



Coles County 4-H News

January-February 2020



Winter Craft Day 2019

Coles County 4-H



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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

January

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

February

- 1.....Beef Weigh-in
- 3.....4-H Camp registration opens
- 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

June

- 1..... **DEADLINE: QAEC Training**
- 1..... **DEADLINE: YQCA Training**
- 1..... **DEADLINE: ISF Horse Entries Due**
- 3.....Federation Trip
- 5 & 6.....Metal Art Workshops
- 8,15,22.....Cake Decorating Workshop
- 9.....Leader's meeting, Extension Office, 6pm
- 15..... **DEADLINE: Fair Entry**
- 22.....Attendance records due - Leaders
- 25.....Model Rocket Show



Steer & Market Heifer Weigh-in

Saturday, February 1

This year's steer and market heifer weigh-in will be from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 1 at the 4-H show arena on the fairgrounds.

All steers and market heifers to be shown at the 2020 Coles County 4-H Fair must be weighed and tattooed. All market steers going to the 2020 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged during weigh-in.

Animals are to be haltered at time of weigh-in. Ownership deadline for market steers and heifers is Feb 1, 2020. **The weigh-in date is subject to change due to inclement weather.**

For questions, call beef superintendents: Mark Cox, 254-4311 or Bryan Metzger, 273-4198.

Coles County 4-H Fair Dates Announced

Public Presentations - TBD

Monday, June 15 - Fair Entry **deadline**

Thursday, June 25 - Aerospace Show

Tuesday, July 7 - Home & Family Show

Saturday, July 18 - General Projects Day

Sunday, July 26 - Barnyard Bash

Sunday, July 26 - Rabbit, Poultry Show

Monday, July 27 - Goat, Swine, Sheep, Beef ROG

Tuesday, July 28 - Beef

Wednesday, July 29 - Master Showmanship

Thursday, July 30 - Livestock Auction

Friday, July 31 - Horse Show



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!

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



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Scholarships available for State Events

Coles County 4-H Federation is offering \$50 scholarships for those 4-H members who attend state 4-H events. Forms need to be completed, and turned in, prior to the event. Once approved, the 4-H'er will receive a \$50 scholarship after attending the event.

A scholarship form can be picked up at the Extension office or one can be emailed to you. Contact us if you are interested in receiving a form.

Fair Book Cover Contest - What's Your Design?

Due February 10

Coles County 4-H is looking for fair book cover entries. Coles County Federation will award a \$50 cash prize or \$50 credit to the 4-H Mall to the winning cover artist. Please use the following rules when designing your cover:

- *Drawings should be in black ink or markers
- *Drawings should be on an 8 1/2" X 11" vertical sheet of white paper
- *Include the fair dates of **July 26-July 31, 2020**
- *Include the words **Welcome to the 2020 Coles County 4-H Fair**

Entries must be submitted to the Coles County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2020.

Thank you Coles County 4-H Federation for sponsoring this contest.



Still time to register - IL Jr. Leadership Conf.

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.



Coles County 4-H is looking for award donations

Coles County 4-H is looking for general and award donations. To sponsor an award for a particular project, the cost is \$25. You may sponsor as many awards as you would like or give a general donation to Extension which means the amount donated will be partially matched by the State of Illinois. If interested in making a donation, complete the information below and return with your check. All money benefits Coles County 4-H programs.

General Program Donation \$25 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

Award We wish to sponsor an award and have enclosed \$25. Our preferred award area would be:

Name of sponsor: _____

Make checks payable to: U of I Extension **Money is due by Feb. 10 for recognition in the fair book.** Deadline for award sponsorship is **May 1.**

Payment should be sent to: Coles County Extension, 809 Broadway Ave., Mattoon, IL 61938.



Farm Credit Service Grant Opportunities

Coles County 4-H would like to ask clubs to consider applying for a Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant. Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live. Projects could include landscaping at the fairgrounds, community garden, improvements to fairground buildings including painting/repairs, construct a welcome sign to your community or fairgrounds.

Suggestions for success when applying for grants:

- *Create a tangible and visible presence in the community
- *Require youth sweat equity
- *Deliver tangible value to the community
- *Take photos or provide added documents to support the application.

Please contact Jenny if your club will be willing to apply for a grant and what they are interested in helping with by February 3. The deadline for applications is February 28.

For more information: <https://farmcreditil.com/About/community-engagement/improvement-grants>

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Records!



4-H Records update—

The following are this month's records update.

December events:

- ★ Winter Craft Day - section 3 (C) 12/7

November events:

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

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

- Be watching for BBQ information.
- Turn in Club Information & Officer/Committee forms.
- Turn in Risk and Release forms as completed.
- March 5 - Leader's Meeting, Extension Office, 6pm
- Encourage members to read the newsletter for important deadlines and activities.
- Think about applying for a Farm Credit Grant.
- Encourage members to enter the fair book cover contest.
- Thank you to those of you who take the time to read this newsletter!

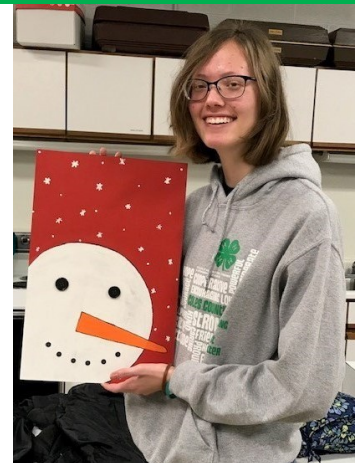
Federation News

Federation Hosted Winter Craft Day

Some great crafts were made this year by some amazing 4-H'ers! Thank you to all who attended and thank you to Federation for providing all the materials and helping hands!

Upcoming Federation Events

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
March 1 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4pm
March 27 - Movie Night, Holly Brooke, 7pm
April 5 - Meeting, TBD



State 4-H News



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.



Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. 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.



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!

Save the Date for *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Spring trainings

February 1 | Mt. Vernon

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 first spring training will be **Saturday February 1** at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon. Another 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.



YES! you can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of

the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com.

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.

Compete in regional horse contests and earn your trip to state!

April 18 & 19 | Champaign

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

4-H HORSE BOWL: Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 19** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST: There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 18**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST: 4-H Horse Speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more @ <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 18** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Our regional contest is **Central Regional:** April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College.