

Cumberland County

4-H Newsletter

4-H Families & Supporters,

June is here. July is next month! Have you started working on your records yet? If you do not have them, you can stop by the office to pick them up today. There are some exciting events coming up, so make sure to check out the newsletter for how you can be part. Also—there are changes happening. Your newsletter is the place to find out about those. If you need help or have questions this summer, contact the office. We would be glad to assist you!

Sincerely,

Jaylynn Maxey, 4-H Program Coordinator

FAQ: Do I have to show my project at one of the county shows?

ANS: No—showing is not required. However, by showing your project and talking with a judge you get feedback on how you can improve your project as well as what you are doing right, gain interview skills for future employment opportunities, and have an opportunity to exhibit your project at the state fair. Additionally, showing allows you to have more points on your records at the end of the year.

UPCOMING DATES:

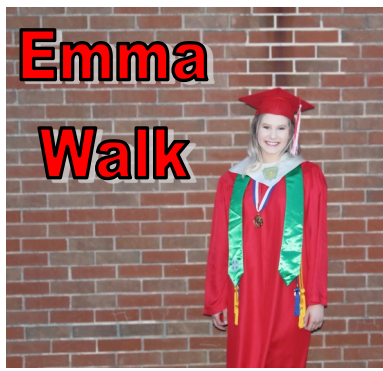
- June 1—Ethics training due
- June 1—Llama/Alpaca lease paperwork due to office
- June 1—**FairEntry closes at midnight**
- June 8—Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest
- June 9—Cloverbud Workshop, Lost Creek Orchard
- June 17—Federation Meeting, 9 AM, Fillin Station'
- June 21—Walnut Prairie Wildside Trip
- June 29—4-H BBQ, Toledo Christian Church
- July 11—Cumberland County Miscellaneous Show, 3 PM, TCC
- July 13—Fair Clean-up, 9 AM, Coles County fairgrounds
- July 20-21—Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Monticello
- July 18-23—Livestock shows, Coles County Fairgrounds
- August 11—Cumberland County 4-H Project Judging at State Fair
- August 9 – 12—General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- September 1—New 4-H year Begins!
- October 19-20—Shooting Sports Instructor Training

**Mark
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calendar!**

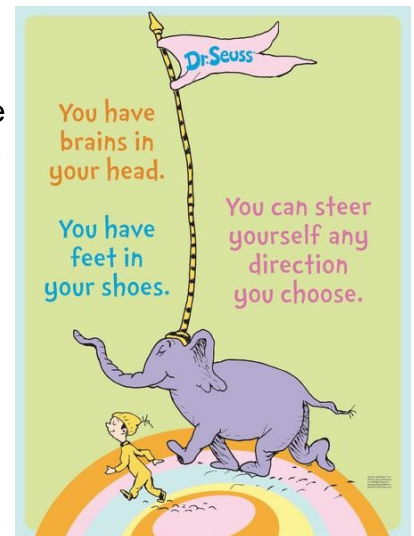
What's happened?

Congrats, Graduates!

This year we had three graduates in Cumberland County 4-H. I have started a new tradition this year. Each graduate will receive a 4-H stole to wear at graduation. I—along with so many in Cumberland County 4-H—are proud of you three! Good luck on your future endeavors and “All the places you’ll go!”



L: Jerik Bishop
R: Dalton Lewis



Backpack Ministry

On Monday, May 6, Cumberland County 4-H members met at the Toledo United Methodist Church to pack the food bags for the backpack ministry. Nine members packed 146 bags in 22 minutes! Talk about great teamwork! Thank you to all of those who packed bags for this community service project!



Toledo Spring Fest



Spring Fest was May 16-19. This year Cumberland County 4-H walked in the parade. Thank you to all that came to pass out candy and flyers! On Sunday, Federation with the help of Muddy Creek ran the pie stand. The stand made \$409 that was used to start the new club Federation account. Thank you to everyone who baked pies or worked the stand!

