



Deadlines:

- Feb. 19** - 4-H Academy Registration
- Feb. 25** - Cattle Judging Registration
- March 1** - Enrollments and Project Enrollments
- April 15** - Swine Premiere
- May 15** - Sheep/Goat Premiere Nominations

Events:

- Feb. 2** - Beef Weigh-in
- Feb. 10** - Pistol Club
- Feb. 16** - IL Pork Youth Day
- Feb. 23** - 4-H Academy
- Feb. 23-24** - Junior Leadership Conference
- March 2** - Cattle Judging
- April 6** - Regional Horse Bowl



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Helping the Local Community

The Atkinson Boosters collected mittens and hats to be donated over the holidays. Their donation was just in time for this arctic cold!

Cambridge Champs made Thanksgiving dinner baskets to be donated to local families. One family provided the turkey and members filled in the rest of the meal.



Enrollment Updates

1. Visual Arts is no longer a project. We have deleted several visual arts projects from enrollments. Check to ensure you are enrolled in specific visual arts disciplines.
2. If your credit card was declined, you have to pay by check. Checks are payable to U of I Extension and can be sent to Extension office or given to club.
3. Manuals are only ordered if you selected them from the drop-down menu under each project in 4-H Online. If you did not do this and need manuals, call the office.
4. New enrollments must be in by **March 1** in order to exhibit at the fair.

Beef Weigh-in

When: Saturday, February 2

Time:

Stark/Peoria : 8-11 a.m. at the Wyoming Sale Barn. Be on the grounds no later than 10:30.

Henry: 12-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Cambridge. Arrive by 3:30. *The Noon start date is approximate.*

Who: Anyone planning to exhibit a steer at the county and/or State Fair must have them weighed and tattooed on this date. State Fair steers will receive an 840 tag.

Club News and Notes



Western Jr Farmers Minutes Submitted by Maggie Dochterman

In November, we donated supplies for the Orion food pantry and the QC paws animal shelter. In December, my club had a white elephant gift exchange. The price limit was \$5. Thank you!

Cambridge Champs Report Submitted by Ella Jeffries

Cambridge Champs have had a busy fall this last year. In September the Cambridge Champs had their elections to elect new officers. The President is Olivia Akers, Vice President is Baylee Palmer, Secretary is Maddy Stevens, Treasurer is Miranda Reed, Reporter is Ella Jeffries, and the Historian is Kenny Medley. In October the Cambridge Champs had their monthly meeting and a wiener roast following the meeting. We talked about the "Run Hog Wild" Fun Run that we did in October for one of our fundraisers. The Fun Run was a success, we will benefit from it every time we do it! Fund raisers like this one allow us to do the club and community activities we do during the year. Thanks again to all who helped, donated and participated! Our November meeting members were asked to bring non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving basket that we donate every year to a deserving family, filled with things that they might need to have Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey was donated by a 4-H family again this year and the remaining perishable items were purchased by the club. For the December meeting, we asked the members to bring different fruits to go into our fruit baskets that we deliver to different people that might just need a pick me up, have done something for the community or they may have helped with the 4-H over the years.



2nd Annual 4-H Academy
Saturday, February 23
9a.m. - 3p.m.
WIU QC Campus
Sign-up for sessions ranging from

Coding to Scrapbooking. Go in the Putnam's Discovery Dome or try out John Deere's virtual reality welding machine. Registration is open now at web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs



Stark County Pistol

Dates:

February - 10 (Orientation), 17, 24
March - 3, 10, 17(Exhibition)
All classes held at Promised Land Firearms, LLC
8290 Grain Bin Rd. Toulon, IL
Contact Karen Horsley or the Extension Office to register.



The 2019 Nation 4-H Day of Service is **April 27**. You can participate for the entire month of April, though. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice for helpful resources. 4-H members do service better than anyone else! Be thinking about how you can make a positive difference now!



Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

Do you know someone who should be in the IL 4-H Hall of Fame?

Nominations are open now. Every county can nominate one person.

The ceremony will be held on

Tuesday, August 13 at 3 p.m. as part of Ag Day at the State Fair. If you want to nominate someone, submit their name along with a paragraph about why they are deserving to Jennifer at jpetersn@illinois.edu by April 30.

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Livestock Edition



CATTLE JUDGING

Details about the Cattle Judging portion of the livestock SPIN Club:

When: Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. - Noon

9-10 a.m. - Judging classroom session at the Fire Station in Cambridge.

10-11 a.m. - Judging live animals at the Henry County Fairgrounds in Cambridge

11 a.m. - Noon - Nutrition seminar at the Cambridge Fire Station

****Register with Jennifer (jpetersn@illinois.edu) by Monday, February 25****



New Process

There will be no regional sheep and goat tattooing this year.

Instead, exhibitors planning to show at the State Fair should follow this process for nomination.

For exhibitors *not* showing premiere:

1. Get a nomination form from Jennifer/Extension Office.
2. Take close-up photos of Scrapie tag in the ear of each of your nominated animals. Pictures must be clear and tags legible. Tag must be permanently affixed in ear.
3. Return completed nomination form and pictures to the Extension office for signature and submission to the State.
4. **Nominations must be done between March 15 and May 15.** They must be returned to Extension office prior to May 15!



For exhibitors showing *Premiere*:

1. Contact the Extension office to set-up a time to weigh and tattoo lambs between March 15 and May 15.



Illinois Pork Producers.
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Youth Day

The event is being held on **Saturday, February 16** at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Livestock Center in Springfield.

