

The Clover

Lee County 4-H Newsletter

6 December 2019

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Items Highlighted:

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Upcoming Dates

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

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

At the Federation meeting, we discussed that we will meet at 11:45 to set up for the awards banquet. As well as a reminder was said about getting your clubs to bring their 2 games to Winterfest. Federation will be purchasing the new federation members t-shirts. The next meeting we will be holding a sock exchange. Submitted by Addie Morley.

AFC Aggies

We had a meeting on 11-10-10 at 6pm. Ava Prior called the meeting to order. There were 8 kids present. First, we talked about our fundraiser we did this month. We sold coffee and tea to help raise money for our 4-H club. At the meeting we also talked about attending our town Christmas walk that is coming up in Ashton. We decided on handing out cups of hot cocoa. Next, we discussed Winterfest on January 4th. We talked about taking two games. Two or more are required. Finally, we spoke briefly about the 4-H officer training coming up and about the awards ceremony. To wrap up the meeting, Dakota White did her yearly talk on their family dog Febe. Dakota did a speech on how to take care of her dog. The Next Meeting is set for 6pm on December 8. 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

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. 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

We are now at 90% re-enrollment! Thank you to everyone who as re-enrolled!

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 4th 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 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.

State Dog Workshop

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Pre-registration is not required.

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 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!

Scholarships for Lee County 4-H'ers are available. To apply, please email Kathy with your answers to the following questions by December 12: Name, Why you would like to go? What will you do with the information you bring home?

Citizenship Washington Focus

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 – 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020.** Register at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF.

4-H House

There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.

Upcoming 4-H Workshops and SPIN (SPecial INterest) Clubs

Over the next several pages you will find the flyers for our upcoming events! Registration is required for all events and spin clubs except for Winter Fest.

These events are open to ALL YOUTH (unless an age requirement is listed) Please share events with your friends.

Holiday STEAAM
Archery
Kids & K-9's
Health & Wellness
The Food Lab
Project Pool

4-H Holiday STEAM Workshop

Come join the University of Illinois Extension as we explore activities in:
Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math that all relate to the Holidays!

We have some fun and educational sessions ready for all youth ages 8-14. Younger youth want to participate? No problem we have our 4-H Cloverbud session all morning for youth ages 5-7. Sessions fill up fast so sign up early!



- ⚙️ **Who?:** All youth ages 5-12
- ⚙️ **Location:** Harvest Time Bible Church
1802 Dixon Rd, Rock Falls
- ⚙️ **Date:** Saturday, December 21
- ⚙️ **Time:** 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- ⚙️ **Cost:** \$20.00 / youth
- ⚙️ **Registration:** go.illinois.edu/HolidaySteam
Pre-registration is Required by Dec.. 16
Questions Call: 815-632-3611

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Flip Flyer over for a list of activity sessions.

First come first serve when registering
for sessions.

Sessions are limited to a maximum of 10
participants and minimum of 4 participants.

No refunds after - Dec .16

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Sessions offered at 4-H Holiday S.T.E.A.M. for 8-12 year olds

- ⇒ **Painted Holiday Barn Quilts**– Want to create a holiday themed barn quilt for you or a loved one? Then this session is for you.
- ⇒ **Holiday Succulent Wreaths**- In time for the holiday season, bright and textured succulent wreaths are living plant wreaths for any occasion. Succulents are desert plants adapted as houseplants. Learn more about what succulents are, their biology, how to build your own wreath and how it needs to be cared for.
- ⇒ **Needle Felting Ornaments**– Needle Felting is a fun way to be creative. Come and make an adorable reindeer, snowman or penguin. Adorn your tree with your handmade ornaments!
- ⇒ **Grinch Slime**- Like making messes? Come to this session to create gooey Grinch sparkle slime and decorate a container to take it home in.
- ⇒ **Snowman Bath Fizz**- Do you like Science? Do you like mixing things together? Then come and learn how to make your own Snowman Bath Bomb and how the chemistry of putting different material together can create an amazing gift for the holidays! You will take your own Snowman Bath Bomb and the instructions to make your own at home.
- ⇒ **Holiday Strawberry Jam**- Have you ever made your own Holiday jam? Want to make your toasty of holiday dinner roll extra tasty? Join this session and learn the ins and outs of jam making and walk away with a treat!
- ⇒ **Finger knitting garland**- Have you ever wanted to learn to knit, but thought it might be too difficult? Check out our session on Finger knitting for a fun and easy way to begin your love of knitting. All we will use is our fingers and yarn!
- ⇒ **Netted Holiday Tree**– Come and make the most beautiful mini Holiday tree. Perfect for grandma or a special aunt. Keep it for yourself and decorate your bedroom for the holidays. Truly a keepsake for years of enjoyment.
- ⇒ **Geoboard Snowflakes**– in this session math meets art in this winter snowflake STEM activity. Youth will love building their own snowflake using loom bands and will get to take their creation home!
- ⇒ **Edible Reindeer and Tree**– These edible reindeer may not be Santa’s first pick to pull his sleigh, but they are adorable! Standing next to a candy coated tree that you will decorate , these 5 in tall tasty reindeer will fly away with your heart!

