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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are as excited as I am to get back into all things 4-H! In this newsletter there are many scholarships, conferences and contests that you can take part in. Think about taking advantage of all that 4-H has to offer. There are several local, state, and national 4-H workshops or conferences that you can attend for a reduced fee due to the local 4-H Scholarships. All members qualify for these scholarships! Make sure you talk to the office before you register online.

Please read all the deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact us. Many important dates regarding livestock projects are coming up. The deadline to add any general show projects you want to take to the 2021 4-H Fair is **March 1**. This is where you tell us what projects you want to learn more about. You will tell us what you plan to bring to the fair at a later date. Email Nicole to get your projects added.

Yours in 4-H,

Shelby R. Carlson

4-H Steer Weigh-In Scheduled

If you are planning on bringing a steer to the County 4-H Show or to the State Fair, please plan to weigh-in at the



**Knox County Fairgrounds—Saturday, February 6
from 10-11:30 am.**

If you have issues with the Knox Fairgrounds date, please contact the office. Abingdon Festival Grounds will be doing a weigh –in the following weekend and need headcounts of who will be attending.

Please call the Extension office to specify how many you plan to weigh-in and with a number to call in case of bad weather. We would like to remind members that weigh-in should be done in the county of your enrollment. *New this year we ask that all members and families attending wear a mask.*

Unit-Wide Policies

- The new year begins September 1. Please make sure you read and understand the policies. We are trying to keep the deadlines consistent so it is easier for everyone to remember the dates. If a deadline lands on a weekend, the paperwork needs to be turned in the drop box on Monday prior to 7:59 a.m. before the office opens.
- **October 11** - RISK forms need to be turned into the office by all new members and those who do not have one on file. Medical forms need to be turned into your leader.
- **December 1** - Re-enrollment, project selection, and RISK forms need to be completed. **If you were a member last year, and you miss the December 1 re-enrollment deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the 2021 4-H shows at the fair.** Check with your club leader about the \$20 program fee. Each club will be invoiced for the total amount due.
- Members will need to **attend at least four meetings** a year to be eligible to participate in your county's 4-H fair. This year attending meetings virtually as well as in person counts for attendance .
- At minimum members must complete **a talk or demonstration**. However, clubs may require both.
- Secretaries are required to **send attendance sheets to the Extension Office monthly** after each 4-H meeting. Attendance reports may be emailed, scanned, mailed, or dropped off. We ask that you use the online Secretary Record Book. You may print it out.
- Treasurers need to make sure they are **balancing accounts monthly** and providing reports during each meeting. Also, make sure you are using the required online Treasurer Record Book.
- **January 1** – Livestock and Companion Animal (dogs and cats) Project Enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add **ANY livestock** project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair.
- **March 1** – General Project enrollment deadline. This is the last date you may add a general project and still be eligible to show that project at the county 4-H fair. Remember that you already turned in your enrollment in December, but if you need to add a general project you may do so before this deadline.
- **May 1** - Horse project members' ownership/lease papers and pictures due to the office.
- **May 1** – **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** yearly certification is required of all livestock project members (aside from cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits). For all other animals, QAEC will still be required. If you plan to show livestock at the county and/or state fair, this is now a state requirement for all of us at the county level. Ask your local extension office about ways to complete this training online or in person. For all other animals (cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits), QAEC will still be required.
- **June 1** – Dog project members' ownership/lease papers due to the office.
- **4 weeks before show** – Online entries will be due at the close of the day. This is where you tell us what projects you are bringing to the fair. Keep in mind—do not delay!

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

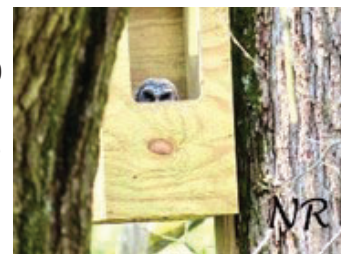
4-H members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must completed their annual YQCA training either on-line at yqca.org (\$12) or at an in-person training (\$3) by **May 1**. An email from Nicole will follow with details for registering. In-person trainings are scheduled as follows and subject to change pending weather and COVID status. Details will be confirmed a week before the training. In-person trainings will be held at Knox Agri Center Meeting Room: **February 18 | April 12**

QAEC training is required for members enrolled in cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit. This training must be completed once in a members career. Training must be completed by **May 1**. <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

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BARRED OWL NEST BOX CHALLENGE

It's not too late to jump in on the Barred Owl Nest Box Challenge. Last year over 30 sets of boxes were installed, and are set to be monitored this coming spring! New boxes must be made and set by **mid-January** at the latest to give momma owl time to find and choose her favorite style of nest box! For details and instructions, contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu



INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR 4-H STORY?

