

Cumberland County

4-H Newsletter

4-H Families & Supporters,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 4-H year! We have many exciting events and opportunities coming up. Read your newspaper thoroughly to make sure you keep up to date on what is happening! Did you know our 4-H program grew by 30% last year? Let's make it another 30% this year! Invite a friend to a county event or talk about 4-H in school. Post your project on Facebook. Anything that you think will help Cumberland County 4-H get new members.

I am looking forward to a great year with all of you!

Sincerely,

Jaylynn Maxey, 4-H Program Coordinator

FAQ: Why do I have to fill out these records?

ANS: Records help show how much you learn and grow throughout your years in 4-H. Also, keeping accurate records is a part of life. No matter where you go, you will have to keep record of something at one point in your life. If you choose to go to college, a vocational field, or enter the workforce, all of these will require paperwork and forms to be completed. You can gain better understanding and confidence in completing these forms by filling out your 4-H records. You will be recognized for these records at the Achievement Program on November 10.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 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 6—Lambs & Laughs informational cookout
- October 6-12—National 4-H Week
- October 13—Fall Bash, 3 PM, Lillyville Church Hall
- October 19—Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Monticello
- November 10—Achievement Program, 4 PM, Cumberland Grade School
- December 7—Happy Holidays on the Square, community service event
- December 14—Holiday Candy & Craft Workshop
- January 19—Holiday Skating Party with Coles County 4-H
- March 1-7—Cumberland 4-H Week
- April 19-25—National Volunteer Week
- May 1—Fair Participation Deadline & Project Selection Deadline
- May 15—Literature Order Deadline

Dates are subject to change, please check update emails for changes

**Mark
these
dates on
YOUR
calendar!**

What's happened?



2019 4-H Hall of Fame—Cumberland County

On Tuesday, August 13, Connie Koester was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Foundation's 4-H Hall of Fame. Connie has been a 4-H leader for 24 years. She was a completion member in the Cumberland County Roslyn Rangers 4-H Club. Connie has influenced many youth member's lives in her time as leader. The members she had when she first became a leader now have kids of their own she is a leader for. What an amazing opportunity! Connie has always "Made the Best Better" whenever she is leading or volunteering because of her passion for 4-H. Thank you Connie for being a great leader and role model for countless members! Cumberland County 4-H appreciates the generous amount of time and knowledge you have given us.

State Fair Project Judging

State Fair General Project Judging was held on Sunday, August 11 for Cumberland County. Sixteen members and their families headed north to Springfield to fill the Orr Building with their projects. We had several members receive the Outstanding award (80% or higher in points possible) and one member receive the Inspire Award! Congratulations to all those who exhibited at state. You represented Cumberland County well!



LOST AND FOUND

Did you get home from the fair and realize you are missing something? Odds are I have it! I have a red over the fence feed tub left from the sheep barn, a three prong pitchfork, blue rope halter, a rake and a shovel. If any of these belong to you, contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to pick them up.



PLAN AHEAD—END OF YEAR RECORDS DUE SEPTEMBER 20

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.

New 4-H Year & What you need to know!

NEW CURRICULUM/PROJECTS FOR 2019-2020 4-H YEAR

Check out some of the newly added additions to the 4-H repertoire of projects!

- ⇒ Child Development is back! The curriculum will be available January 2020.
- ⇒ Family Heritage is replacing Intergenerational. New curriculum comes with it! Go on your Family Treasure Hunt!
- ⇒ There is a new category in visual arts... Leather! There are multiple levels available for the most basic or advanced member.
- ⇒ Sports Nutrition, but this isn't just for athletes! This project will teach you more about maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle and is open to anyone!
- ⇒ There are also several more resources available under various categories such as knitting and crocheting for Visual Arts Fiber and metal enameling for Visual Arts Metal.



NEW YEAR NEED TO KNOWS

Re-enrollment participation deadline (returning members): December 13

Incentive deadline (returning and new members): December 13

Fair Participation Deadline (New members must be enrolled by this date to show): May 1

Project Selection Deadline (Returning and new members): May 1

Literature Order Deadline: May 15

Above are deadlines to meet throughout the 4-H year related to enrollment and projects.

To receive the incentive prize, you must be enrolled online, paid dues, and completed the lifetime liability form. Both new members and returning members are eligible to receive the incentive prize.

This year each family will receive a packet with forms to fill out and the Project Selection Guide to help you choose what you are interested in taking this year. Leaders will pick these up to distribute to members/families. The packet contains a letter explaining everything you need to know about the materials in these packets.

NOTE: When enrolling in 4HOnline, just add projects you wish to take and delete ones you do not want to take. You will not be adding the project books this year when you enroll.

If you need assistance, contact Jaylynn at the office at 217-849-3931 or email jmaxey2@illinois.edu.

