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Happening Now



February

- 1 Applications available for Unit #25 Ambassadors
- 9 "Love of 4-H" Tag-A-Long Workshop 9 - 11 at Extension Office
- 12 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Deadline to sign up for Speech and Demo. Contest
- 18 DIY Build and Code Workshop 10:00—12:00 at Extension Office
- 18 Sr. Fed. Mtg. 10:30-12:00 Farm Bureau Basement/El Gallito Restaurant
- 18 Speech & Demonstration Contest 6:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau**
- 18 Ag Awareness/Project Book Poster Contest entries due-PRIZES
- 20 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Farm Bureau 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Church
- 20 Yankee Mtg. at WS Moravian Church 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Shooting Sports Mtg./Shoot 6:00 p.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- 27 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church

March

- 1 Club Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants due online
- 1 Unit #25 Ambassador applications due
- 1 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. Due
- 1 Farm Bureau Young Leader's Collegiate Scholarship due
- 1 4-H Project Deadline**

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Satur-
day, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H mem-
bers in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done
by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this
will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.
3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
4. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did.
We'd love to see your photos, too.

I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING



It's 'udderly' amazing

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.) The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.

Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Live-stock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ dfischer@illinois.edu or call 618-830-4957.



Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

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 today at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**



So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4
Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

Registration will open February 4 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp! Don't be late. Most spots will be taken by the end of February!

Learn about the swine industry

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 16 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth may stay and complete the YQCA training at 4 p.m. at no cost. We'll learn more later about this NEW, REQUIRED YQCA training which will replace Illinois' Quality Assurance and Ethics certification, but this is a great way to have fun and get your training out of the way. For more information and to register, go to ilpork.com.



WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods!

We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something NEW and DIFFERENT and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

Here is the general guideline for the **Foods Innovation Class**:

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the food will NOT be tasted.

Check out these scholarships!

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.

Explor[➔]ACES

Time for you to Explore ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ exploreaces.org.

Just so you know

2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8

2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11

2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29

2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.

2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24

More details to follow as they are available!



Edwards Co. Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

These rules are on page 5 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs & cats **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All members needing to take QAEC will receive a notice in the mail.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

UNIT #25 AMBASSADORS

Unit #25 is looking for individuals that would like to become an ambassador to provide a voice for youth through promoting the 4-H program. The group will consist of members from each of the 5 counties in the Unit area. This group will be vital in promoting the benefits of 4-H membership to other youth, volunteers, donors and elected officials. This will be done in several different ways including networking/education or demonstrating/teaching. Anyone 6th grade or older and has been enrolled in 4-H for 2 years or longer are qualified to apply. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office or from your leader. Applications must be returned by March 1, 2019.



Workshops being offered in February!

"Love of 4-H Workshop"

Tag-A-Longs, ages 5-7, are invited to attend this workshop, on Saturday February 9th from 9-11. The attendees will be making their own personalized t-shirt.

They will also be learning fun facts about 4-H and having fun with fellow 4-H members.

DIY Build and Code Workshop

This workshop is for individuals who are interested in electricity and computer programming while being creative and imaginative. It is being held at the Extension Office on Monday, February 18th, from 10:00—12:00. Ask a friend and sign up soon, call Extension office at 618-445-2934 to register.

Sr. Federation Meeting Date

All youth who are in High School are encouraged and welcome to attend the next Sr. Federation meeting on Feb. 18th from 10:30 -12:00. Everyone should meet at the Farm Bureau basement, then meeting and lunch will be at the El Gallito Restaurant. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, February 15th. Any questions contact Debbie Fearn or the office.

And the winner is....

The winner for the Bring a Friend to 4-H is Felicity Fearn! She invited a friend to a club meeting and had her name drawn. Congratulations, to Felicity.

Edwards Co. Fair date is SET!

Our fair date has been set and will again be the last full week of July. July 17-27, 2019. Shows are being finalized and the schedule will soon be available. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Off Premise Forms

If your livestock is not housed at your home you need to get a livestock Off Premise Form have it signed by proper signatures and turn it in to the office.

This needs to be done even if you house your livestock at a grandparents home!

Call the office to get a form or go on to the Extension Website to print one.

Important Reminder-4-H Project Deadline March 1st, no projects can be added beyond this date!



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

Edwards County 4-H

Project Book Cover Contest/Ag Safety Awareness Week Combine

Each year we have a cover contest for the back page of our project and activity book. Again we have joined with Farm Bureau. To participate you need to use a normal size poster board, design a poster promoting safety involving one of the below topics, using the national theme **"Safety: Know Your Limits."** Focus on a different aspect of safety and ways to stay safe: emergency preparedness, livestock, heat stress & hydration, roadway safety, and hearing safety. Return your poster to the Extension office by Tuesday, Feb. 19th. You can do this as an individual or a group. There will be two divisions: Ages 13 and under and 14 and over. All posters will be displayed around Edwards County during Ag Safety Awareness Week (March 3rd-9th) On the front of the poster please include the name(s) of those involved in making the poster, and your 4-H club. At least two monetary prizes will be awarded from Farm Bureau. The winning poster will also be displayed on the back of the 4-H project and Activity book for 2019. Start making those posters!

New Members still Welcome!

You still have time to join 4-H or grab a friend to come along. We like new members, and it is a good way to hang out and have some fun. The fair will be coming soon so be sure you are enrolled and eligible to participate!

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Farm Bureau Women's Grants Due

Are you a young 4-H member ages 8-12 years old? If so this is a great opportunity for you. Fill out a simple grant form and have the chance to receive money to help assist you in your 4-H project. Examples: art supplies, display boxes, halters, cages etc. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee has offered this grant for several year, and helps youth prepare and have the supplies they need for a successful 4-H project. Stop by the Extension office for an application or see your leader. Be sure to turn your application in to the Farm Bureau office by March 1st to qualify.

Ag Olympics Date Set

Edwards County Young Leaders have announced the date and time for Ag Olympics. It is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th, starting at 6:00 p.m., at the Edwards County Fairgrounds. 4-H grant checks will also be awarded that evening. More info will be available by mid-February. Save the date and time!

Tag-A-Long Cloverbuds

We are really excited to see our Tag-A-Long Cloverbud program growing! If you know of anyone else who would like to join, it is not to late. Official age is 5-7 years old as of Sept. 1st 2018.



Speech & Demonstration Contest

We are looking for youth from each community club to participate in our annual speech and demonstration contest on February 18, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m.

You don't have to have experience, or be a polished speaker to give this a try! We want to really encourage you to participate. Call the office with your name, the name of your speech or demonstration, and what category it falls under and we will save you a spot!! Come on don't be shy, this will be fun! Official guidelines are below:

Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (Original Oratory), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (Topical Response):

Welcome to the Digital Age

What is My Connection to the Global Community?

Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?

If I Could See tomorrow...

Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.

Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.

Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |

Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

Prose and Short Stories

Poetry

Broadcast Media Program

Theatrical

Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

Prose and Short Stories

Poetry

Theatrical Interpretation

Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou

Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

Sign up Deadline for the Speech and Demonstration Contest is Friday, February 15th! Call the Extension office at 618-445-2934.