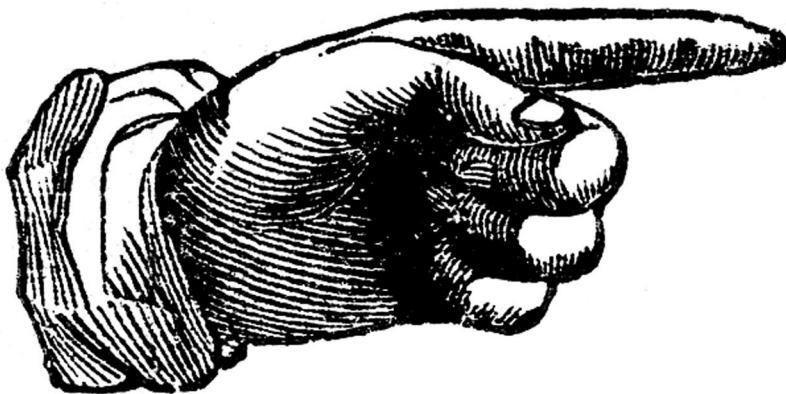
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Poultry Workshop

Members had an egg-cellent opportunity to learn more about their poultry project on Friday, May 3 during the poultry workshop led by the Potter Family. Andy Potter and his three sons—Tyler, Destry, and Preston—presented four topics to members and their families during the workshop. These topics were diseases, signs/symptoms to watch for in birds, necessities to keep them healthy; selecting the best eggs for egg production; preparing birds for show from beak to nails; and poultry applied to life and the lessons we can learn. All four of the presenters did a great job! The members, parents, and myself learned a lot! If you have poultry related questions in the future, please reach out to the Extension Office and I can get you in contact with Andy. He is a great resource as you prepare for fair or grow your flock.



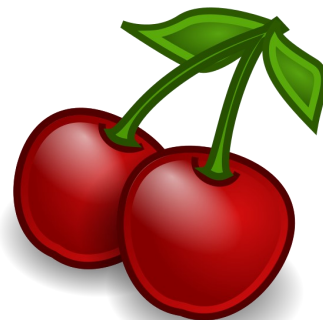
Please Notice This



Due to conflict scheduling with the shooting sports training during the weekend of the livestock shows, **the cat show will be moved to Friday, July 19 at 4 PM.** It will still be in the main show arena.

Cloverbud Workshop

Cumberland County 4-H has 28 Cloverbuds this year! WOW! To celebrate this achievement, we will be having a Cloverbud Workshop on Sunday, June 9 at Lost Creek Orchard. It will begin about 2:30 PM. The cherry trees should be in season, so the Cloverbuds will be able to pick cherries and make their own cherry pie in a bag! We will have other little activities for the members and families. Please RSVP to the office by June 6 if you and your member plan to attend. Looking forward to a fun afternoon geared towards our 5-7year olds!



Ethics Certification for New Members

If you are a new member and intend to show any animal (excluding small animals) you need to complete the online QAEC training. This is an online ethics training that teaches members about humanely and ethically treating animals they will exhibit. This is MANDATORY for anyone showing beef, cats, dairy, dogs, goats, horse, llamas, alpacas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. **If you are showing a poster on the any of the species above, you must also complete this training.** Below is the website the training can be accessed at. When completing it, make sure to select CUMBERLAND county and complete the training for at least one specie. You will not be allowed to show if you do not complete the training. This is a state rule. This training is due by June 1. I will be checking to see who and has not completed the training the last week in May.

LINK: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Walnut Prairie Wildside County Trip



Cumberland County 4-H will be taking a county trip to the exotic farm/sanctuary Walnut Prairie Wildside on Friday, June 21. This location is home to many different types of exotic birds, tiger cubs, and many more exciting animals to learn about. We will meet at the Toledo Christian Church at 4:30 PM to carpool to the location. Parents and siblings are invited too! ***Please note that anyone under the age of 5 will not be covered by our insurance if they attend.*** The \$5 entrance fee will be covered by the Federation. The sanctuary is located in West Union, IL. It will take us about an hour to get there. Our tour begins at 6 PM. Below is the link to sign-up. Please be signed up by June 12 if you and your family plan to attend. We will have some extra seats if parents are not able to go with their members. Call the office if you have any questions.

Link to sign-up: <https://go.aces.illinois.edu/walnutprairiewildsidesignup>

Shooting Sports Updates

Shooting sports training will be happening July 20-21, 2019. The training is Monticello, IL at the 4-H Memorial Camp. We are in need of another archery instructor to attend the training. If you know someone that would be a good fit, please contact the office with their name. We have the foundation for our program, so let's continue to grow!

