



4-H Friday Update **January 17, 2020**

If you have any questions regarding information in the Friday Update, please contact Molly Sedig, Carroll County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Livestock Judging Contest – Save that date! Livestock judging will be held on Saturday, March 14th at the Carroll County Highway Department. Please see the [attached flier](#) for more information.

Beef Weigh-in Date – The annual beef weigh-in and tattooing will be held on **Saturday, February 8**, from 10:30 – 12:00 at **Jim Ruter’s farm**, 14584 Shannon Route (located south of Shannon). If the weather is questionable, call Jim Ruter at 275-8049 or Brian Witt at 541-6210 before coming to the weigh-in. If needed, the following Saturday, February 15 will be the snow date. Please register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/CW2020weigh-in> or contact the office at 815-244-9444 by **Friday, January 31** if you plan on participating.

The Food Lab 4-H Club – This 4-H Club will explore food science with fun experiments! 4-H members will get to play with their food and learn about chemical reactions that happen between different food items. Meetings will take place 5-6pm on Mondays starting January 27 and will run through March 2. The group will meet at the Thomson Public Library. Cost is \$20 4-H membership fee for non-members and \$10 for current 4-H members. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/carrollfoodlab.

Fair Book Cover Contest – Get your art featured on the front page of the Carroll County 4-H fair book! We are looking for fair book cover submissions for the 2020 fair book. Please submit your artwork on an 8.5x11” (letter sized) piece of paper by Friday, February 7th, submissions should not be in color and should be original to the artist, if drawings are done in pencil, please trace with a black pen before submission. Submit by email to msedig@illinois.edu, to the Carroll County Extension Office, or to your 4-H club leader.

Compeer Financial Scholarship – The cooperative of the Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America annually awards \$1500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors with an interest in agriculture. Please see the [attached document](#) for more information.

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.

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.

Save the date for in person training, registration will be available in the coming weeks:

Carroll County YQCA- Monday February 17th, 9AM, Carroll County Extension Office

Snow Date: Saturday February 22nd, 9AM

Lee County YQCA- Wednesday March 4th, 6:30 PM, Lee County Extension Office (Amboy)

Whiteside County YQCA- Thursday March 19th, 6:30 PM, Whiteside County Extension Office (Sterling)

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.