



E-NEWS



December 18, 2020

"To Make the Best Better"

Merry Christmas



ARTIST: KARRAGAN VONDRAN
SCALES MOUND 4-H CLUB

IT'S TIME
TO BE
MERRY!

May your days be festive
and bright! Happy
Christmas!

JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H



Merry Christmas everyone!!

Congratulations to Karragan Vondran from the Scales Mound 4-H club for submitting the winning design for our Christmas Card Design contest.

My family and I wish each of you an abundance of blessings this holiday season. Be safe if you are traveling and have a wonderful New Year.

I will see you all in 2021!

Federation Meeting: The next 4-H Federation Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, January 4. This will begin at 7 pm. I will send the invite by email.

PLEASE NOTE- The Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago County Extension Offices will be closed for the holidays beginning December 24. We will reopen for normal business on January 4.

CLUB ATTENDANCE POLICY- Please remember that all 4-H members must attend at least 1/3 of the club meetings/activities in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. At the end of June, 4-H Club Organizational Leaders will be given a "Non-Eligible for Show" Form to complete and turn in to the Extension Office.

Please do your best to attend!

BEEF WEIGH-IN:

Weigh-In will be held at the Schnitzler Farm located at 5825 S. Schnitzler Rd., Elizabeth. This will take place on Saturday, February 6, 2021.

I will not be sending beef weigh-in forms this year. You will register online using the following link:

When you register, you will need to sign up for a specific time. You will need to tell me the names of all the participants included in your "family", how many animals you will be bringing, and how many EID tags you will need.

I have set times every 20 minutes. We are hoping to eliminate as much contact as we can and be as safe as possible, so the following safety measures will be in place for beef weigh-in. 1. No extra people will be allowed. Only the exhibitor of the animal that is currently being processed OR one parent/guardian will be allowed out of their vehicles at a time. NOT BOTH. 2. Only the exhibitor OR one parent/guardian will be allowed in the "processing" area at a time. 3. Everyone must wear a mask.

All beef exhibitors who plan to cross county lines to participate in other shows, participate at the IL State Fair, and who would like to exhibit in the rate of gain class at the 4-H fair... must go through beef weigh in.

You must be registered by January 31.

Welcome New 4-Hers!

*Elsie Coppes

*Gabbie
Gonzalez

*Brook,
Hayden, and
Heather
Bradbury

*Kinzley
Stoewer

*Lane Vondran

*Sophia
Wachter

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At this time,
We are
planning
for an
IN-PERSON
4-H Fair.

Overnight
events such as
Illini Academies,
4-H Camp, and
any 4-H
conferences will
be held virtually
or not at all this
program year.

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PROGRAM BOOK COVER CONTEST– With the new 4-H year underway, it is once again time to think about the 2021 4-H Fair Program Book Cover Contest.

All 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing. If chosen, this drawing will be the cover for the 4-H Fair Program Book. The deadline to submit your drawing will be March 1, 2021.

The theme for this year is: “4-H: OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL”

- A fine point black marker or dark pencil works best for copying your picture, so please do NOT use colored pencils. The program book is printed in black and white.
- Please make sure you have the theme title AND the current year somewhere in your drawing.
- Please make sure your text is legible and spelled correctly.
- You may bring your hard copy to 204 Vine St. in Elizabeth or you can scan and email it to me. Please do NOT fax or send it as a picture.
- If you are submitting a hard copy, please include name, age, and club on the back lightly in pencil. If you are emailing it to me, please include the information in the email.

4-H UNIVERSITY APP- The State 4-H Office has launched a free app for all androids and iPhones called “4-H University.” Currently, this app will feature “Cooking 101” material, project manual for the “Technology: Drone” project and material for the new “Maker” project. You may find this app on the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

IL 4-H Sustaining the Future Award deadline has been extended to January 8, 2021.

This award is sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau and affiliate companies. Winners of this award are eligible to attend the Premier 20 Youth Leadership Conference in April. Delegates for this conference are selected based on their outstanding leadership within either 4-H or FFA.

*Get creative.

*Do not use Color.

*Any age 4-Her may enter.

*All submissions will be featured in the program book.



Eligibility:

Applicants must be age 17-19 as of September 1, and wishing to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.