The next shooting sports meet will be on June 8 at Dustin and Jill Thornton's house. All three disciplines will meet. Rifle will begin at 9:30 AM. Archery will begin at 10:00 AM. Pistol will begin at 10:30 AM. The address is 1262 County Road 1000 E, Trilla, IL 62469.

Weigh-In Procedures

Weigh-in will run like last year with each specie having to be moved in by their time. We will then weigh that specie at that time. Example: All beef should be moved in by 6:30 PM. We will weigh the steers/market heifers at that time.

Because the pigs were not tagged this year, exhibitors will complete an index card for each pig prior to weigh-in. The sheet will have three identical index cards to be filled out so the office, the exhibitor, and the auction committee will each have a copy. You can pick these cards up prior to move in at the office. If you have questions, contact the office at 217-849-3931.



General Project & Foods Show Changes

To better accommodate our members, their families, and the public, we have decided to move the General Projects & Foods show to begin at 3 PM on Thursday, July 11. Registration will begin at 2:30 PM with judging to begin at 3:00 PM. Following the completion of judging, we will have the food and games for Family Fun Night like we did last year. If you have any suggestions for games, contact the office. It will be potluck style again with Federation providing the main course, so bring your favorite side dish!

Also—Grand Champion Winners for each project will receive a t-shirt with their champion project area this year! Members will place those orders before leaving the General Show.

State Fair Changes: If you are selected to advance to State Fair, we will not be ordering gate passes or tickets for admittance this year. The Illinois 4-H office elected not to purchase the gate passes this year due to complications from previous years. The tickets are the same price for Sundays whether we purchase them in advance or not, so if you attend you can purchase them on your own in advance through the Illinois State Fair Website or just purchase them at the gate. If you have any questions, contact the office for assistance. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we go through changes at this time.

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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 will be Monday, June 17 at 9 AM at the Fillin Station. We will be having breakfast.. Contact the office to let Jaylynn know you are coming or would like to come but need a ride. 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!



2019 Livestock Fair Schedule

July 11, Thursday 3:00 PM – Foods & General
Projects Show, Toledo
Christian Church

*The following shows will be on the Coles County
Fairgrounds unless otherwise stated.*

July 18, Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm Livestock
weigh-in

July 19, Friday 4:00 pm Cat Show
5:00 pm Rabbit Show
7:00 pm Poultry Show

July 20, Saturday 8:00 am Swine Show
11:00 am Sheep Show
3:00 pm Beef Show
6:00 pm Rocket Launch
6:30 pm Family Fun Night

July 21, Sunday 12:00 pm Goat Show
5:00 pm Small Pet Showcase
6:00 pm Master Showmanship

July 22, Monday 10:00 am Dog Show
2:00 pm Llama Show
6:00 pm Carcass Show,
Hartrichs – St. Marie

July 23, Tuesday 9:00am Horse Show
6:00 pm Auction



Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.

Your video should relate to one of these topics:

Through 4-H, I've been able to ...

In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned

4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...

4-H has helped me feel welcomed by

I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...

In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped



...

- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I Thanks for helping me grow!"
- There are divisions for 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Alumni!!!!!!
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.

Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.

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 . 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!

PHOTO CONTESTS!

CREAM OF THE CROP PHOTO ENTRIES DUE

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs invites youth from across the state, ages 8-18, to submit their most innovative, scenic snapshot that depicts their vision of agriculture in our state. The contest winners will be featured on the new marketing materials for the Ag Invest program. Learn more at https://illinoistreasurer.gov/Businesses/Ag_Invest/Cream_of_the_Crop_Photo_Contest.

GREAT NEIGHBOR CONTEST DUE JUNE 16

Submit a photo with a 200-word description and enter in the Great Neighbor Contest sponsored by Tractor Supply Company. The photo should show how you're making a difference in your community. Winners will be invited to special activities at the TSC's Mobile Fair Tour at the Illinois State Fair.

Winners get a plaque and Tractor Supply gift pack. Deadline is June 16. To enter, eligible 4-H and FFA members should visit TractorSupply.com/FairTour to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.

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.

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.