It is free to attend, but you must register at ilpork.com.

For a full schedule of events check ilpork.com

Animal Ethics

For the 2019 fairs, Quality Assurance & Ethics testing will still be required for any 4-H youth enrolled in any animal project who haven't already completed the course. The training can be found here:

web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec

YQCA will not be required this year, but will most likely be a requirement for the 2019-2020 4-H year.

Premiere Swine

- Farrowed on or after **February 10, 2019**
- Barrows must be nominated, ear-notched & tattooed by **April 15.**
- Must be tattooed before they are 35 days old and must not weigh more than 1lb per day of age.
- Contact Jennifer to set-up a time to tattoo before **April 15.**



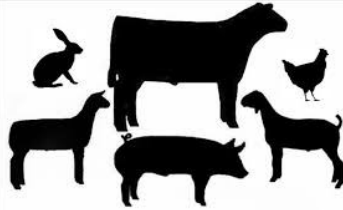


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Livestock 2

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.



Ownership Dates

- Barrows** - Farrowed on or after **January 1, 2019**. Owned by June 1, 2019.
 - Market Wethers & Ewes** - Lambed on or after **January 1, 2019**. Ownership date: May 15, 2019
 - Meat Goat Wethers** - Born on or after **October 1, 2018**. Ownership date: May 15, 2019
 - Heifers** - September 1 to March 31, 2019. Owned by June 1.
 - Dairy** - Cows owned by January 1, 2019. Calves and heifers owned by June 1, 2019.
 - Gilts** - Farrowed on or after January 1. Owned by June 1.
 - Ewes & Rams** - Owned by June 25, 2019
 - Meat Goats** - Owned by May 15, 2019
- **Note: These ownership dates are for State Fair, they do not necessarily reflect your county's dates.**



Carroll County Judging Contest

When: Saturday, March 16
Where: Carroll County Hwy Building
 10735 Mill Rd. Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
Time: Registration 11:45 - 12:15, Contest 12:30
Register: Online at go.illinois.edu/CarrollJudging
What: 3 rings of each species, 1 production ring for each species and a question class.



State Fair Dates

4-H Dog Show: August 24, 2019 (Dixon)
 Horse Show: July 22 - 28, 2019

State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest: Scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at David Kinley Hall on U of I's campus beginning at 10 am. All 4-H members can participate. Just register with the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Remember: Horse Ownership, Lease or Registration papers along with two color photos are due to the Extension Office by **May 1**. State entries due **June 1**.



Horse Contest Dates

Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology will be held on **April 6** at Knoxville High School. Contact Nicole Nelson or Shelby Carlson in the Knox Extension Office with questions (309) 342-5108 --Winning teams at the regional contests will advance to the State 4-H contests. Hippology is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13** at David Kinley Hall on the U of I Campus beginning at 8 a.m. Horse Bowl will be **Sunday, April 14** in the Education Building.

State 4-H Horse Judging:
 * Saturday, April 27
 * Black Hawk East Campus
 * Open to all 4-H youth
 * Registration at 11 a.m., contest at Noon.
 * A judging card signed by Extension staff is required. Pick one up at your local office ahead of the contest.



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Around the State

Legacy of Leadership

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.



STEMbot Challenge

More than 400 youth are expected to compete in this year's State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Teams of youth may enter to compete May 11. The contest will be held at the Interstate

Center in Bloomington. Get all the details of the challenge online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics. This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! Enter your team, or come and visit the contest to see what all the buzz is about!



Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. 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 you shouldn't bring 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! Spaces fill quickly.

Explorer → 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 @ exploreaaces.org.



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



This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today's #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field! #InspireKidstoDo



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What's New in 2019

Public Presentations

We've updated the Public Presentation category. Be sure to read the new rules below! Each county can send three entries to the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest which will be held June 8 in Decatur. Go to go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Here are the new guidelines for your moment in the spotlight:

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: 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. Manuscripts must be sent in advance. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live.

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.



Spend 6 nights and 7 days on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy track you choose! Limited scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in one of these exciting college study programs:

- Honeybees and Beekeeping
- Veterinary Medicine
- Animal Sciences
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Telling Stories About Ag and the Environment – Ag Communications
- Exploring Human Development & Family Studies
- Grand Challenges in Family Sciences
- Companion Animal Nutrition and Pet Food Manufacturing
- Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling and Fabrication
- Theater Arts: African Dance
- Theater Arts: Costume Design
- Anthropology
- Agricultural Engineering – **NEW**
- Ag & Natural Resources - **NEW**
- Food Science and Human Nutrition – **NEW**

When you're not in Academy time, you'll be exploring campus, hanging out with new friends, and having new adventures you can only find at U of I.

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closed for lunch 12 -1 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Things are going to start getting busy in the next few months. We have another deadline approaching - March 1. By March 1, all enrollments must be in and all project must be correct in 4-H online. The 4-H online system will lock on March 1 in order for us to import information into fair entry.

Henry County fair entries will be due on Monday, May 20 and Stark's will be due on Monday, July 1.

There are some changes coming to both the county and state fairs, so pay attention to what your leaders tell you. Fair books will be distributed at your April club meetings. Be sure to read exhibit rules for your projects because they may have changed.

Stay warm!

Jennifer & Teresa



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