Application Link:

<https://www.jotform.com/build/201686303129149>

Due: January 8, 2021

FAIR AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS– Fair and Achievement awards may be picked up at the Extension Office beginning this week. These awards will include IL State Fair and the 4-H fair ribbons, all livestock banners, all champion awards, Achievement awards such as medals, t-shirts, program cover, cloverbud awards, and if you are 10 year or 11 year member– you have an award as well. If you are receiving only a medal, pin, or certificate– anything easy to mail; I will mail them too you.

In some instances, club leaders have volunteered to bring your club awards to your community. If you are a member of 21st Century, Shooting Stars, Pleasant View, or Scales Mound... You will need to contact your leader.

If you are in Menominee, Chelsea BB, or Top Notchers... please contact the Extension Office or just come by during our business hours. Please remember that Gayle does not work on Mondays and we are entering the holiday season. I am starting my holiday break early and will be gone between December 21-January 3. Gayle will be here next week Tue.-Fri.

Our office will be closed Monday, December 21 (Gayle does not work) and then December 24– through the New Year. We will open for regular M-F hours beginning January 4. Our normal hours are 8 am– 4 pm.

Leaders– I have a gift for you as well!

I may have made mistakes so don't hesitate to contact me if something is confusing or looks wrong.

Medals are for Achievement Awards (Level 3 also gets a tee), member pins are for those that completed their 1st, 5th, 10th, or 11th year in 4-H, and some members will get a certificate of completion for Achievement.

STILL NEED TO ENROLL? Click on <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. You will need to select the right club and pick at least one project. Don't forget to click on "pay by check" and then SUBMIT.

Forgot to add a project? Email me and let me know which project you would like me to add for you. At this time, families are not allowed to go back in and add more projects.

Did you turn in your cloverbud project selection form? If you are new, did you complete and return your lifetime liability waiver?

Did you remember to request your manual? If not, click https://illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKHndI7TOo9tS1T

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL ESPORTS SPIN CLUB?

With eSports becoming one of the largest growing tech industries in the world, with an annual revenue of \$1.5 billion with an expectation to reach \$2.2 billion by 2023, it is time that our youth become poised and ready to meet the demands of this growing field.

Are you **at least 12 years old and own a computer or gaming system**? This year Illinois 4-H released a pilot curriculum focused on the growing field of electronic sports, or eSports, and we would like to pilot it with you! As a pilot, we hope to add to and modify the curriculum based on the feedback and input of the youth involved. Under the direction of Illinois 4-H Computer Science Innovator Eric Li, youth will be virtually guided (using Zoom) through the eSports Pilot curriculum, learn the basics of the eSports field, and learn about the hardware and software that makes eSports possible. In addition, youth will be able to play and practice their favorite games as a team, and potentially compete in one or more eSports competitions through the Spring and Summer.

Registration for this opportunity is open and closes on Jan. 15, with meetings beginning the third week of January. Schedule and goals will be determined/presented in the first meeting with plans on meeting at least twice a month (and more frequently before competitions).

Interested youth can sign up at the link below: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22817>

For questions or comments, please contact the Illinois 4-H STEM Team at Illinois4h-STEM@illinois.edu

SAVE THE DATE:

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation will be having their annual "Luminary Hike - An Open Hike Night" at Casper Bluff in Galena. This will be a come & go style event in order to avoid groups. This will be on January 23rd, 2021 at 6 pm - 8 pm (snow-date:1/30/2021).

If you are a member of the Owl Club— I would encourage you to put this on your calendar! Jessica says there should be some owls out... so practice your calls.

FREE



4-H Club Officer Virtual Training

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021
9-11 A.M.**

Cost: Free - Hosted by 4-H Volunteers

**Register Online @ go.illinois.edu/jswofficertraining or
by calling the Extension office at 815-235-4125**

**MUST
PRE-REGISTER**



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Becky (from Stephenson Co) and I are working on an virtual officer training. This will be a unit event with volunteers from all three counties to lead our officer breakout sessions.

I HIGHLY encourage all JDC 4-H club officers, Federation members, and anyone interested in learning more to register!

CALLING ALL JDC 4-HERS!

4-H PROGRAMS AND FARM BUREAU LOCATIONS IN OUR AREA ARE TEAMING UP TO OFFER A PUBLIC SPEAKING VIRTUAL TRAINING. THIS TRAINING IS OPEN TO ALL JDC, STEPHENSON, WINNEBAGO, OGLE, BOONE, AND DEKALB 4-HERS. MEET SPECIAL GUEST CANDICE KING (NEWS METEOROLOGIST AND 4-H ALUM) AND HEAR HOW PUBLIC SPEAKING HELPS HER IN HER JOB!



