



Coles County 4-H

December 2019 News



Outstanding Member Record Book Winners



Clover Club Challenge Bronze Winners



Club of the year: Coles County All Stars



Luedke Community Service Award: Barnstormers

Coles County 4-H



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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

December

- 1.....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4pm
- 7.....Winter Craft Day, 4-H Center 9-11:30am
- 13..... DEADLINE: 4-H Re-Enrollment (backpack)**
- 24.....Extension Office Closed through January 2

January

- 1..... DEADLINE: 4-H Re-Enrollment in order to show at 2020 Fair**
- 3.....Scrapbooking workshop, Daisy Lane, Mattoon 9-11am
- 5.....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4pm
- 19.....Skating Party, Silver Star Mattoon, 5:30-7:30pm
- 21.....Superintendents Meeting, Extension Office, 6pm

February

- 1.....Beef Weigh-in
- 9.....Federation Meeting, Jackson Ave. Coffee, 2-4pm**
- 15.....Federation Blood Drive, St. John's Lutheran School - tentative
- 22-23.....II 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Effingham Holiday Inn

March

- 1.....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4pm
- 5.....Leader's Meeting, Extension Office, 6pm

April

- 3..... DEADLINE: 4-H New Member enrollment to show at 2020 fair**
- 3..... DEADLINE: Add/Drop Projects**
- 4.....Annual Pork Chop BBQ
- 25.....National 4-H Day of Service
- 28.....Public Presentations, Extension Office, 6:30pm

May

- 1..... DEADLINE: Horse Ownership/Lease paperwork**
- 2.....Sheep/Goat weigh-in/registration
- 3.....Federation Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4pm



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

DCFS Drive

Coles County 4-H Federation would like to thank all the clubs that donated to the drive. So far we have collected:

Baby Items:

Diapers - 12 packages	Blankets - 13
Wipes - 29 packages	Shampoo - 12 bottles
Lotion - 3 bottles	Diaper cream - 4 tubes
Towels - 2	Washcloths - 30
Socks - 19 pair	Clothes /bibs- 20 sets
Spoons - 2 packages	Food Containers - 10
Tylenol - 2	Teething Rings - 8

Personal Hygiene Items:

Toothbrushes - 47	Toothpaste - 24 tubes
Floss - 10	Mouthwash - 1 bottle
Bars of Soap - 28	Razor Blades - 122
Shave Cream - 12	Deodorant - 30
Hairbrushes - 5	Combs - 13
Hair ties - 282	Body wash - 15 bottles
Shampoo - 18 bottles	Conditioner - 8 bottles
Band-Aids - 1 box	Feminine Hygiene - 10 boxes
Washcloths - 22	

Federation purchased \$300 worth of additional items to give to DCFS for families in need. DCFS touched 623 families in Coles County last year. Thank you to everyone for making a difference in many lives.

Skating Party - Animal Shelter Drive

The Coles-Cumberland County Skating Party will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Mattoon Silver Star Skating Rink. Coles County Federation will be collecting donations for the Coles County Animal Shelter. Please bring your donations the night of the skating party for entry. Hope to see all of you there! **See page seven under Federation for items needed.**

2019-20 Enrollment is Open

Coles County 4-H Online enrollment is open and ready for families! Members who enroll and have paid the enrollment fee by **December 13** will receive a 4-H backpack. In order to participate in the 2020 4-H Fair, **returning members must be re-enrolled and paid enrollment fee by January 1.** Instructions on how to enroll can be found on our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/4h/how-enroll>

4-H Achievement Night

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and attended the 4-H Achievement Night, it was such a fun event! Thank you to Federation members for hosting the event and helping to make this another successful event!

To those of you who came out and supported Coles County 4-H'ers, thank you. We had over 120 individuals in attendance even with the unexpected winter snow. There was so much excitement, it truly was an amazing event!

Achievement Night is important because it allows us to recognize the hard work of our members, leaders, 4-H families, and community supporters.

An important goal of 4-H is to teach young people skills they can use now and later in life. Rewarding 4-H'ers for their accomplishments throughout the 4-H year is an important part of the 4-H program.

Congratulations to all the award winners! Your hard work and dedication to 4-H is commendable. We are all so proud of your accomplishments!

