listed by members last name in alphabetical order. Congratulations to all of our winners! Check out Facebook for all of the pictures from the shows.



## THANK YOU BOOTH

Having the thank you booth this year went over so well. I am so proud of all the members who used it! The office has received numerous cards in the name of 4-H than in years past. That means more donors have as well. It is important to make sure to thank banner sponsors! They help keep our shows going. Way to go Cumberland 4-H!



## ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERING

Members went to the animal shelter in Coles County again this year. They got to socialize with the cats and dogs. Providing some love and attention to the animals looking for fur-ever homes. Thank you to Jessi Ryder for overseeing this and to the members for volunteering your time!



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## THANK YOU

I cannot express my thanks enough. To all of the members, parents, families, friends, leaders, superintendents, and loved ones... Thank you for helping create another successful fair! You all come out each year to support our members regardless of the temperatures. Our 4-H program would not be as strong without you! You show just how amazing our community is. Again... Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do to support me and our members.

## PLAN AHEAD

**End of year  
records  
reminder!**

End of year records are due on September 20. I will be at a conference September 17-19 and only able to answer my email on a limited basis. Please keep this in mind with questions about records. Do not wait till the last minute to get help! Kathy will be in the office to collect clubs turning them in, but may not be able to answer all of your questions.

# Find your place in Federation!

Did you know each club is to be represented in Federation? Clubs should nominate 1-2 Federation representatives that will speak for them at Federation meetings and deliver a report back following meetings. The next Federation meeting has not been set yet. Stay tuned for when that will be! Want to know more about how you can take part in fun activities like the one pictured? Call the office! Federation is an awesome opportunity to be involved at a county level. It also provides a means of communication between your club and the Federation members so that your club always is up-to-date on what activity will happen next. Not only does Federation plan county events, they do community service activities and go on a trip at the end of the year. Call the Extension Office (217/849-3931) to find out how you can get involved!



## Free Ferret!

If you are interested in a ferret, a Cumberland County 4-H member has one he would like to give to a fellow 4-H member. It is a male ferret that is best when he is by himself (not with other ferrets). If you are interested in this opportunity, call of the office or email me (jmaxey2@illinois.edu). I will get you in contact with this member.

# State News

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## NEW IN 2019-2020—4-H Projects!

Look for these new projects September 2020. Returning are Child Development and Sports Nutrition projects with NEW manuals to help you learn. GSI will no longer be offered as a project.



## New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

Their knowledge about the project

Their conference presentation of the project

The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair) . For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a champion and reserve champion will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, INSPIRE AWARDS will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

## End of year award time is approaching

Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.



The Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

## Understanding 4-H Premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.