5-7 year olds (Cloverbud age youth)- these youth will be in a session all to themselves with lots of fun activities, crafts, games and more planned. Your kids are sure to have a blast and will have plenty of make and takes to bring home!

Break/Snack time: 10:45-11:00am (Snack Provided)

Session one: 9:00-9:50

- Geoboard Snowflakes
- Succulent Wreaths
- Snowman Bath Fizz
- Holiday Jam
- Needle Felted Ornaments
- Netted Holiday Tree Craft

Session Two: 9:55-10:45

- Geoboard Snowflakes
- Finger Knitting
- Holiday Barn Quilt
- Netted Holiday Tree
- Grinch Slime
- Edible Reindeer snacks

Session Three: 11:00-11:50

- Succulent Wreaths
- Snowman Bath Fizz
- Finger Knitting
- Needle Felted Ornaments
- Grinch Slime
- Edible Reindeer snacks

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WINTER FEST

**FREE GAMES AND FOOD
HOT DOGS, POPCORN &
HOT COCOA
OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

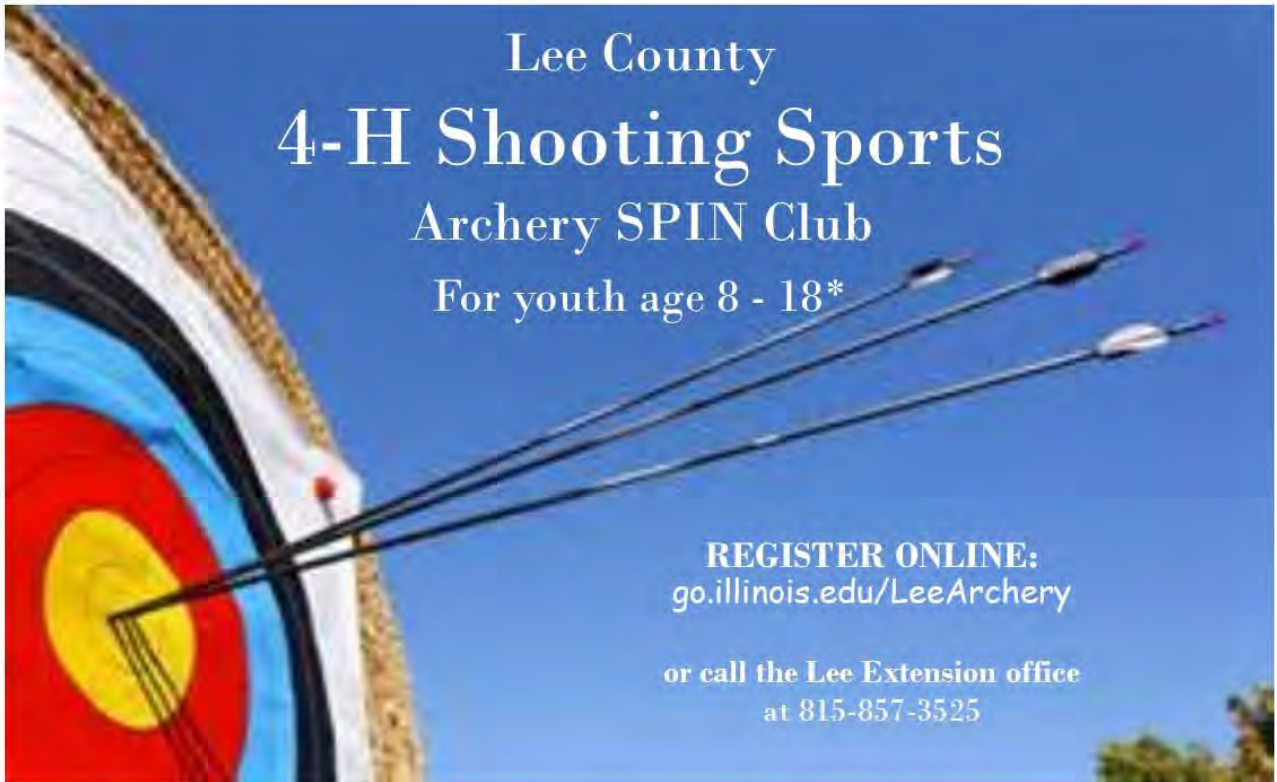
Winterfest

January 4 • Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Lee County
4-H Shooting Sports
 Archery SPIN Club
 For youth age 8 - 18*

REGISTER ONLINE:
go.illinois.edu/LeeArchery

or call the Lee Extension office
 at 815-857-3525



Specific objectives for the program are:

- Teach decision-making, self-discipline, teamwork, self confidence and problem solving.
- Promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- Encourage an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.
- Develop leadership abilities
- Build character and willingness to assume citizenship responsibility.
- Furnish enjoyable, positive relationships with peers and adult instructors.
- Strengthen families through participation in life-long recreational activities.
- Provide a safe, controlled environment for the learning of safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment.
- Build awareness of related career opportunities and life long avocational activities.

