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# DeKalb County 4-H Flashes

Fall 2019

## Don't Forget to Say Thank You

Just a reminder to all of the 4-H members who won plaques or awards at the 4-H Show or Fair, please send a thank you note to your award sponsor. These awards would not be



possible without the sponsor's contributions and support! Award sponsors names and addresses can be found attached to the back of the plaques. Please make sure to say thanks!



# Happy New 4-H Year!

## It's Easy to Re-Enroll in 4-H

It's time to re-enroll in 4-H! Once again this year's enrollment is done ONLINE! Go to **IL.4Honline.com** and log onto your family's profile you set-up last year. Check through and update your family's info. The projects you chose last year will remain current so delete those projects you are not taking this year and add new projects.

**Make sure to select a project book from the pull-down menu if it is a new project.** Remember ... you can view 4-H information and edit that information all year long from your computer or mobile device. If you have any questions do not hesitate to give the Extension office a call.

## JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



## Thank You Volunteers!

We would like to thank all of our 4-H members, parents, leaders and superintendents who volunteered their time during the past few months to help us in conducting the 4-H General Project Show and 4-H Fair. These opportunities went well only because of the wonderful support we get from all of you in

making them happen. One of the true blessings with this organization is all the support and help people give in conducting the numerous events that happen during a 4-H year. Thanks again for your time, friendship and support...we really appreciate it!!!

## Federation Meeting

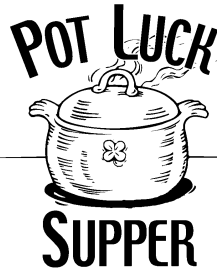
The next 4-H Federation meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building. All 4-H members in 8th grade or older are welcome to attend these meetings and to get involved in planning county



events and activities. The following meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Farm Bureau Building.

## 4-H Family Potluck & Recognition Night

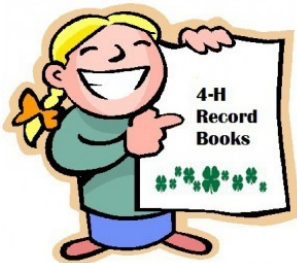
The 4-H Federation is sponsoring the 4-H Family Potluck and Recognition Night on **SATURDAY, November 16** starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Auditorium. Bring a dish to pass and the Federation will provide the pulled pork sandwiches. We are asking families with the last name beginning with A-F bring a



salad/vegetable, G-M bring a side dish, and N-Z bring a dessert. Following the pot luck we will have our annual 4-H recognition program. We hope that all 4-H volunteer, members, parents and families will make plans to attend. An RSVP is required to the Extension office by **November 11.**

## Record Book & Award Judging

Award & Record Book Judging will be on **Wednesday, October 2** anytime between **8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the Extension Office. For this meeting the Extension office will provide refreshments, but ***each club must provide at least one adult volunteer.*** The club's volunteer(s) can be 4-H parent(s) or 4-H club leader(s). Club leaders should call the Extension office with the name(s) of the individual(s) by **Friday,**



**September 27.** We will be judging all day or until they are finished so feel free to come anytime and stay as long as you can. We hope to be done by 8:00 p.m. The more volunteers we have to work on this judging process the better ...as the saying goes "The more the merrier."

## Meal for Hope Haven



4-H Federation is cooking a meal for Hope Haven and they need your help. Learn how to make a delicious lasagna meal while giving back to the community.

**Saturday, October 26**

**1:00 - 4:00**

**In the Farm Bureau building**

Please give us a call by Oct. 21 at 815/758-8194 to let us know if you can help cook.

## 2019-20 DeKalb County 4-H Foundation Restaurant Fundraisers

Join the DeKalb County 4-H Foundation at fundraiser nights at local restaurants every month this year! Check out the DeKalb County 4-H Facebook page for flyers and more details. Mark dates on your calendar and plan on taking the night off of cooking.

**October 2** - Texas Roadhouse in Sycamore

**November 4** - Portillo's in Sycamore

**December 2** - Sycamore Tom & Jerry's

**December 16** - DeKalb Tom & Jerry's

**January 20** - Pizza Villa in DeKalb

**February 10** - Jamrah in Sycamore

**March 12** - Gillerson's Grubbery in Genoa

**April 16** - South Moon BBQ in Hinckley

**May 14** - Panera Bread in DeKalb

**June 8** - Noodles & Co. in DeKalb

**July 8** - Ollie's Frozen Custard in Sycamore

**August 12** - Culver's in Sycamore

## STEM Fest at NIU - Fingerprints

STEM Fest celebrates innovations in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). It offers opportunities for people of all ages to get involved, help the community, and further explore STEM concepts. STEM Fest is being held at NIU's Convocation Center on **October 19 from 10:00 - 5:00 p.m.** This year 4-H is going to have a booth teaching participants about the science behind fingerprints. We will also be working with the DeKalb Masonic Lodge to help youth complete a child ID kit which includes DNA sample, fingerprints and a photo & video.

