

# The Clover

## Lee County 4-H Newsletter

1 November 2019

4-H will really



### Items Highlighted:

- Club Reports
- Enrollment – please enroll ASAP
- Awards Ceremony
- New Required Livestock Training – PQA
- New 4-H Leader 101 Training
- Junior Leadership Conference
- Scholarships Available
- Understanding copyright and trademark laws
- Upcoming events to watch for!

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## Upcoming Dates

	<b>November</b>			<b>April</b>
1	Have you enrolled yet?	3-4		Girls Science Siesta, Rockford
11	Officer Training, Office, 6pm	<b>4</b>		<b>Carroll/Lee/Whiteside Public Speaking Contest, Lee County Council on Aging (Dixon)</b>
11	Federation Meeting, Office, 7			Registration closes for Illini Summer Academies
23, 1pm	Awards Ceremony for 2018-19 are invited! Fairgrounds	17		
<b>25</b>	<b>First order of Project Books placed</b>			
28-29	Office closed for Thanksgiving			
	<b>December</b>			<b>May</b>
12	4-H Leader 101 Training	<b>1</b>		<i>Last day to Add/Change Projects</i>
21	Holiday STEAM workshop, Rock Falls	<b>1</b>		<b>FINAL order for Project Books placed</b>
23-1	Office closed for Holidays	<b>15</b>		<b>Fair Registration Opens (must do in addition to 4-H enrollment)</b>
	<b>January</b>			
1	Have you enrolled yet?			
	<b>February</b>			<b>June</b>
1	Beef Weigh-in for Premiere or State Fair Classes, Fairgrounds	8-12 21-27		4-H Camp
19	Winter Superintendent's Meeting, 6pm, office	<b>27</b>		Illini Summer Academies
22-23	Junior Leadership Conference			<b>Multi-County Dog Show, Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Second order for Project Books placed</b>	<b>1</b> <b>23-26</b>		
	<b>March</b>			<b>July</b>
4	PQA Training, Amboy			<i>4-H Fair Entries due</i>
13-14	Boys Science Siesta, Rockford			<b>2020 Lee County 4-H Fair and Jr Show</b>
14	Project Pool, Fairgrounds	<b>1</b>		
				<b>September</b>
		<b>1</b>		<i>County Award Applications Due</i>
		<b>1</b>		New 4-H Year Starts!

## Club Reports

At the beginning of each newsletter, any club reports the office has received, will be highlighted! We love seeing what all the clubs are doing, and encourage each club's reporter or secretary to send a short highlight about what the club did that month.

### Federation

Federation discussed plans for the upcoming awards banquet on November 23. They also decided to have a Sundae bar at the officers training on November 11 at 6pm. All club officers are invited. Federation is planning a Winter Fest. Date will be January 4. Federation will be providing hot dogs, popcorn and hot cocoa. Clubs will be asked to bring 2 "penny carnival" type games. Federation is looking at winter team building activities.

### AFC Aggies

This meeting we started by doing both pledges and then followed with roll call. We then took a group picture with all our friends that each club member brought with them for the meeting. We then went on a fun horse wagon ride around the town and even stopped at Casey's to get a snack. As we were on the wagon ride, we gave our reports and updates. Ava gave her demonstration on how to give a good talk. We then discussed National 4-H Week events and activities that took place all week. What we did is a lot of crafts and had fun painting and setting up our display as a club. We also talked about upcoming events. This meeting was really fun, because we got to bring friends with. We also talked about the new goat club. Which me and my sisters attended. Submitted by Rhayanna Cotter

### Your club here!

## Enrollment

Welcome to the 2019-2020 4-H year!  
We cannot wait to see all the things you will do in 4-H in the County, our Unit and our State.

Enrollment is NOW open!! Please register ASAP  
[ll.4honline.com](http://ll.4honline.com)

At your next meeting, your leader will give you a re-enrollment packet with information on how to re-enroll and the newest project list (There are some new projects!! Yay!!)

There will be three dates that books will be ordered. November 25, February 25 & May 1. Make sure you have any books you may want ordered ASAP!

### New Projects

We have 4 new projects available for 4-H'ers to pick from!

Child Development | Sports Nutrition | Family Heritage | Visual Arts: Leather

## Awards Ceremony

It's time to celebrate! Join us for the 2019 Awards Ceremony! All 4-H'ers are invited!



## New Required Livestock Training

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA (which no longer exists). It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is annual with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version. Lee County will offer the live training on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It will take place at the Amboy Community Building. Registration information will be available at a later time.

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

## New 4-H Leader 101 Training

Welcome new 4-H leaders! You are invited to join local leaders to learn more about your volunteer role with 4-H at a New 4-H Leader 101 training, on Thursday, December 12. We will meet at the Extension Office in Sterling, beginning at 6:00 for a light dinner. To register, contact your local 4-H program coordinator, or email Martha at [ebbesmey@illinois.edu](mailto:ebbesmey@illinois.edu) by Tuesday, December 10.

We will learn about strategies to strengthen the 4-H experience for members and volunteers, discuss youth and adult partnerships and explore club program opportunities. Additional sessions will be provided throughout the winter and will cover additional topics.

The office is located at 12923 Lawrence Road in Sterling. Please register by December 10.

## Junior Leadership Conference

**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration will open in November at [go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc). This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

Scholarships for Lee County 4-H'ers are available. To apply, please email Kathy with your answers to the following questions by January 6: Name, Why you would like to go? What will you do with the information you bring home?

## Scholarships Available

### **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.

## Understanding Copyright and Trademark Laws

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can't use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don't use something that doesn't belong to you.

4-H members can't draw or copy someone else's design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can't draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can't create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can't draw a Disney princess. You can't put SpongeBob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn't take your neighbor's bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren't yours but use them like they are, that's stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

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