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Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

June/July 2020

Happening Now

June

- 12 Deadline for Virtual Food and Clothing Entries
- 15 Virtual Food and Clothing Show
- 20 State Fair Deadline for Horses
- 24 Ellery Panthers Virtual Meeting
- 30 Deadline for Virtual General Project Entries

July

- 15 State Fair Deadline for Livestock
- 14 Virtual General Project Show
- 20 Master Showmanship Application Due
- 21 Virtual Dog Show
- 24 Virtual Horse Show
- 26 Virtual Rabbit/Small Animal Show
- 27 Virtual Sheep/Poultry Show
- 28 Virtual Swine/Goat Show
- 29 Virtual Beef/Bucket Calf Show

ATTENTION!

Everyone should have received, all the information, by email, to show their projects virtually. This information is on the Extension website, also. You will be using your 2020 Project and Activity Book as a guide, as always, to help complete projects! If you have questions email djc@illinois.edu or ask your leader. We are here to help!

LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

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Showing Virtually and Goal Sheets

Goal Sheets are not a requirement for showing virtually. But, they will have to be completed by record collection, to show completion of projects. They can be found on the State Extension website:
<http://extension.illinois.edu>

Internet Access for Entering Projects

If you need internet access to enter your projects, Farm Bureau has offered the use of theirs. Call 445-2113, to set up an appointment.

First -Time 4-H Members

Are you new to 4-H? If you are a first time member and having problems following requirements in the show book, be sure to ask your leader or email djc@illinois.edu. We are here to help you!!

Unit #25 Ambassador Applications

How would you like to be a Unit #25 Ambassador? Email Debra at djc@illinois.edu and an application will be emailed to you. An Ambassador flyer with qualifications is in this newsletter.

Master Showmanship Application

All senior livestock showmen should have received an email with an application attached, to apply, for Master Showman, for Edwards County 4-H. If you didn't receive it email, djc@illinois.edu, to get one sent.

T-Shirts for Virtual Show Exhibitors

Everyone that shows their projects virtually will be getting a t-shirt. More details will be coming in the future. Possibly, a design contest for this t-shirt. It will be a design for all of the counties in Unit #25!

Horse Show Attire

Horse participants **MUST** wear their helmets, along with western attire when videoing for the Virtual Horse Show!

Livestock Show Attire

When videoing your livestock, wear show attire, club t-shirt fine. Try to keep eyes on camera, as if it is the judge. Show your animal as if you are in the 4-H arena.

How To Video Your Livestock

If you need tips on videoing your livestock go to:
<https://www.virtualstockshow.com/theamerican>

Project Identification

Be sure to identify your project on a piece of paper, an exhibit or livestock card. Put them in your pictures or at the beginning of videos.





Illinois 4-H Making a Difference in Local Communities!

The *True Leaders in Service*, designated day of service may have passed however we are asking Illinois 4-H Clubs to keep the momentum going as they continue to focus on the 4th “H” and pledge their HANDS to larger service! Even though Illinois has moved into the Phase 3, the *Recovery* stage of the COVID-19 response, communities are still in need of support. *To meet this need we are extending the timeline for 4-H Clubs to go through July 31, 2020!*

Illinois 4-H’ers have been collaborating virtually as they collected and donated food to stock the shelves at local food pantries experiencing greater needs; making cards, videos, and encouraging yard signs to support vulnerable populations including shut-ins and senior center residents; and they have put their sewing skills to work as they made face masks which were distributed at medical facilities; local businesses; and in communities.

Find resources and the link to register your plan for service outreach at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs>. The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service outreach is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this is your time to make a difference!



Are you a 4-H Alumni? We want to stay connected to you!

The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is building a network of 4-H alumni to join the alumni association.

Sign up today for your free membership: <https://go.illinois.edu/4halum>



Unit #25 Ambassadors

The purpose of the Unit 25 Ambassadors is 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.

*The Ambassador program is not the same as Federation, however youth can be in both Federation and an Ambassador.

WHO:

- ◇ 25 Youth from the Unit
- ◇ Must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years or longer
- ◇ Must be 6th grade or older

DUTIES:

- ◇ Attend Unit #25 Ambassador Training
- ◇ Attend one Unit wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Attend one county wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Highly encouraged to attend Speaking for Illinois 4-H (SFI4-H)

Opportunities:

- ◇ To network with local businesses, donors and elected officials
- ◇ To connect to the University of Illinois Extension, 4-H and the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- ◇ To gain skills in brainstorming, creativity and evaluation
- ◇ Day trip to University of Illinois and possibly other 2 yr/4yr Illinois colleges

To apply: Interested applicants please email Unit #25 County Director-Tara Buerster at buerste2@illinois.edu

Applications must be turned in by July 6, 2020.

Applicants will be called for an interview during the week of July 20.

Interviews will be take place the week of August 3.

The 2021 Unit #25 Ambassador Team will be announced the week of August 17, 2020.

Training for the Ambassador Team will be Mid-September.

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Are you a 4-H Senior?

We are proud of your accomplishments! While this year may not have been how you planned to end your Senior year, you have persevered! We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

We are seeking 4-H Seniors to complete the **4-H Senior Survey**. This survey is designed for graduating seniors to share about your experiences in 4-H, tell us about your career path and if 4-H influenced your school or career decisions.

Seniors participating in the 4-H Senior Survey will receive a 4-H graduation tassel as a memorabilia item to remember your time in the Illinois 4-H program. This 4-H tassel will be a special gift from Illinois 4-H as a token to celebrate your successes.

As you complete your 4-H career, you will also have an opportunity to join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association. The Illinois 4-H Alumni Association is launching to stay connected to you! We want to see where you go, what successes continue to unfold and to create a lifelong connection between **YOU** and **Illinois 4-H**. We hope one day you will return as a volunteer or even as a 4-H parent.

4-H will be here for you today, tomorrow and for a lifetime!



The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge is currently underway and runs continuously until July 15, 2020. Interested 4-H Members are presented with three sportsman's skills at a time which they learn by viewing suggested videos. Once they've mastered the skills, they contact their 4-H leader or 4-H staff person to communicate what they've learned. Each skill level mastered gets the 4-H member entered into a drawing for a high quality multi-tool sponsored by Illinois Pheasants Forever. Click here for details: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-everyday-sportsmans-skills-challenge>



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