We are looking for 4-H members, volunteers and parents to help out at the booth we will have a three shifts to so everyone can help out but also explore all the other booths at STEM Fest. Please call the Extension office or email Nicole at: [groezing@illinois.edu](mailto:groezing@illinois.edu) if you are interested in helping out.

**STEMfest**

## Reminder: 4-H Club Annual Financial Statement Due

All 4-H clubs with a checking or savings account must complete both pages of the **4-H Club Annual Financial Statement** form at the end of each 4-H year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). Submit this statement along with other required forms and officer books to your county Extension office as soon as possible. The financial statement includes a report of income and expenses for the 4-H club checking account (page 1) and/or savings account (page 2). The club treasurer and club leader must sign on page 2 of this form to verify that the information is

correct. Also on page 2, the Fiscal Review Committee (a group of 2 or 3 youth and adults who do not have signatory rights on the club's bank account(s)) must review the financial records of the 4-H club for the past year and sign to indicate that they have found everything in good order. Contact the county Extension office if you need a copy of this financial statement. This is a required step from IRS. Your club can not be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year until this is received in the Extension office.

## Discover 4-H Night on Oct. 9

During this evening participants have the opportunity to speak to 4-H volunteers and members actively involved in the 4-H program. Come check-out all the fun things you can do in 4-H on **Wednesday**,

**Oct. 9 from 6:30–8:00** in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau building. 4-H is open to everyone ages 5-18 years old. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join 4-H this year!

## One day is all you need ...

To become a **certified 4-H shooting sports instructor**. Help ensure young people are exposed to everything the outdoors and shooting sports has to offer by becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer.

- First, give the DeKalb County Extension office a call to discuss the current program in our county.
- Then complete the required application and background checks. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.
- Pay the \$60 registration cost that covers three meals, snacks, instructor curriculum, hat, and all necessary equipment and materials for the training.



- Attend certification training from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Saturday, October 19** at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Do not bring firearms or bows. Do bring eye and ear protection.
- Complete additional online training.

There are six concentrations of study, and volunteers must choose only one discipline: archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, and hunting and outdoor skills, as well as the overall county coordinator training. Remember, volunteers will work with their local Extension 4-H staff to establish or add to an existing shooting sports program in the county. Learn more about the Illinois 4-H Shooting Sports program at:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/shooting-sports>.

**Registration is due October 9.**

# How will you celebrate National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is our time to tell the world about 4-H. This year's theme, **INSPIRED to LEAD | CALLED to SERVE**, captures what it means to be a 4-H member. You are encouraged to find ways to celebrate October 6 – 12. Use the hashtag #inspiredby4H and #inspiredtoLEAD as you share your 4-H activities on social media. Watch the Illinois 4-H Facebook page for contests all week long.



## Information to make your new year sparkle!

It's the new 4-H year, and we've got lots of things to get the new year started! We've added four new projects: Child Development, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Visual Arts Leather! Our theme for the year and National 4-H Week is **Inspired to Lead |**

**Called to Serve.** Download the new Project Guide @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hprojectguide). 4-H Online new year enrollment begins September 7.

## Just the help you need for your 4-H Club

The Illinois 4-H Website has all of the resources and forms needed to guide 4-H club officers, committees, and members as they plan for the new 4-H program year.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H)

Click on the **Clubs** tab.

Scroll to Meeting Resources near the bottom of the page

Find these helpful documents:

**Club Meeting Agenda** – this fillable form is a useful fill-in-the-blank form your club officers can use as they plan each section of the meeting. This useful form provides them with the meeting structure they can use to identify who from the club should be in charge of each potential item that may be included in a meeting.

**Club Committee Planning Worksheet** – the Committee Planning Worksheet is an excellent tool to give to committee members as they plan club events and activities.

**Club Yearly Program Plan** – this helpful tool guides the club officers and club members as they identify club goals to work toward during the year and brainstorm what programs, events and/or activities to plan for the club to engage members in fun, hands-on learning experiences throughout the program year.