4-H & FARM BUREAU PUBLIC SPEAKING VIRTUAL TRAINING

Learn how to write and perform a speech using gestures and movement. Learn how to frame yourself in a digital world. Meet Candice King, 4-H alumni and local news meteorologist. Get informed on the Speaking for Illinois 4-H Program, and get feedback if you have a speech prepared to share.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 FROM 9-11 A.M.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 1/5/21

[HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/PUBLICSPEAKINGTRAINING](https://go.illinois.edu/publicspeakingtraining)



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I MADE THAT!

Baking Month Education Kit

Jo Daviess County 4-H Stephenson County 4-H Winnebago County 4-H

January is National Baking Month & Bread is on the Rise!

Learn to bake yeast bread and how to make modifications to fit your family's needs. University of Illinois Extension & 4-H has a fun opportunity to enhance your baking skills!

We are putting together educational cooking kits - designed to inspire the inner chef and help youth gain confidence while working in the kitchen.

Sign-up to receive a January Baking Kit!

The cost is \$5 per kit. Each kit includes a baking guide, yeast bread recipes, a sensory evaluation, plus a bag of flour and yeast to get started.

- Register for your kit at go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat
- Your kits will be available the 3rd week of January for you to pick up at one of our Extension offices in Jo Daviess, Stephenson & Winnebago.
- You'll then have a few weeks to utilize your kit and bake your bread.
- Complete your sensory evaluation form and upload a photo of your bread to showcase what you've learned by **February 1.**

This project is ideal for families to do together or for youth with cooking experience. Make time to cook together as a family! All youth are welcome and do not have to be a 4-H member to participate.

There are many benefits of this socially engaging, offline activity, including:

- Youth develop life skills and social skills
- Teamwork and family bonding are reinforced
- Cooking promotes gratitude and appreciation
- Healthy habits and positive memories are fostered

So...let's get baking!

The deadline to register is January 12, 2021

Register at go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat



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THANK YOU 4-H ALUMNI– I wanted to take a moment to recognize all our 4-H alumni living in Jo Daviess County. If you are a 4-H Alum, please take a moment to complete the alumni registration and get your name on the list!

Marianne	Schoenhaar
Lisa	Bonvillain
Isaac	Morhardt
Elizabeth	Schnitzler
Peter	Morhardt
Hannah	McDermott
Carl	Bonvillain
Wayne	Wubben
Jenny	McDermott
Daisha	Boehm
Kelley	Koester
Paula	Morhardt
Nancy	Buehler
Kelly	Kruse
Karen	Koester
Heather	Larson

Carrie	Miller
Sharon	Zigmont
Kate	Laskowski
Rebecca	Raab
Helen	Colin
Laura	Dittmar
Jean	Wachter
Hillary	Dickerson
Kristy	Wolter
Leisa	Hubb
Codie	Geisz
Scott	Haas
Terry	Haas
Kathy	Campbell
Val	Brudi
Audrey	Geisz

Marvin	Schnitzler
Janelle	Keeffer
Dean	Redington
Angie	Conklin
Stacy	Bowman
JoAnn	Eden
Rene'	Albrecht
Nancy	Grindey
Joan	Grindey
Cori	Elliott
Robert	Kepner
Emily	Legel
Tammy	Millerschone
Greg	Millerschone
Margaret	Shay
Denise	Kline
Carlene	Haring

STAY CONNECTED

Illinois 4-H Alumni Social Media – Help by LIKING & SHARING

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IL4halumni>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/il4halumni/>

Linked In: <https://go.illinois.edu/LinkedIn4HALumni>

ILLINOIS 4-H ALUMNI REGISTRATION: <https://go.illinois.edu/4halum>

Illinois 4-H Alumni Association



4-H Alumni News!

SHARE YOUR 4-H NEWS

Do you have news to share with the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association? Moved - New Address? Did you get a new job? Married? Promotion? New Baby? A recent death of a 4-H alum? We would love to hear your updates and stay connected!

Share online: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/alumni>

Click here “[Share your 4-H News](#)”



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!

Click here "[share your 4-H Story](https://go.illinois.edu/4halumnistory)" today!

4-H ALUMNI EVENT – VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Save the date for a fun evening of networking with Illinois 4-H alumni for a virtual trivia night. Trivia night will be hosted by Hambone Entertainment, and trivia questions will cover a wide range of knowledge, including history, sports, pop culture, and of course, 4-H! Teams will be randomly assigned at the event to encourage new connections and networking.