The following awards were given:

First Year Members - 47 members

Five Year Members - 14 members

Ten Year Members - 8 members

Completion Members - 8 members

4-H Records

Participation Member - 22 members

Honor Members - 31 members

Outstanding Members - 8 members

Livestock Records - 13 members

Individual Experience Awards

Bronze: Kaylee Schwerdt

Silver: Adam Burns, Ethan Burns, Heather Carberry, Taylor Carberry, Kenley Carr, Blaine Homann, Bea Lee, Melanie Nation, Olivia Passig

Gold: Marylee Orman

Emerald: Annabelle Lee

Electricity Award - Olivia Passig

Schultz Memorial Award - Kiley Vanderport

I Dare You Award - Isabel Spear

Today's 4-H'er -13 - Annabelle Lee

Today's 4-H'er - 12 - Bea Lee

Patsy Luedke Community Service - Barnstormers

Clover Club Challenge - Barnstormers, Above & Beyond

Club of the Year - Coles County All Stars

The following volunteers were recognized for their years of service to the Coles County 4-H program:

First Year Leaders - Jill Shrader & Christina Coffey - Showstoppers

Fifteen Year Leaders - Kelly Stewart - Golden Spur

Ten Year Leader - Stan & Linda Metzger - Kickapoo Ramblers

Fifteen Year Leader - Juli Stelle - Blue Ribbon Go-Getters

Congratulations to all of our members and leaders for a great 4-H year!



Completion Members Honored



Skylar Rhoades. Skylar is the son of Greg & Kathy Rhoades. He was a member of Cooks Mills Clover for five years and Above & Beyond for one year. During his six years in 4-H, he served as junior officer leader, president, and vice president. He participated in many workshops, parades, Barnyard Bash, chili cook-off, 4-H Family Day, working the pits at the annual BBQ, bake sales, and many community service projects including drives for the food pantry and animal shelter. Throughout his 4-H

career, Skylar enjoyed learning about visual arts, welding, electricity, and tractors. He qualified several times for state fair for many of his projects. Skylar says 4-H has helped him become a better leader and develop community problem solving for his career in Ag Mechanics. Skylar has fond memories of driving his tractor in parades and waiting until the last minute to finish his projects. Skylar is a recent graduate of Mattoon High School where he was a member of FFA serving as secretary, treasurer, and sentinel. He also enjoys being a member of the Tractor Club in Charleston. Skylar is now attending Lake Land College studying John Deere Tractor Technology and is an intern at Alliance Tractor. I have only known Skylar for a short time but have discovered that he is a hard worker and always respectful. Skylar will be missed!

Cole Crawford. Cole is the son of Floyd and Carolyn Crawford. He was a member of Oakland Oakleaves for 5 years and Federation for 1 year. Throughout his five years, he has served as treasurer in Federation and participated in Achievement Night, Barnyard Bash, the annual BBQ, various workshops, and volunteered at the Oakland food pantry with his club. Cole says 4-H has given him a place to leave his comfort zone and stop being so shy around other people. One of his favorite memories in 4-H is every time I would roll my eyes after he made an amazing joke I didn't get. Cole is a recent graduate of Oakland High School where he was involved in Scholastic Bowl and school plays, a member of FFA, FCCLA, and Social Science Club. Cole is now a freshman at the University of Illinois majoring in Natural Resources and Environmental Science. Personally, I will miss Cole for his amazing jokes and grand ideas.

*photo not available

Completion Members Cont.

Mattisen Boswell. Mattisen is the daughter of Jeff & Aimee Boswell. She was a member of Southsiders for eleven years and served as Sargent at Arms, secretary and historian. Throughout her eleven years in 4-H, Mattisen enjoyed learning about sewing, aerospace, cake decorating, tractors, interior design and swine. She enjoyed participating in the annual BBQ, her clubs Halloween parties and farm tours, and volunteering at the Mattoon Food Pantry. Mattisen says 4-H has given her the confidence she needs when speaking in front of others and shown her how to be part of a team by working together to achieve a goal. Overall her experience has influenced her career path and she hopes to give back to her community. Mattisen's favorite 4-H memory was taking projects to state fair. She says it was always an honor to show her projects at the next level. She enjoyed spending the day with her family and especially the food. Mattisen recently graduated from Mattoon High School where she was a member of FFA, Wavettes Dance Team, Mattoon Academy Competitive Dance Team and BIONIC mentoring. She is attending Lake Land College with the intent to transfer to the University of Illinois and major in Ag Business. She currently works at Tate & Lyle, teaches dance at Mattoon Academy of Gym & Dance and lifeguards at Lytle Pool during the summer.