Interested in sharing your 4-H story for a 4-H Alumni profile? We are seeking 4-H alumni to share their 4-H story to be highlighted on our social media accounts for a "Member Monday" 4-H profile! Feel free to [share your 4-H Story](#) today!

ILLINI SUMMER ACADEMIES

If you are curious as to what college or career is right for you, plan now to join us and discover new possibilities at the Illini Summer Academies (ISA)! At ISA you can expect a fun and exploratory experience featuring a virtual academy session and a variety of new workshops and fun virtual activities. For questions, contact us at illini-4h@illinois.edu.



ISA TEEN PRODUCTION TEAM

Join us and be a part of the Illini Summer Academies Teen Production Team! Help us plan and lead this summer, state-wide, virtual event! For more information on what the Teen Production Team does and, how to apply, please click on this [here](#).

Application Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: **Friday, January 8, 2021**

Interviews will be a part of the application process!

Contact information:

Roxana Cejeda illini-4h@illinois.edu | 217-333-0910

ISA TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois 4-H Foundation offers scholarships to assist youth in attending Illini Summer Academies. Trail Blazers Scholarships are provided to make college exploratory experiences accessible to all youth by encouraging participation of scholars who are under-represented in certain career fields and who may find the cost of attendance to exploratory programs a significant challenge. For more information on requirements and how to apply, please click [here](#).

Application link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2vAsJuQ3L6TTkT0LQEJ7WX-Gu_Fx-x45INE_3HBK-La4eNg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Due: **Friday, January 22, 2021**

Contact information:

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Virtual 4-H Meeting Options

Some of you may not be comfortable meeting in person. Some clubs may not be able to offer a virtual option. That's okay! Our office will be offering a virtual meeting option if you are unable to meet with your club virtually or in person. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 19 at 5:30. Email Shelby at srcarls2@illinois.edu to for more information or to get the meeting link.**

Project Highlight: Health and Fitness

Not only does a new year often bring plans to eat right and move more, but in 2020, health care professionals were the talk of the town. If you have a new interest in health and fitness and want to learn more, consider enrolling in the 4-H health and fitness project. In this project, you will learn about first aid, health care professions, design personal health plans, and more! Careers relating to health and fitness are nearly endless. We all think about doctors and nurses, but there are a number of people working to keep you healthy each and every day. From personal trainers and nutritionists to phlebotomists and office managers. Check out the health and fitness project today!

Knox County Fair

We are currently working on the details for our Shows and Showbook. We want to help you plan ahead in case our 4-H families need to request time off of work or want to invite family and friends to the fair. Locations and method of shows will be determined using the most up to date COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. Please mark these dates on you calendar(s):

- Public Presentations & Food Demonstrations—March 25
- Dog Show—TBD
- General Show & Clothing Show *NEW THIS YEAR*—Saturday, July 10 (tentative)
- Fair Week—July 11—14; tentative additional dates July 15 & 16 if show needs to be spread out
- Horse Show—Sunday, July 17 (tentative)

Public Presentation Contest

As we finalize a date and location for our Public Speaking Contest we want to give you a friendly reminder that there is still time (**March 1**) to add this project if the contest is something that interests you. Below is the list of categories that you can choose from. Please note that 4-H members are able to attend the State Contest in one category.

- **Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes**
- **Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes**
- **Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed |**
- **Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes**
- **Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes**

We offer a “4-H Pledge” class to 4-H youth ages 8-10 years old as of 9/1/20.

Our Day at the State Fair

Mark your calendars Knox County's day to exhibit General Show projects at the Illinois State Fair is **Sunday, August 15**. To help plan ahead we are sharing that parking pass for the State Fair will **NOT** be available to purchase ahead of time in our offices. This is to help mainstream the parking process on the fairgrounds.



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to be launching this new Illinois 4-H opportunity creating a platform for 4-H Volunteers from across Illinois to meet virtually and discuss topics of interest, share both ideas and challenges. Volunteers will gain access to tools & techniques to support their volunteer efforts, strengthening 4-H club and member learning experiences. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so come with your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack as well!

- **Thursday, November 19, 2020; 7 PM**

TOPICS will include:

1. **Planning Service Learning & Community Service Experiences that Make a Difference**
2. **Communicating Effectively with 4-H Families**

Link to register for the next Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22724>

Future 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations are scheduled in February & May! We are excited with our participation so far and will be recognizing volunteers and 4-H members who participate in 75% of the Volunteer Café Conversations with a token of our appreciation! Be sure to save the dates!

