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E-NEWS



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"To Make the Best Better"

Hello everyone,

We are almost 4 weeks into 2020 and I hope each of you has had a wonderful start to the new year. It has been a very busy few weeks for our office. We have held fair superintendent meeting, our owl club kicks off in a few days, we held 4-H Ski Day, camp packets have been uploaded, and we are getting ready for beef weigh-in and camp counselor training.

Our office has also been busy planning some workshops and clinics that will be offered in the next few months. The closer we get to fair season deadlines and e-news information, reminders, etc. will focus more and more on any changes that have been made, different exhibit opportunities, deadlines for paperwork, etc. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO ALL THE INFORMATION. Remember, it is the responsibility of each 4-H member and their family to know the exhibit rules and guidelines in each of their areas, meet each deadline on time, and to ask questions if you need some clarification.

I try my best to keep everyone updated and give you the information you need to have a great year. But I realize there is still room for confusion, no matter how much information I send out. Do not hesitate to email me with any questions you may have.

Thanks everyone and have a fantastic week!

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Program Book Cover Contest- With the new 4-H year under-way, it is once again time to think about the 2020 4-H Fair.

ALL 4-H members are invited to submit a drawing. If chosen, this drawing will be the cover for the 2020 4-H Fair Program Book. The deadline to submit your drawing will be **Monday, January 28, 2019.**

The theme this year is **"Inspired to Lead. Called to Serve"**

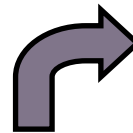
A fine point black marker or dark pencil works best for copying your picture, so please do not use colored pencils. The program book is printed in black and white.

Please make sure you have the theme title and the current year somewhere in your drawing. Also, make sure all your text is legible and spelled correctly!

You may bring a hard copy by our office located at 204 Vine St. in Elizabeth beginning anytime M-F from 8 am-4:00 pm. You may also leave it in the mailbox outside our building. **Do NOT fax.**

Every drawing submitted will be used somewhere in the program book.

**Please write your name, age, and club on the back of your
Drawing lightly with pencil!**



Your drawing must be free-hand (not copied) on an 8.5" x 11" white piece of paper. It is ok to draw a line to frame your paper, but make sure you stay inside the 1" Border.

4-H Federation Meeting- 4-H Federation will meet on **February 3, 2020** at the Extension Office.

This is a really important meeting that will focus on 4-H Fun Day. We will be brainstorming workshop ideas, setting schedules, and determining times so bring your ideas with you.

Federation is open to any Jo Daviess County 4-H member. Federation is a county leadership group that focuses on making Jo Daviess County 4-H better for its 4-Hers.

Call Angela if you would like more information about Federation or how you can get involved!





Please
pay special
attention
to the
2019-2020
livestock
ownership
deadlines
That I have
included in
this issue.

Beef Weigh-In—The Beef Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, February 1 from 10:00 am-noon** at 5825 S. Schnitzler Rd, Elizabeth. The scheduled snow date is for Saturday, February 22. We will notify you by phone call or text if we have to reschedule.

If you will be weighing beef cattle, please take time to complete the form, and return it to me by **January 29**. You can mail, fax, scan/email, or hand deliver this form to me. If you enrolled in any of the beef projects, this form has been mailed to you. If you do not receive this mailing, you may find the form on the website at **go.illinois.edu/jsw**.

This form is required for registration and participation in the Beef Weigh-In and allows us to accurately prepare for the day. If you have any questions, or need further clarification, feel free to call the Extension Office.

****If you are planning on exhibiting at the Illinois State Fair or travel across state lines, market beef exhibits must be electronically tagged along with the usual tattoo procedure.****

****You must also go through the weigh-in if you are planning to exhibit in the rate of gain class.****

***All letters and forms were mailed and should have been received. If you did NOT receive this in the mail, you may want to call or email me so I can make sure you are enrolled in the beef project.**

SEW INTO IT!

We will be having a sewing workshop on **Saturday, March 21**. This workshop will be for beginning and intermediate sewers. We will be meeting from 9-noon at the Elizabeth Community Building.

If you came to this last year— there will be new information and new projects for returning participants.

LEADERS MEETING— We will have a leaders meeting on **Monday, February 10** at the Extension Office. We will begin at 6:30 pm. I will be handing out 4-H project manuals at this time.

