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Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

December 2019/January 2020



Happening Now

December

- 10 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church 7 p.m.
- 11 Ellery Panthers Potluck/Mtg. at LPCC 6 p.m.
- 14 Christmas Parade, 4:30 Line-Up at the Fairgrounds
- 18 Blue Ribbon Mtg./Christmas Party at W. V. Church 6 p.m.
- 18 Yankees Mtg. at Moravian Church 7 p.m.
- 18 Tag-A-Long Coloring Contest Due by 4:30
- 19 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. at Edwards Co. Farm Bureau 6:30
- 19 Make and Take Workshop at Extension office 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 20 Movie Day at Extension Office 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- 23 Shooting Sports at Sportsmen's Club 8 a.m.
- 24-Jan. 1 Extension office Closed for the Holidays

January

- 1 Steer Enrollment Deadline - must be in possession
- 4 Poultry and Rabbit Clinic, Extension office 9—noon
- 7 Scrumptious Science 7, 14, 21, 28 3:30—5:30 Home Ec Room
- 14 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. at Christian Church 7 p.m.
- 10 Deadline to call the office and register your steers!
- 15 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Farm Bureau 6 p.m.
- 15 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. at Ebenezer Church 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Yankees Mtg. at Moravian Church 7 p.m.
- 20 Leaders Mtg. 6 p.m. Extension office
- 22 Ellery Panthers Mtg. at LPCC 6 p.m.
- 25 Shooting Sports at Sportsmen's Club 8 a.m.
- 25 Fresh Flower Arrangement Workshop/Watering Can 10—11:30



Help the Little Wabash Ramblers with this service project

Items can be dropped off at the Extension office

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting:

Shampoo and conditioner
Shower gel/soap/moisturizer
Deodorant
Razors and shaving cream
Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash
Combs/brushes
Baby wash

These items will be stocked in nurse stations and available to families who need items. In addition, Elizabeth is collecting:

Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard candies
Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener
Packages of hot chocolate, teas, juice boxes

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! Deadline is February 28, 2020.**

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!

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.



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Here's help to pay for college

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!

TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 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>.

JOYCE BETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 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>. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County.

New certification required for youth exhibiting livestock

4-H members exhibiting animals entering the food production system will be 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. Check with local offices about completing the training. **The training must be completed each year.**

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in horses, poultry, 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

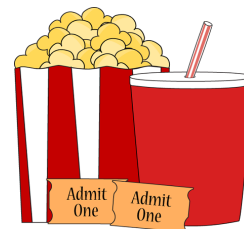
Non-Perishable Food Drive

Cheyenne Summerfield is collecting non-perishable food items for her church, Zion United Methodist food pantry. Please drop your items at the Edwards Co. Extension office.

Movie Day Coming Soon!....

Come join the fun, Friday, December 20, 2019, 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 2**. Time is 2:30 - 4:30.

Admission is a Can Good for Cheyenne Summerfield's Food Drive or a Travel Size Item for the Little Wabash Ramblers Service Project



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 18 by 4:30 p.m.**



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!
Edwards County 4-H

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!

Steer Deadline fast approaching

All steers need to be in the 4-H members possession by Jan. 1st, 2020. 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 crossbreeds.

Scrumptious Science: A Science You Can Eat

Scrumptious Science will be held each Tuesday in January (7,14,21,28) from 3:30—5:30 in the Home Ec. Room at the Edwards Co. High School. Each week a tasty recipe will be prepared. Join us for this fun four session series to explore the science behind cooking. All Edwards County youth aged 8-18 (As of Sept. 1, 2019) are invited to participate. Register online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> or call the Extension office at 618-445-2934.

Speech Contest-Challenge

Speech Contest will be held on March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Basement. Be sure to register by March 6, 2020 by calling 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?

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!!

Floral Arrangement Workshop

A fresh floral arrangement workshop will be held Saturday, January 25, at the Watering Can from 10:00—11:30. It is limited to the first 15 individuals, cost is \$5.00 per person. It is almost full, we will have a waiting list.

Christmas Parade

Christmas parade entry forms are due by December 12th, if your club will be participating. If your club is not having a float and you have members who like to take part in the parade, let us know at the office. We can walk!

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 19 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Extension office. No Fee—will be charged! Call the Extension office to register. Come have a great time making items you can give for Christmas to others. Only a few spots left!



Unit #25 Poultry and Rabbit Clinic

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Edwards Co. Extension Office

9 a.m.— noon

All ages welcome!

Register online: <https://extension.illinois.edu/elrww> or by calling the Edwards County Extension office at 618-445-2934.

Mike Claypool of Centralia will be instructing