**More** – Don't forget to download your new secretary book, treasurer book, tips for good club meetings, tips for using the 4-H name, and more other important resources

## Please send thank you notes to...

A very special thanks to: ADM for sponsoring the cost of the fairgrounds for the 4-H Fair and part of the PA system; Jamie & Larisa Willrett for donating the ground beef for the Federation Foodstand; and Resource Bank for sponsoring 4-H Publications. Please make sure to send thank you notes to each of these businesses. Addresses are:



- ADM Attn. Jeff Mauck  
P.O. Box 350 Mendota, IL 61342
- Jamie & Larisa Willrett  
19410 Willrett Rd. Malta, IL 60150
- Resource Bank Attn: Carl Richards  
555 Bethany Rd. DeKalb, IL 60115

## We have the stuff to make your club shine!

Start the new 4-H year off right by empowering club members in leadership roles and new families with the newest in 4-H resources! If you don't already have copies of these resources, contact the Extension Office to request copies.



***Welcome to 4-H*** – new 4-H member guide that helps member learn about diverse project areas; learn about their new club; and involve family and friends in 4-H

***4-H Family Handbook*** – a resource designed with the family in mind. This resource will introduce family members to the variety of 4-H opportunities and be their go-to guide when you are supporting the new club member in your family

***Helping You Help Youth: Working with Officers and Committees*** – this fact sheet is a resource for the volunteer leaders supporting 4-H members in leadership roles. It will be a valuable resource as you teach, guide and support youth as they

learn and grow in leadership. It provides helpful insights into how you can provide support while turning over responsibilities to others in the club including making sure that the voice of the youth is what guides the club; strategies for finding the balance between project learning and fun; and understanding the role you play in motivating and recognizing young people.

***4-H Officers Handbook*** – this resource is the tool you need to put into the hands of ALL of the youth serving in leadership roles! It will serve as a guide to 4-H club officers and provides them with the tools to plan and facilitate effective meetings that not only allow for the orderly and efficient completion of club business, but also encourages a healthy dose of fun during each meeting. In addition to the useful information that is provided, the handbook also contains valuable tools including 4-H club meeting planning forms, planning worksheets for committees, and helpful hints using social media to stay connected with club members and families.

# Scholarship & Award Deadlines moved to November 1

IMPORTANT: The state deadline for the following awards has been changed to November 1. Don't miss your chance to apply. Award applications are available online at [go.illinois.edu/4Happly](http://go.illinois.edu/4Happly) for:

- Key Award
- Experience Award
- State 4-H Award
- Vet Science Award



- 4-H Leadership, Citizenship, and Professionalism Award

The deadline for **state scholarship** has also been changed to November 1. Apply online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships) for these scholarship opportunities:

- Legacy of Leadership Scholarship
- Livestock Scholarship

## Take a trip across the globe

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

- Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.
- Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.
- Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus air-



fare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

- South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.
- Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ [states4hexchange.org/](http://states4hexchange.org/).

## Who will win \$5,000?

The Youth in Action Award honors four 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have used those skills to overcome a challenge or challenges they have faced. Each of the honorees epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. In addition, the winners have demonstrated the positive impact they've made with their family, peers, and community through their 4-H experiences. Nominate outstanding 4-H members in four different categories: Agriculture, Civic Engage-



ment, Healthy Living, and STEM. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar area, receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and network with celebrities and prominent 4-H alumni. Learn more at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Deadline for application is October 21.

# State Fair Results

DeKalb County had several 4-H members participate in the Illinois State Fair, and we are pleased to announce the following results:

Lewis Anderson - Vegetable Display  
Outstanding, Champion & Inspire Awards

Annabelle Austin - Fiber  
Participant Award

William Austin - Small Engines  
Outstanding & Champion Awards

Caroline Bend - 4-H Cooking 301  
Outstanding & Champion Awards

Emma Bennett - Photography 2  
Participant Award

Catherine Bott - STEAM Clothing 2  
Outstanding Award

Megan Bott - Woodworking 1  
Participant & Champion Awards

Ellie Davis - Design Decisions-Beginning  
Participant Award

Sawyer Davis - Model Rocketry  
Participant Award

Jacob Dean - Geology Innovation Class  
Outstanding, Champion & Inspire Awards

Savanna Dean - Animal Science  
Outstanding Award

Hunter Entas - 4-H Cooking 401  
Outstanding Award

Ava Frances - Photography 1  
Participant & Inspire Awards

Nikola Freund - STEAM Clothing 3-Sewn Clothing  
Outstanding Award

Kyle Gutknecht-Sabin - Animal Science  
Participant Award

Emma Heinisch - Health 2  
Participant Award

Brett Helgeson - Food Science 1-4  
Outstanding Award

Holly Helgeson - Visual Arts Nature  
Outstanding Award

Dulce Hernandez - Visual Arts Paper  
Participant Award

Mia Hernandez - Civic Engagement 1  
Outstanding Award

Lillian Hetland - Vegetable Gardening Display  
Outstanding, Reserve Champ. & Inspire Award