Archery Classes will take place at
Sauk Valley Archers,
 598 Palmyra Rd, Dixon, IL 61021
 2nd & 4th Mondays

Beginners: 5:30-6:30 pm
 Beginners may bring own equipment or use provided equipment

Advanced: 7:00-8:00 pm
 Advanced must bring own equipment and be comfortable shooting at least 20 yards.

January 13, 27
 February 10, 24
 March 9, 23

COST:
 \$20 4-H Program Fee
 *age as of Sept. 1, 2019



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Kids & K-9's

This is a survey class that will introduce you to all facets of training including obedience, rally, agility and showmanship.

It is also designed to help your dog become a more integral part of your family.

This is also the perfect class for those wishing to prepare for

The 4-H dog show or the annual Show 'N Show off day.



Details:

- Open to youth ages 8-18 (as of Sept 1, 2019)
- K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon
- Starts Saturday, February 8
(See additional dates online)
- Advanced 9:30 am
- Beginners (new dogs or 4-H'ers only) 11:00 am
- Cost: \$20 yearly 4-H membership fee

Bring:

- A collar
- A 6 foot leash
- Soft treats
- **Current Shot Records (must be brought to first lesson)**

Please note: Parental supervision may be required as deemed necessary by instructor



Contact:

Kathy Book 815-857-3525 kbook@illinois.edu
Office@grannyrosek-9.org

Registration available at:

go.illinois.edu/kidsk9

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K-9 Enrichment Center
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Kids & K-9's Important Information

As of 12/5/19

Advanced—9:30 am Beginners— 11 am

While attending as many sessions as possible is preferred,
you must attend at least 8 to qualify for the 4-H Dog show
Registration for the beginners class closes April 1 (or when full)

Class Dates

Feb 8, 22

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

March 7, 14, 21, 28

June 13, 20

April 4, 18, 25

*Class dates subject to change
depending on center schedule*



Upcoming Shows

June 6

Granny Rose Show N Show-off Day

June 27

Multi-County 4-H Dog Show

August 29

State 4-H Dog Show

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HEALTH & WELLNESS 4-H CLUB

**MEETING AFTER SCHOOL
THURSDAY'S
2:30-3:30 PM
JANUARY 23 -FEBRUARY 27
MADISON SCHOOL LIBRARY, DIXON**

Youth grades 4-8 will enjoy learning about healthy lifestyles while having fun.

Register online:

go.illinois.edu/LeeHealth4H

\$20 4-H Membership Fee

For more information:

Kathy Book: 815-857-3525

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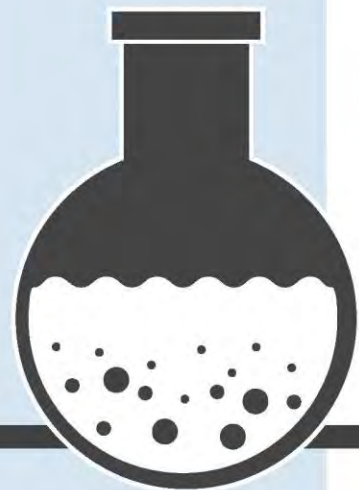
JOIN OUR 4-H FOOD SCIENCE CLUB
JANUARY 23RD-FEBRUARY 27TH
THURSDAYS 5-6 PM
AGES 8-13

REGISTER BY JANUARY 17TH
AT: GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/LEEFODLAB

COST: \$20 4-H MEMBERSHIP FEE
(\$10 FOR EXISTING 4-H MEMBERS)

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Lee County Project Pool

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Lee County Fair Grounds 9am – 12pm
Workshop Profile

*Workshops should be geared towards a project that can be shown at the fair or a lesson(s) in a project book. **High Schoolers in 4-H or adults can teach workshops.***

Cloverbuds will meet the whole morning and will need facilitators.

Workshops are 55 minutes long

9-9:55

10-10:55

10:55-11:05 (BREAK!)

11:05-12:00

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Title of workshop/project area _____

Description - No descriptions will be printed.

List any equipment that you would like Extension to supply or any tasks that you will need us to do to help you prepare: (number of tables, copies made, supplies to be purchased, etc.)

If not known at this time, please let us know by March 1.

Would you be willing to present this session a second time? Yes/no

Please return this form **ASAP or by Wednesday, January 29**

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