Registration will launch in early January 2021.

Time: 7:00 pm

Platform: Zoom

Cost: \$10/per person

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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4gGo5XdZACJT0S9NNzMrA2zD1YO_LdneVinliCQkFcuDFNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link).

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

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ILLINOIS 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.



Save the Date

Virtual
Illini Summer Academies
June 27 - July 1, 2021

ISA will be held virtually.
Details are coming soon!

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

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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DATES TO REMEMBER



Here are some dates you need to know: Highlighted items have recently been added.

January, 2021

1		DEADLINE: Ownership Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, Dairy Cows
		DEADLINE: Ownership Milking Dairy Goats
4	7:00 pm	Federation Meeting (Zoom)
5		DEADLINE- register for Public Speaking Training
9	9-11 am	4-H & FARM BUREAU PUBLIC SPEAKING VIRTUAL TRAINING
12		DEADLINE- register to receive baking kit
18		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
20		DEADLINE- register for Club Officer Training
23	9-11 am	4-H CLUB OFFICER VIRTUAL TRAINING
23	6- 8 pm	Luminary Hike @ Casper Bluff- Galena
31		DEADLINE: BEEF WEIGH-IN REGISTRATIONS DUE

February, 2021

1	7:00 pm	Federation Meeting (Zoom or in-person, TBA)
6	10 am-noon	Beef Weigh @ 5825 S. Schnitzler Rd., Elizabeth
10	6:30 pm	Leaders Meeting- Elizabeth Community Building- <i>tentative</i>

March, 2021

1	4:30 pm	DEADLINE: Program Book Cover Deadline due- Extension
TBA	1-3 pm & 3-5 pm	4-H Bowling @ Stockton Bowling Lanes- Stockton- <i>questionable</i>

April, 2021

18-24		National Volunteer Week
TBA	6:30 pm	Leaders Meeting- <i>tentative</i>
24		National 4-H Day of Service

May, 2021

1		DEADLINE: HORE PAPERWORK DUE @ EXT. OFFICE
1		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP BREEDING BEEF FEMALES
1		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP ALL SWINE
15		DEADLINE: OWNERSHIP SHEEP WETHERS AND ALL MEAT GOATS
21		DEADLINE: SHOW INELIGIBILITY FORMS DUE
24		JDC 4-H FAIR REGISTRATION OPENS
31		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED- MEMORIAL DAY

June, 2021

1	DEADLINE: QAEC TRAINING, SWINE NOTCH FORMS, YQCA TRAINING
1	DEADLINE: STATE FAIR HORSE ENTRIES
1	DEADLINE: DAIRY GOAT KIDS, YEARLINGS (NOT IN MILK) & ALL PYGMY
1	DEADLINE: DAIRY CALVES & HEIFERS
1	DEADLINE: BEEF BUCKET CALVES & BEEF HEIFERS
1	DEADLINE: ALL POULTRY, ALL RABBIT, ALL CAVYS
1	DEADLINE: DOG PAPERWORK
20	DEADLINE: OVERNIGHT & MEDICAL RELEASES-LIVESTOCK & HORSE DUE
25	DEADLINE: BREEDING SHEEP
27- July 1	Summer Illini Academies- Virtual Format
TBA	4-H Pool Party- location TBA- <i>questionable</i>

July, 2021

10	6 pm	4-H Fair Food Stand & General Project Set-Up- Eliz. Comm. Fairgrounds
11	1 pm	4-H Superintendent Box Distribution
12-15		JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H FAIR- ELIZABETH COMMUNITY FAIRGROUNDS
16-18		Elizabeth Community Fair
19	9 am	4-H Food Stand Clean Up- Federation
TBA		Stephenson County Fair
TBA		IL State Fair Jr. Horse Show @ Springfield, IL

August, 2021

1	DEADLINE: STATE FAIR DOG SHOW ENTRIES DUE
TBA	Jo Daviess County Fair- Warren, IL
TBA	ILLINOIS STATE FAIR @ SPRINGFIELD, IL
TBA	Master Showmanship Contest- IL State Fair
13	JO DAVIESS JUDGING DAY @ IL STATE FAIR – on a Friday
TBA	Winnebago County Fair
TBA	STATE 4-H DOG SHOW @ Granny Rose K-9 Center- Dixon
TBA	Federation Meeting- TBA



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