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4-H News



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Calendar of events

January 20	Extension office closed for MLK Day
February 1	Speaking for Illinois 4-H training
February 15	Youth for the Quality Care of Animal certification
February 22, 23	Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference
February 28	Farm Credit Community Improvement grant deadline
March 6	Exploring a future in agriculture

The 4-H New Year kicked off September 1

Moultrie-Douglas County 4-H kicked the new year off on Sept. 1.

Leaders will have the new year paperwork and step-by-step instructions for re-enrolling in 4-H Online at upcoming 4-H meetings.

Leaders will have copies of the 2019-2020 Project Guide, which lists the 100+ projects that are available for members. Listed with each project is a description of what the member can do in the project area.

It is preferred that families complete their own enrollment online. For those who do not have good internet access, families may complete the enrollment and project forms. If you need a paper enrollment, please let Angie or your leader know. If the family lists an email on the enrollment form, a family can log-in later and create a password so they could view 4-H information and add/delete projects up until the deadline.

All members will be required to fill out the paper copy of the liability form and behavior guidelines . You can return those to the office or your leader ASAP.

YQCA Training

4-H members exhibiting in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

You **are required** to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animal** certification (YQCA). It will replace former trainings: PQA and QAEC. This program is the industry-standard certification. The training must be completed each year.

Horses, dogs, and cats will still be required to take the **Quality Assurance and Ethics** (QAEC) training. This training is only required once in the member's career.

There are two options for this training face to face or online. The face to face training payment is \$3, if you wish to take the online training it is \$12. **All registration and payments must be done online, no payment can be accepted at the Extension office.**

To register go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> and sign in with your 4-H Online account information. We will be holding a training session **February 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.** at the Extension office. We are now located at 304 E Progress St., Arthur,

IL.

Club News

On December 10th 2019, the Moultrie County Shining Stars met at the 4-H center in Sullivan. Approximately 22 members showed up. The members were decorating cookies and made some crafts.

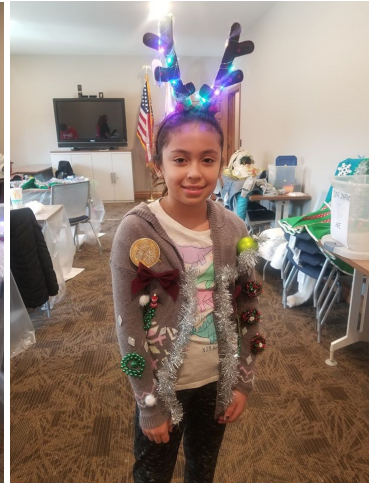
The members were assigned to give out the cookies and crafts to people in their family their friends or people in the community.



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Club news continued



The Awesome Arthur Clovers decorated ugly Christmas sweaters at their November meeting to wear in the Arthur Lighted Christmas parade.



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.

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.

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-guards 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.

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 will open in November at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

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.

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.

Create a winning video

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planet's most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year! The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.

Understanding copyright and trademark laws

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can't use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don't use something that doesn't belong to you.

4-H members can't draw or copy someone else's design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can't draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can't create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can't draw a Disney princess. You can't put a SpongeBob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn't take your neighbor's bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren't yours but use them like they are, that's stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

For more information on what's allowed, contact Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu and ensure you're respecting the rights of others.

Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

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.