Madaline Hogan - STEAM Clothing 2  
Outstanding & Inspire Awards

Ashlyn Hooker - Veterinary Science  
Participant Award

Tom Limberis - Welding Ready4Life  
Outstanding & Reserve Champion Awards

Rachael Linskey - Photo Editing  
Outstanding & Champion Awards

Max Lo - Weather and Climate 1  
Outstanding, Champion & Inspire Awards

Faith Lohse - Food Preservation  
Participant Award

Jaden Longeville - Scrapbooking-Intermediate  
Participant Award

Jelina Martinez - Passport to the World-Indiv  
Participant Award

Vivian Novak - 4-H Cooking 201  
Outstanding Award

Berenice Rivera - Creative Writing  
Participant Award

Natalia Rivera - Civic Engagement 1  
Participant Award

ElleAnna Rongere - 4-H Cooking 101  
Participant Award

Lane Schumacher - Visual Arts Clay  
Outstanding Award

Elijah Schweitzer - Tractor A  
Participant & Champion Awards

Warren Schweitzer - Tractor B  
Outstanding & Champion Awards

Ella Seebach - Photo Editing  
Participant Award

Jaedyn Slutz - Computer-Generated Art  
Outstanding Award

Aubrey Szymanski - Visual Arts Fiber Non-Orig Age 8-10  
Outstanding Award

Samantha Thorne - Design Decisions-Beginning  
Participant Award

Henry Vander Bleek - Electricity 1  
Outstanding Award

Reagan Vander Bleek - Chalk/Carbon/Pigment  
Outstanding & Inspire Awards

Danica Ward - Design Decisions-Intermediate  
Outstanding & Reserve Champion Awards

# Livestock State Fair Results



The following 4-H members showed one or more of their livestock projects at the Illinois State Fair in August.

## Beef

Jacob Beauchem	Shabbona Pioneers
Abigail Kuppler	Hinckley Harvestors
Grant Kuppler	Hinckley Harvestors
Drake Prestegaard	Shabbona Pioneers
Logan Suddeth	Shabbona Pioneers

## Goats

Della Harrod	Hinckley Harvestors
Tomi Harrod	Hinckley Harvestors

## Sheep

Logan Roach	Malta Mustangs
Drake Slutz	Genoa Prairie Gems
Jaedyn Slutz	Genoa Prairie Gems

## Swine

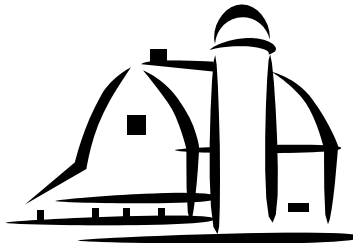
Jess Hawk	Shabbona Pioneers
Brian Roach	Malta Mustangs
Logan Roach	Malta Mustangs
Drake Slutz	Genoa Prairie Gems
Jaedyn Slutz	Genoa Prairie Gems

## Pen and Stall Winners

**Beef :** 1st: Shabbona Pionners, 2nd: Genoa Prairie Gems, 3rd: Somonauk Haymakers

**Goats:** 1st: Shabbona Pioneers, 2nd: Malta Mustangs, 3rd: Green Meadows

**Dairy:** 1st: Somonauk Haymakers



**Sheep:** 1st: Shabbona Pioneers, 2nd: Green Meadows, 3rd: Malta Mustangs

**Swine:** 1st: Shabbona Pioneers, 2nd: Somonauk Haymakers, 3rd: Genoa Prairie Gems

## Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! 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. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the 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.

Nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by **Friday, October 18, 2019.**



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*Dear 4-H Families:*

*A new year has started and hopefully all of you are ready for another fantastic 4-H year. Our office is excited to get you started and more than happy to answer any questions you might have as you start up the new year.*

*You will find in this newsletter a variety of events and opportunities available to our 4-H members, volunteers and families. If you are interested in learning more about any of the programs mentioned please don't ever hesitate to call, email or visit the Extension office.*

*Have a great new 4-H year!*

*Sincerely,*

*Nicole Groezinger*

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