- **Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM**
- **Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM**

NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE UPCOMING 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH AGRI-SCIENCE SUMMIT

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. The summit will be an opportunity to meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with professionals in the field of Agri-science. As a cornerstone of the experience, participants are challenged to identify and develop action plans that address issues related to agriculture in their community. For more information visit:

<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#!agri-science>

For more information, contact Mark Becker, mbbecker@illinois.edu.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Here's help to pay for college

- **TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP**

A **\$1000 Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school in the fall of 2021. Applications are **due January 15** and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>

- **JACOB IRA BOUXSEIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

A **\$1,000 Scholarship** will be awarded someone enrolled as a full time freshman or sophomore in an accredited college, university, or trade school during the Fall of 2021 Applications are **due January 15** and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

- **IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The IAA Foundation offers 78 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. While applicants may apply for multiple awards, they can only receive one scholarship. Certain scholarships may have more specific requirements. Online application and guidelines are found at www.iaafoundation.org, along with a full listing of eligibility requirements and a FAQ section. For additional information please contact the IAA Foundation office at 309.557.2232 or email jsmith@ilfb.org Application period **opens on January 1 and ends February 15**. Completed applications must be electronically submitted on or before **February 15**.

- **DON TEEL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. They must be enrolled as a full time student in a university or community college with a declared agriculture or related course of study. An applicant may only be awarded this scholarship once. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 1**. Submit completed applications to: Knox County Farm Bureau, 180 S. Soangetaha Road Galesburg, IL 61401, (309) 342-2036. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

- **KCAHCE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This **\$500 scholarship** is designed to be awarded to Knox County 4-H Members, relatives of KCAHCE members (past and present), or KCAHCE members who are attending college. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **April 15** each year. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

- **KNOX COUNTY 4-H AND EXTENSION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation offers scholarships each year to incoming freshman and sophomores attending a university, college, junior college, or technical school Criteria for selection will be achievements and leadership in 4-H, community service, academic record and usage of scholarship. Applications must be submitted to the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401 by **May 14** each year. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Application can be found at <https://extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/4-h-knox-county> under "Resources"

Club Reports

Club Report Submissions are due by the 26th of each month by 11:59 PM to Nicole, nenelso2@illinois.edu
Please keep your submissions to a maximum of 200 words to ensure space for all club reports.

Delong Livestock Report by Dylan Nimrick The December meeting of the Delong Livestock 4-H club was held virtually on December 13th at 5pm. There were 20 members present. The club purchased angel tree gifts for a girl and boy Paige Nimrick showed us what she and Shelby Taylor purchased for the girl. Caleb Mason showed us the gifts he bought for the boy. Allie Hopkins, Drake Nimrick and Dylan Nimrick told us about the federation drive through awards banquet that they attended. A community service committee presented us with some ideas for this year. The club voted to start by participating in the diaper drive. We set a goal to collect 350 diapers. Zach Hopkins presented his demo this month. Before adjourning, Drake Nimrick led a game of would you rather. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm. The next meeting via Zoom will be held January 5th at 5pm.

Henderson Aggies Report by Julia Robinson The Henderson Aggies 4-h meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm over a zoom call on December 7th. Pledges were led by Harrison Gibb. Treasurer's report was given by Luke Hawkins, approved by Seth Hawkinson, and seconded by Harrison Gibb. The Secretary's report was then given by Esther Gibb. It was approved by Seth Hawkinson and seconded by Julia Robinson. Tonight's meeting was parent profession night. Parent profession night was done in pictorial style. Members would attempt to draw their parent's jobs or something having to do with their occupation. Then the members of the club drew what they wanted their future occupation to be.

Under old business we had the bee presentation by Mr. Gibb from last meeting along with 4-H dues. Next was new business. We talked about parent professions and community service project ideas. Seth Hawkinson made a motion to wait until the next meeting to discuss ideas to give members time to think. Natalie Nelson seconded. After that, the club talked about talks and demonstrations. Natalie Nelson made a motion to record the talk and demonstration, then members would share their screen on the zoom meeting. The motion was seconded by Harrison Gibb. A motion was made by Seth Hawkinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Sophia Huizenga seconded.

Rio Livestock Report by Clara Asplund The December Rio Livestock meeting was on the 13th at 3 pm. The meeting was held via zoom so as to keep everyone safe. We discussed our service projects again and had our group who did the angel trees talk about what they got and how it went. We also discussed how the Drive-by awards went. The meeting lasted around an hour.

