

Cumberland County

4-H Newsletter

4-H Families & Supporters,

April showers bring May flowers! We have quickly reached April. Looking back to where we started in September, we have introduced one new community club, three Cloverbud clubs, and a shooting sports club. The momentum and progress we have made is astounding! We are getting ready to gear up for fair, enrollments, and all of the shows! If you ever have questions, please contact our office to help you out! We would be glad to assist you however we can. For now, enjoy the warmer weather and start working on your records :)

Sincerely,

Jaylynn Maxey

Cumberland County 4-H Program Coordinator



UPCOMING DATES:

- April 6—Public Speaking Contest, 10 AM
- April 6—Pool Party rescheduled, 6-8PM
- April 27—National 4-H Day of Service #TrueLeaders
- April 27—Sheep Weigh-in, 9-10 AM, Greenup
- May 1— Fair Participation deadline
- May 1-June 1—FairEntry Enrollment
- May 4-5—4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- June 8—Illinois 4-H Public Speaking Contest
- July 11— Cumberland County Miscellaneous Show, 3 PM
- July 13—Fair Clean-up, 9 AM, Coles County fairgrounds
- July 18-23—Livestock shows, Coles County Fairgrounds
- August 9 – 12—General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield

**Mark
these
dates on
YOUR
calendar!**



What's happened?



4-H Week



2019 4-H Week is in the books! We celebrated leaders, made blankets, visited schools, and stayed up way too late. We kicked off the week with the Leader's Banquet where the Federation hosted the 2019 Golden Clover Awards and recognized all of the outstanding work of leaders, superintendents, and junior leaders. Monday we judged window displays. Tuesday members made blankets to be donated to DCFS. Wednesday everyone wore Green to support 4-H. Thursday we thanked businesses with cookies and talked to Cumberland School. Friday we visited Neoga school, held the dance/lock-in, announced window display winners, and elected royalty.

Window Display Winners: 1st—Cumberland County Cloverbuds, 2nd—Raisin' Kane, 3rd—Work & Play

Senior Royalty: Wyatt Brant and Macie Matteson

Junior Royalty: Cooper Stewart and Gracie Dittamore



Pantry Scavenger Hunt Winners

Congratulations to the Liberty Hill Rangers who won the Pantry Scavenger Hunt with 7642 points! Collectively the county collect over 19,000 points! We have increased greatly since 2017 when there was only about 3000 points. Keep up the good work!



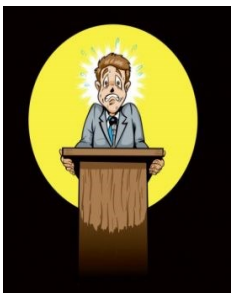
Cumberland County 4-H is the flagship youth-development program of University of Illinois Extension. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event mentioned in this newsletter, or to unsubscribe, please email jmaxey2@illinois.edu or phone 217/849-3931. Visit the office at 102 S.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

Llama/Alpaca Lease

To increase enrollment in our llama/alpaca show, we will allow members to lease these animals from someone else. Like the horse lease, members must complete a lease form with the animal's owner per animal being leased and turn into the Extension office by June 1. Contact the Extension Office to get the lease paperwork sent to you or if you have questions.



Public Speaking Contest



Time for you to face your fear and give that talk! The Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 10 AM at the Toledo Village Hall. This can be one you have given at school, something you have written, an interpretation of one of your favorite works, or just something you are passionate about. Sign up at the office by April 3 at 4:30 by calling the office, sending an email, or message the County Facebook page.

Project Selection Deadline

Be sure to pick your projects in 4Honline by May 1. The last day to order publications will be May 15. Remember Visual Arts are 13 separate projects, so you need to choose which ones you wish to exhibit in. This deadline aligns with the opening of FairEntry to start enrolling in classes for the shows in July. If you need assistance, contact Jaylynn at the Extension Office.



General Project & Foods Show

To better accommodate our members, their families, and the public, we have decided to move the General Projects & Foods show to begin at 3 PM on Thursday, July 11. Registration will begin at 3 PM with judging to begin at 3:30 PM. Following the completion of judging, we will have the food and games for Family Fun Night like we did last year. If you have any suggestions for games, contact the office. It will be potluck style again with Federation providing the main course.

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IL State Fair/County Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins

Mark your calendars! If you have a market sheep animal, you need to weigh it in to show. The Sheep Weigh-In will be on April 27 from 9-10 AM at the storage shed in Greenup. This will be on the concrete pad in the alley behind the big blue shed behind the Greenup Municipal Building. It is catty-corner from Events by MLB and the same block at Gray's Feed & Seed. If you have questions, contact the office.

Lambs for the 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) Shows must be, nominated, weighed, and tattooed, between (including) March 15 and May 15, 2019 at the local county level. The animals will be weighed and tattooed with the box "A" tattoo, and fill out the nomination form. The form must be signed by a local Extension employee. For the Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere classes, an exhibitor may nominate a total of ten (10) wethers. Lambs must have been castrated prior to tattooing for the wether classes at the Illinois State Fair.

