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Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

December 2018/January 2019



Happening Now

December

- 11 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church 7 p.m.
- 12 Ellery Panthers Potluck/Mtg. at LPCC 6 p.m.
- 19 Blue Ribbon Mtg./Christmas Party at W. V. Church 6 p.m.
- 19 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. at Ebenezer Church 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Yankees Mtg. at Moravian Church 7 p.m.
- 20 Make and Take Workshop at Extension office 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 21 Movie Day at Extension Office 1:00-4:30 p.m.
- 22 Shooting Sports at Sportsmen's Club 6 p.m.
- 24-Jan. 1 Extension office Closed for the Holidays

January

- 1 Steer Enrollment Deadline - must be in possession
- 8 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church 7 p.m.
- 9 PSEP Training 10 a.m. at Edwards Co. Farm Bureau (for farmers)
- 10 Deadline to call the office and register your steers!
- 16 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Farm Bureau 6 p.m.
- 16 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. at Ebenezer Church 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Yankees Mtg. at Moravian Church 7 p.m.
- 23 Ellery Panthers Mtg. at LPCC 6 p.m.
- 26 Shooting Sports at Sportsmen's Club 6 p.m.

We are looking for someone to volun-
teer to be the Master of Ceremonies
for our annual Speech Contest. Feb.
18th at 6 p.m. ..Call the office if you
have interest!





Spring 2019 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Be watching for upcoming Speaking for Illinois 4-H training dates after January 1, 2019!

Two more training opportunities will be scheduled in spring 2019. We anticipate the spring trainings to be held in central and southern Illinois locations. Exact dates will be identified once we have access to the 2019 Illinois Legislative Calendar.

Why should you participate in Speaking for Illinois 4-H training? You'll be trained to effectively share your 4-H story with legislators, donors, 4-H volunteers, and civic groups. You will also develop skills to explain the impact 4-H has in your local community, across Illinois, and the world. Training is provided by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Those who complete training will be invited to attend the Spring 2019 Legislative Connection events at the state capital in Springfield.

If you are interested in the **December 1 SFI4-H training in Westchester**, registration is open until Monday, November 26. There is a \$12 fee to attend the training which helps cover the cost of lunch and supplies. Use the following link to register and get additional details: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.

Salute to Excellence 2019

Volunteer RECOGNITION awards

We are pleased to recognize the work of the amazing volunteers who support the Illinois 4-H program! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Outstanding local volunteers can be nominated for consideration as the 2019 Illinois Salute to Excellence Volunteer. If you are interested in nominating a volunteer for consideration, contact your extension office.

The award categories are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region, and state level.

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nomination criteria will be available at your local Extension Office. Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, December 14, 2018**.

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!**



I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY





2019 Youth Livestock Superhero Conference: It's More than 'Meats' the Eye

The Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition.

January 26 & 27, 2019

Decatur Hotel & Conference Center, 4191 W US Highway 36, Decatur

REGISTER BY 12/17/18 ONLINE @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

OPEN to 4-H youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grade

COST is \$165 per participant

Cost includes participant t-shirt, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, snacks, and all workshop materials.

ARRIVE by 10 AM Saturday, Jan. 26

DEPART by 11:30 AM Sunday, Jan. 27



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states.

The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF



Give to others this holiday

The Illinois 4-H Foundation supports more than \$600,000 worth of projects and programs each year. Every county benefits from these gifts. Has your club given back to the Foundation? As you support others in your community, consider supporting the work of YOUR 4-H Foundation. Giving is easy at <https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu>.

I PLEDGE ... MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Just so you know

Dates for the 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show are July 22-28.

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



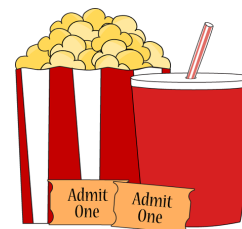
CAMP LEAD

February 23 & 24 | Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Cost is \$160. Registration will open in November at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

Movie Day Coming Soon!!....

Come join the fun, Friday, December 21, 2018, at the Extension Office. We will be having a MOVIE DAY! Bring your own comfy bean bag chair, butterfly chair, sleeping bag or pillow to help you get comfortable. Bring a friend too! They do not have to be in 4-H to attend! All kids welcome from 5 years on up! (they must be old enough to participate—no babysitting available) **We will have popcorn and drinks!** The movie will be: **HOME ALONE** . Time is 1:00 until 4:30.



Coloring Contest for Tag-A-Longs

All Tag-A-Longs are welcome to enter our coloring contest. Coloring sheets are available in the office or they can be emailed by phoning the Extension office at 618-445-2934. There will be a girl and boy winner! **Deadline is December 14th by 4:30 p.m.**



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

Edwards County 4-H



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

LOIS BRITT MEMORIAL PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by CME Group and the National Pork Industry Foundation, this scholarship provides 10 \$2,500 scholarships to youth pursuing a career in the pork industry. Apply online by January 4, 2019 @ nppc.org/programs/scholarships.

JOYCE BETZ SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A **\$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

The **\$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

2019 Edwards County Speech Contest Guidelines
(These are guidelines only, we want participants to try).

ALL skill levels are welcomed and encouraged!! We have just received these new guidelines for 2019!