Upcoming Events

Fall Bash

Mark your calendars! The Fall Bash will be on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 3 PM at Lillyville Church Hall. Families are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. The hall has indoor and outdoor facilities to accommodate in case we have bad weather like last year. Come ready to eat, mingle with families, and play some games! To get to Lillyville from Greenup/Toledo, turn left on the Montrose Blacktop from 121. Turn Back right on Sigel Black top (County Road 7 or 425 N). Follow the road until you come to 100 East. Turn left onto 100 E. Follow this road all the way to the church. The church sits on a hill. We will be in the hall. (Building closest to the road)

Horse Clinic

Calling all horse exhibitors or those interested in a horse project! There will be a Horse Clinic on Saturday, October 19 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Destiney Horse Boarding. This facility is located north of Greenup on Route 130. You turn right across from Hurricane Church and take your first road back left. The clinic will be led by Sarah Simpson of Twisted S Equine. She will be speaking about horsemanship classes, showmanship classes, and speed classes. You will need to bring your horse to the clinic. If you wish to attend, you **need to sign up at the office by October 9**. You can call the office (217-849-3931) or email jmaxey2@illinois.edu to sign-up. This is an opportunity you do not want to miss out on!



4-H Night with the Pirates



Your help is needed! On the first home football game of the season, Cumberland 4-H will be at the Cumberland Pirates game for another 4-H Night with the Pirates. We will have games for youth to play and compete in for a chance to win some prizes. If a member or their family wants to help manage the stand, that would be greatly appreciated. We are trying to always recruit new members for 4-H and now you can help get your friends enrolled!

Anyone interested should contact the office to sign up or email jmaxey2@illinois.edu. Remember that events like these also count towards records.

Lambs & Laughs

Did you show sheep at the fair this year? Are you interested in showing sheep, but don't know where to start? Join the Cumberland 4-H Sheep superintendents for a cookout where you can learn more about sheep and what it takes to show them! This is open to current sheep exhibitors and anyone interested in showing sheep. There will be a cookout at James Ferris's house on Sunday, October 6 beginning at 4 PM. **RSVP by October 2** to the Extension Office at 849-3931 or email jmaxey2@illinois.edu. When you RSVP, you will receive directions to his house. Families are asked to bring a side dish—main course provided. This will be one of many outings for sheep exhibitors this 4-H year! Find out how much fun showing sheep can be.



Upcoming Events

You're
Invited

Achievement Night

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 for this 4-H year. This year's banquet will be hosted by Muddy Creek 4-H Club.

SHOOTING SPORTS

We need you! The shooting sports program training for coordinators has recently changed. Now—instructors only have a one-day, in-person training instead of two days. This provides more flexibility for your schedule! If you are interested in becoming certified, contact the Extension office to find out more information. Deadline to register for the instructor training is October 8th.

*The flyer to the right talks about the training in more detail.

Shooting Sports Schedule

For the month of September, Pistol will be practiced Saturday mornings September 14 & 28. These practices will take place at Dustin & Jill Thornton's house. The practices will begin at 9:30 AM.

Shotgun practices will become available once the instructors are trained in October; however, you must be 10 years old to participate



4-H Shooting Sports Field Day Training
9 AM - 7 PM, Saturday, Oct. 19 at 4-H
Memorial Camp, Monticello

A 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer is...

- 21 years of age or older
- Interested in youth and their development
- Interested in some phase of shooting and outdoor recreation
- Willing to learn how to teach shooting safely and effectively
- Willing to be open, helpful, and supportive



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Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Pistol, and Hunting & Wildlife

Coordinators Needed:

Each county 4-H program must have one! This person is the logistical organizer and liaison to the local Extension/4-H contact.

Adult leaders must attend this field day training and complete an on-line module; plus pass background checks before becoming qualified to directly conduct 4-H activities with youth.

Shooting ability is not essential but coaching skills are. Training is provided by nationally-certified volunteers. Your local University of Illinois Extension Office is willing and ready to help you in your local community.



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go.illinois.edu/4Hshootingsports
All registration must be handled by the County Extension office.

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AIMING TO GROW GREAT KIDS!

Volunteer Training

9 AM - 7 PM, Sat., Oct. 19, 2019

Free lodging is available on Friday, Oct. 18th and/or Oct. 19th upon request

Contact: Curt Sinclair at
sinclair@illinois.edu or
217-762-2741.

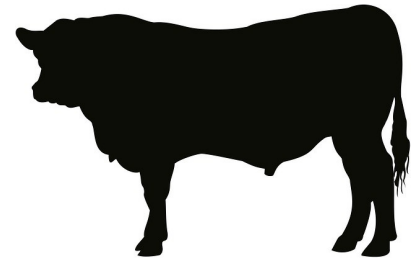
Cumberland County 4-H is the flagship youth-development program of University of Illinois Extension. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event mentioned in this newsletter, or to unsubscribe, please email jmaxey2@illinois.edu or phone 217/849-3931. Visit the office at 102 S. 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.