Non-Premiere lambs and goats for state fair (those showing in the live show only)
NO MORE REGIONAL CHECK-IN SITES – New nomination format

All non-premiere lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2019 as follows:

Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office. This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2019.

Fair Entry & Handbooks

Fair Entry will be open from May 1 to June 1. Leaders—if you want to set up an evening for me to come assist you with sign-ups of your members please contact me to arrange that.

Handbooks have been distributed to new families to 4-H for the 2018-19 year. These have all the rules and guidelines for exhibition in them. Including the classes you can exhibit in for all of the projects.

Link to FairEntry Enrollment Instructions: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/cumberland4h/4315.html>

Link to FairEntry Website: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/2752>

Ethics Certification for New Members

If you are a new member and intend to show any animal (excluding small animals) you need to complete the online QAEC training. This is an online ethics training that teaches members about humanely and ethically treating animals they will exhibit. This is MANDATORY for anyone showing beef, cats, dairy, dogs, goats, horse, llamas, alpacas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. If you are showing a poster on the any of the species above, you must also complete this training. Below is the website the training can be accessed at. When completing it, make sure to select CUMBERLAND county and complete the training for at least one specie. You will not be allowed to show if you do not complete the training. This is a state rule. This training is due by June 1. I will be checking to see who and has not completed the training the last week in May.

LINK FOR QAEC TRAINING: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>



Poultry Giveaway

Andy Potter of Genesis Aviaries is giving away two red golden pheasants and a pair of Creole Old English Bantams. These are open for any 4-H Member (ages 8-18). Members don't have to be currently enrolled in 4-H poultry project but interested in poultry. Members in poultry project are currently eligible as well. If selected, members MUST show these birds at the 2019 Poultry Show. To be eligible, members must write a minimum 100 word essay on why they want to show these birds and how they intend to take care of them. Submit this essay with name and club by April 19 to the Extension Office. These are beautiful birds, so don't miss out on this opportunity!

Records



Summer will be here soon, and that means records will need to be completed! Miscellaneous project records are available in the office or with your leaders. Below is a link to electronically fill in your livestock records, or you can pick up paper copies from your leaders or the office.

REMEMBER: Records must be presented before animals can show and project sheets must be given with judging.

Link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/downloads/75552.pdf>

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 will be announced when it is scheduled. Contact the office to find out when. Want to know more about how you can take part in fun activities like the one pictured? Call the office! 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!



2019 Livestock Fair Schedule

April 6, Saturday

10:00 AM – Public Speaking Contest, Toledo Village Hall

July 11, Thursday

3:00 PM – Foods & General Projects Show, Toledo Christian Church

The following shows will be on the Coles County Fairgrounds unless otherwise stated.

July 18, Thursday

6:00 – 8:00 pm Livestock weigh-in

July 19, Friday

5:00 pm Rabbit Show
7:00 pm Poultry Show

July 20, Saturday

8:00 am Swine Show
11:00 am Sheep Show
3:00 pm Beef Show
6:00 pm Rocket Launch
6:30 pm Family Fun Night

July 21, Sunday

12:00 pm Goat Show
3:00 pm Cat Show
5:00 pm Small Pet Showcase
6:00 pm Master Showmanship

July 22, Monday

10:00 am Dog Show
2:00 pm Llama Show
6:00 pm Carcass Show, Hartrichs – St. Marie

July 23, Tuesday

9:00am Horse Show
6:00 pm Auction



Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.



A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign=

Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

In Cumberland County, there are 32 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. 4-H and their leaders include:

- ◇ Cumberland County Cloverbuds: Megan and Houston Napier
- ◇ Hurricane Hustlers: Michael Ryder, Trever Grissom, Nate Brown, Ryan Brown
- ◇ Liberty Hill Rangers: Janet Blade, Vivian Hallett, Ginger Kuhn, Joshua Milliman
- ◇ Muddy Creek: Alan & Tiffany Ingle, Derek & Katy Light, Janene Dittamore, Beth Reeder
- ◇ Raisin' Kane: Jamie & Felicia Huddlestun, Jay & Melissa Maxey
- ◇ Springpoint Rebels: Connie Koester, Chad & Laura Rowlee, Roger & Corrine Swingler
- ◇ Work & Play: Phil & Lori Walk, Kerri Lacy
- ◇ Arrows & Ammo Shooting Sports: Ray Blade, Jill Thornton, Chad Rowlee, Clint & Jackie Beccue
- ◇ Livestock superintendents that are not leaders: Andy Potter, Bill Dittamore, James Ferris, Vernon Miller, Blake Sponsel



Two ways to give to 4-H

Paper Clover Campaign returns in March: It's never been easier to support 4-H. March 27 – April 7, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised \$1 million!

Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.