Declamation | Memorized | 10 min. max

Declamation requires students to select a speech that was delivered in public and perform an excerpt of that speech to an audience. Speeches are up to 10 minutes in length. As a result, students typically shorten the text of the speech to meet time requirements. The event is not designed for students to mimic the original author of the speech. Instead, speakers are to develop an oration that delivers the message of the author in an original and engaging manner. The speech is delivered from memory. A written transcript of the speech must be publicly available.

Original Oratory | Memorized | 10 min. max

Students deliver a self-written, ten-minute speech on a topic of their choosing. Limited in their ability to quote words directly, Original Oratory competitors craft an argument using evidence, logic, and emotional appeals. Topics range widely, and may be informative or persuasive in nature. The speech is delivered from memory.

Impromptu Speech | 7 min. max | Handwritten notes only

Impromptu is a public speaking event where students have seven total minutes to select a topic from a short list provided at the event, brainstorm their ideas, outline the speech, and finally, deliver the speech. The speech can be based upon prompts that range from nursery rhymes, current events, celebrities, organizations, and more. The speaker draws three prompts from an envelope. After drawing the three prompts, the speaker must select one and begin brainstorming their

ideas for the speech. In total, a student has seven minutes. Speakers may consult publicly available sources during their preparation time but may use only hand written notes during the speech.

Illustrated Speech | Memorized | 10 min. max

Illustrated Speeches (with any type of visual aids) must be no more than 10 minutes in length and done by an individual member. The speech is delivered from memory. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three dimensional or include audience participation as long as the illustrations and human participants do not make a sound during the speech.

Duo Interpretation | Team of 2 | Memorized | 10 min. max

Two competitors team up to deliver a ten-minute performance of a published play or story. Using off-stage focus (each character's attention must be directed off-stage), Duo Interpretation competitors convey emotion and environment through a variety of performance techniques focusing on the relationships and interactions between the characters. No props or costumes are used. Performances may also include an introduction written by the students to contextualize the performance and state the title and author. Participants perform this event from memory.

Short Program Oral Interpretation | Script required | 7 min. max

Using selections from either Prose or Poetry, students create a performance up to seven minutes. A manuscript is required and may be used as a prop within the performance if the performer maintains control of the manuscript at all times. Performances can also include an introduction written by the student to contextualize the performance and state the title and the author of each selection.

Long Program Oral Interpretation | Script required | 10 min. max

Using selections from Prose, Poetry, and Drama, students create a ten-minute performance around a central theme. Program Oral Interpretation (POI) is designed to test a student's ability to intersplice multiple types of literature into a single, cohesive performance. A manuscript is required and may be used as a prop within the performance if the performer maintains control of the manuscript at all times. Performances can also include an introduction written by the student to contextualize the performance and state the title and the author of each selection.

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.

Make and Take Workshop

Our Make and Take Workshop will be held on December 20th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Extension office. No Fee—will be charged! This workshop has filled, if you have registered come have a great time making items you can give for Christmas to others.



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 new members enrolled in these projects and or any members who have not taken it before.

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.



Holiday Can Good Collection

Donated can goods will be given to the Zion United Methods Church's Food Program
In West Salem IL

December 1st through the 20th

Drop off location is Edwards County Extension Office
Albion IL

Sponsored By Cheyenne Summerfield
Member of Little Wabash Ramblers 4-H club

(Can goods only)

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Edwards Co. Extension office at
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Invites

Have you invited a friend to join you at a club meeting this new 4-H year?? Did they attend? If so, please call the office and get your name in the hat for a chance to win a prize! Winners will be announced in January!!

4-H Enrollments

Thanks to the members who have completed their enrollment/re-enrollment online! If you have not yet done this, don't delay. If anyone is unable to enroll due to poor internet service or lack of, please contact the office. We are here to help you!

Farm Credit Grant

Community Improvement Grants are available to 4-H Clubs to assist youth members in bringing positive change to their local community. Clubs can submit applications for this grant at www.farmcreditIL.com. The winning 50 clubs will each receive \$500.00. The deadline is March 1, 2019. We hope to see each club give this a try!! Call the office if you need assistance or have questions.

Steer Deadline fast approaching

All steers need to be in the 4-H members possession by Jan. 1st, 2019. If you have steers you must call the Extension office by Jan. 10th to register them. We need to know how many you have, what color they are, and if they are registered or cross-breeds.

Speech Contest-Challenge

Speech Contest will be held on February 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Basement. Be sure to register online by February 15, 2019 or call the office to register your speech. We need your name, 4-H age, what type of speech, and the name of your speech.

We would like to challenge each club to have at least TWO members do a speech this year! We know it's hard to get up in front of people and make a speech.....just think of it as telling a story. You do not need to be an expert, we would just like to see more kids take on this challenge! Are you up for it? (Leaders & Youth: Be sure to look at the new 2019 guidelines we just received!)

Your speech can be about whatever you like. It does not have to be project related. Tell us about a hobby, (deer hunting, knitting, reading, sports, riding a horse) Just give it a try! See what creative ideas you can show us!!

What about a Master of Ceremonies? Anyone want to volunteer to do this task? Call the office.