New Opportunities!

Bank Steer Program

For the 2019-2020 4-H year, the Bank Steer Program will be introduced to help raise the number of livestock shown in the beef show. How does this work?

1. Complete a proposed budget for the care of the steer. Be sure to include hay, feed, bedding, vet visits, and other expenses that may occur while you are raising the steer. *Not sure how to create a budget? Ask our office for help!
2. Sign a Letter of Intent in November guaranteeing you will purchase a steer in February.
3. Receive steer in February at weigh-in. Get interest-free loan and livestock mortality insurance.
4. Show and sell steer in July.
5. Once you receive the auction check, you pay the bank back the amount of your loan and you keep everything over the loan amount.



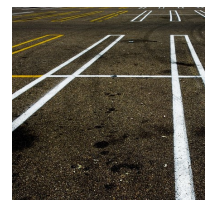
In order to participate, you must have completed at least one full 4-H year, be enrolled in 4HOnline, pay your dues, and completed the necessary forms. This is also open to members who currently show beef as well as those who have not shown beef before.

If you are interested in this program, contact the Extension Office to get more information. There will be additional rules and stipulations not listed in this general outline.

The loan will be provided by the First Neighbor Bank. You will need to purchase a livestock mortality insurance to cover the amount of the loan.

Parking Spot Designs

I have an exciting opportunity that I would like to share with you! I am in the process of designing parking spaces for our office. By painting our parking spots, I hope to create more visibility for 4-H and other Extension programming in our community. Here is how you can get involved:



1. Design the 4-H Parking space. You received a letter in the mail that has a place for you to design it on the back. There must be a 4" empty border between the design and the white parking lines. The only requirement for inside the spot is to include the 4-H clover. Keep your design inclusive and respectful. Be imaginative! Think outside the box. What do you think of when you think 4-H? What will catch the public's eye as they drive by? **Designs are due by September 20.** The winner will be chosen and announced the following week.

2. The second way to be involved is helping paint the actual parking spots. If you want to help create these spots, call the office to sign-up or send me an email. It will take multiple days, so all the assistance when available would be great. Let me know by September 20 if you intend to help. The remaining spots will be filled with other University of Illinois Extension programming.

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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U.S. Code 707. Your family's 4-H membership records are confidential; U of
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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 has not been set yet. Stay tuned for when that will be! 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!



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Paper Clover Campaign returns in October

Dates for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign, held in conjunction with Tractor Supply Stores and National 4-H Council, are October 9 - 20. Money donated during the campaign STAYS in that local county. The campaign runs twice a year.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE**, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag **#inspiredby4H** and **#inspiredtoLEAD** as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch our Facebook page for contests all week long.



**INSPIRED TO LEAD
CALLED TO SERVE**



Ways your club can promote 4-H during National 4-H Week

- Have a flag-raising ceremony at a local bank, park, business, veterans club or school.
- Attend a city council meeting and have the mayor/councilmen sign the Proclamation.
- Give presentations at schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- Have members bring projects and speak at local civic organizational meetings.
- Host a project fair for the community to see work of 4H members and recruit new members.
- Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- Ask banks to include a bookmark or flyer about 4-H at their drive-thru facilities.
- Host a special interest workshop open to the community sponsored by 4-H
- Host a quiz night—Are You Smarter than a 4-Her?
- Sponsor a dance for Jr. High youth.
- Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/phone/computer stores.
- Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- Promote 4-H entrepreneur projects at the banks.
- Promote 4-H family projects at the doctor offices.
- Host a “My 4-H Word Is _____” event in your community.
- Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards, church message boards.
- Present a puppet show about how good it feels to be in 4-H.
- Start an email chain letter—What did you gain in 4-H? and distribute it to your contacts lists, then watch it spread.
- Take a plate of 4-H cookies to local businesses with an appreciation poster for them to post.
- Write letters to your congressional leaders about how important 4-H is to you.
- Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- Hold a 4-H talent show and invite the public.
- Host a 4-H fun day with games and prizes for families.
- Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school.
- Host a blood drive.
- Host a fun run.
- Plant a tree in honor of 4-H.
- Have your 4-H flag displayed with the American flag at sporting events during the week.
- Carry groceries for customers at a store.
- Hold a dinner where everything made must come from a 4-H Food Project Manual.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses.
- Post 4-H alumni signs, National 4H week signs, or join 4-H signs in the yards of current or past 4-H members.
- Have a 4-H related theme ‘best decorated’ car / truck / tractor contest at a local parking lot where all the entries must relate to 4-H in some way.
- Create a 4-H promotion to run at the local movie theater during previews.



Just the help you need for your 4-H club

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

Club Meeting Agenda— this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

Club Committee Planning Worksheet – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

Club Yearly Program Plan – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

More – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources.

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE Nominate an outstanding volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office.

The award categories are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019**.



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