*photo not available

The following are also completion members who did not provide a bio and were not in attendance:

From Lincoln Railsplitters:

Gabriel Weiss

From SHOWSTOPPERS:

Wes Harrell

Ricky Newby

From Southsiders:

Wyatt Ferguson

Mackenze Hooten

Jake Uphoff

Scrapbooking Workshop

Come enjoy your day off of school at Daisy Lane! Join us on January 3 from 9-11am to create a double page scrap-book spread. Choose from three themes; Christmas, Friends, or Vacation.

Bring 6-8 photos to match your theme of choice. Utilize Daisy Lanes' equipment to create your page. Please RSVP and pay by December 20. Workshop fee is \$10. Additional fees apply for fancy embellishments. Call today to reserve your spot at the scrapbooking table, 345-7034.

We need a minimum of five 4-H'ers to have this workshop.



Coles County 4-H - November 2019

Records!



4-H Records update—

The following are this month's records update.

November events:

- ★ Officer's Training - section 3 (C) 11/2
- ★ Achievement Night - section 3 (C) 11/11

October events:

- ★ Trunk or Treat - section 3 (C), 10/25

Any club activities/community service projects you may have participated in - section 3/section 6 (L) include dates. Each activity/community service project should only be listed once.

Leader's Digest

- New 4-H Year - Online enrollment is open. **Be sure to re-enroll yourself!**
- Turn in Club Information & Officer/Committee forms.
- Turn in Risk and Release forms as completed.
- Are you a leader? Did you read this? If so, call the office by December 13 and receive a prize.
- Please encourage at least one member of your club to be active in Federation this year!
- Encourage members to read the newsletter for important deadlines and activities.
- Send in your club news!

Federation News

Federation would like to thank the following clubs that donated to the DCFS drive!

Barnstormers, Coles County All Stars, Lincoln Rail-splitters, Oakland Oakleaves, Showstoppers and Southsiders. Your donations will make a difference in many family's lives!

Upcoming Federation Events

December 7 - Winter Craft Day 8am
December 19 - Deliver DCFS items 4pm
January 19 - Meeting Mattoon Burger King 2pm
January 19 - Skating Party, Silver Star 5-8pm
January 20- Deliver Animal Shelter items 1:30pm
February 9 - Meeting Jackson Ave. Coffee, 2-4pm
February 15 - Blood Drive - St. John's Lutheran School, time TBD

DONATION WISH LIST

Dog and Cat food
Kitten and Puppy food
Treats * Snacks * Kitty Litter
Toys * Chew toys * Balls
Kong toys would be awesome!
please NO stuffed animals
Dog Houses * Rabbit Cages
Collars * Leashes * Harnesses
RUGS * Blankets * Towels
Peroxide * Alcohol * Q-tips
Bleach * Laundry Detergent * Dish Soap
Disinfectant wipes * Paper towels
Original scented Pine-Sol

Coles County Animal Shelter wish list.

Bring your donations to the skating party on January 19.





Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

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 7th and 8th 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. 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! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.
- *Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.
- *Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.
- *Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.
- *Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.

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



Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6
Week 2: June 7-11
Week 3: June 14-18
Week 4: July 5-9
Week 5: July 26-30

Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January. We're looking for certified life-guardians and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ ardavis1@illinois.edu or call 217-762-2741.

Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

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. 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. Pre-registration is not required.



New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version. Face to face training will be announced when they become available.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible 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. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020.** Register at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF



Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

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 volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations 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 County Office by Thursday, January 2, which will allow us to meet the *Thursday, January 9, 2020* submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.

Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply after November 1 at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**



Be a true leader in service

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. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ 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.

Scholarships Available

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support.

Apply Online Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions.

Watch the Deadline Students can apply between now and February 1, 2020. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Supporting the Future of Agriculture As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.



Find help for your projects

We have dozens of projects you can choose to take, and ways to help you learn! Check out the resources available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>. Some are available from the county Extension office. Others you can order directly from Shop 4-H or other state Extension programs.

Give us a call if you have questions.

Aim high for the Illinois State Fair

Make plans now to attend the Illinois State Fair. The 4-H General Project Show will be three days, Aug. 14-16 in Springfield. Our exhibit day is Friday, August 14.

State Fair Junior Horse Show

July 27-31, 2020.

Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies

The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held June 21 – 27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.