Williamsfield Town & Country Report by Jolene Smith This month's meeting was held completely virtual this month due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases and keeping our members safe. We kicked the meeting off by playing "Two Truths and a Lie" as a club to learn about one another. We started discussing the diaper drive and how as a club we want to contribute. Molly Warner encouraged members to attend the virtual federation meetings to become more involved outside of just our club. Then we covered talks/demos and the plan for presenting those in these uncertain times. We decided for parent appreciation week, we would post on facebook as well as write a note to our parents thanking them for everything they do for us. We covered due dates for enrollments and certifications. We look forward to what 2021 will bring us in the 4-H world!

Farmer's Forecast

Please submit all Farmer's Forecast articles and JPG photos to nenelso2@illinois.edu. Articles are due no later than the **26th of the month at 11:59 PM**. Need Ideas about what to write? Just ask!

January: Henderson Aggies
April: Rising Clovers
July: Victoria Cloverleaf
October: Williamsfield T&C

February: Knox County Power Clovers
May: Rusty Spurs
August: Walnut Grove Progressors
November: Willing Workers

March: Rio Livestock
June: Union
September: Wataga Trailblazers
December: Backcountry Braves

Federation Meeting

The purpose of the 4-H Federation is to cooperate with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H program in unifying and strengthening the 4-H Youth Development program in Knox County. Federation bands together the local 4-H clubs into a central representative body for the improvement of the 4-H club program. Federation makes recommendations regarding the 4-H program, carries out unit-based 4-H activities and events such as camps, contests, fund-raising activities, recreational events and achievement night. Anyone interested in becoming a part of Federation is welcome! Please contact Beth for more information; 309-342-5108 or email nenelso2@illinois.edu.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 17 @ 5:pm. Contact Nicole for Zoom link.

Dates to Remember

January 15	DEADLINE: Teach Outdoor & Jacob Ira Bouxsein Scholarships
January 17	Federation Meeting
January 18	Cards Due for Federation Service Project
February 6	Steer Weigh In—Knox County Fairgrounds
February 15	DEADLINE: IAA Scholarship
February 18	YQCA In-Person Training
February 19	Diaper Donation Deadline
February 28	DEADLINE: Fair Book Cover Contest
March 1	DEADLINE: General Project Enrollment
March 25	Public Presentations Contest
April 1	DEADLINE: Don Teel Scholarship
April 12	YQCA In-Person Training
April 15	DEADLINE: KCAHCE Scholarship
May 1	DEADLINE: Horse Paperwork
May 1	DEADLINE: YQCA/QAEC
May 14	DEADLINE: Extension Foundation Scholarship
June 1	DEADLINE: Dog Paperwork
July 10	General & Clothing Show (tentative)
July 11-16	Knox County 4-H Fair (15 & 16 tentative)
July 17	Horse Show (tentative)

Holiday Greetings Service Project

The Knox County 4-H Federation are making Christmas and Holiday cards and pictures for local nursing homes. We welcome all clubs and members to join us in this project! These cards and pictures will brighten the spirits of the elderly that are unable to have visitors this year. Please bring all cards to the Knox County Extension Office by **January 18th** or before so that we can share them with the nursing homes.

Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank Diaper Drive

The Knox County 4-H Federation and Unit Federations will be collecting diapers to donate to the Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. Once again, we will be making it a competition, but this year it will be between counties in the Unit! The first place club will “save” their Program Coordinator from eating baby food. The winner will be chosen based on the number of individual diapers brought in per member by each county. All sizes and brands of diapers in open or unopened packaging are welcome. Diapers can be brought to the office now up until **February 19th**. More information, dates, and deadlines will be coming to our Facebook page and website soon!

4-H Fair Book Cover Contest

Any 4-H members interested in creating an original design for the 2021 Knox County 4-H Fair Book must submit their entry to the Extension Office by **February 28**. The entry that is selected for the cover will receive a prize and will have their art on display. **To be considered for the contest and to receive the prize, entries must meet the following requirements:**

Title: Knox County 4-H Fair Book

Paper: 8.5x11 piece of paper with at least 1/2 inch border on all sides.

Ink: Black ink or Black Marker (pencil isn't dark enough and the book is printed in black and white)

Originality: Everything must be freehand. You may not use a computer or copyright graphics.

Fair Date: Leave a 1x3 inch space for the Extension Office to insert the dates and locations of the 4-H Show and Project Show.

4-H Clover: The 4-H Clover may not be distorted or rotated. Do not place text or pictures over the 4-H Clover. For a list of guidelines regarding the 4-H Clover, please contact your local Extension office.

Deadline: Friday, February 28



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