Contact me only if you CANNOT attend. But please do so ASAP!

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training— 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/gaec/>.

Horse Lease/Ownership Paperwork— All horse paperwork is due on **May 1** in the Extension Office. The means you must have own a horse or have one leased by this date.

***You must take NEW pictures. Pictures from previous years have been discarded.**

You must turn in the ownership/lease form and completed your guidelines and policies form.

Please keep in mind that you are NOT required to turn in your Coggins at this time. You will be required to have it "in hand" for the 4-H fair or any show/clinic that you participate in, however.

Deadlines

Deadlines are a super important part of 4-H.

Enrollment, animal ownership, and fair deadlines are just a few of the big ones to keep in mind.

There is always a lot of behind the scenes activity that takes place after deadlines.

Please keep in mind that deadlines are set to give the 4-Her the most time to "get it done" but not a lot of time for me to get it done!

Animal Ownership Deadlines— All 4-Hers who intend to exhibit at the 2020 Jo Daviess County 4-H Fair must abide by the following ownership deadlines.

January 1

Performance Cows (Beef)
Dairy Cows
Milking Does (Goat)

February 1

Steers
Ewes

May 15

Market Wethers & Ewes (sheep)
Jr. & Open Premiere Sheep
All Meat Goats (wethers and all breeding animals)
Beef Bucket Calves

June 1

Gilts (Swine)
Dairy Calves & Heifers

June 1 continued

Barrows (Swine)
All Rabbits
All Poultry
Beef Heifers
Horse/Pony
Dogs
Dairy Goat -Kids/Yearlings (not in milk)
All Pygmy Goats

June 25

Sheep Ewes & Rams

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) -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 <https://ygca.learngrow.io/>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-18 years old. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, and senior 15-18. 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 cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

4-Hers must complete the correct training in order to exhibit at the JDC 4-H Fair. **THIS IS MANDATORY.** Failure to complete the training(s) will result in the member NOT being able to exhibit their livestock project. The deadline to complete each training is **June 1, 2020.**

4-H Extension Staff in our unit (which includes Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) will all be holding a face-to-face training. Members may attend the one offered in Jo Daviess County, however, if that does not fit into your schedule, you may attend one of the other counties' training as well. Only one face-to-face will be offered per county per year.

Stephenson County: Feb. 11, 2020, Freeport Public Library located at 100 E Douglas S., Freeport, IL. This will begin at 5 pm.

Winnebago County: March 7, 2020, Prince of Peace Church located 2336 Freeport Rd, Rockton, IL. This will begin at 9:30 am.

Jo Daviess County: May 3, 2020, JDC Extension Office located at 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL. This will begin at 3 pm.

If you are currently enrolled in one of the species listed above, you will be getting a letter and a step-by-step instruction sheet to help you. Please remember, if you plan to take the instructor-led course you must PRE-REGISTER. Payment is due at the time as registration.

You will be required to print your certificate of completion and turn a copy into the Extension Office. Please look over the directions BEFORE jumping in. I have included it for your convenience!

OWL CLUB—

The first owl club meeting will take place this Sunday, February 26 beginning at 12:30 pm at the Extension Office. At 2 pm we will travel to the "hang" site to hang the boxes.

Please dress accordingly. Parents are welcome to travel with us or pick their kids up at the site located at Schurmeier Teaching Forest, 127 E Reusch Road, Elizabeth, IL.

Please put **Saturday, February 8 from 2:30-4:30** pm at the Extension Office on your calendar for the next meeting!

2020 4-H Camp-Registration for 4-H Camp 2019 is open! 4-H Camp is set for **June 8-12 at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL.** Sign up today to get your child in on all of the amazing fun!

4-H Camp is a five-day, four-night residential camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties and the professional staff at RRCC.

Historically, parents have sent their children to 4-H Camp for a variety of reasons: to have fun, to make new friends, to develop new skills, to be physically active and to appreciate nature. 4-H Camp is about way more than one week of fun. Sending your child to 4-H Camp will allow them to create memories they will carry with them through adulthood. 4-H camp teaches youth to make good decisions, build their self-confidence, become independent and gain the ability to work well with others. These skills will help youth develop into strong adult leaders. In addition, 4-H camp counselors devote much of their personal time to ensure today's campers have the same great experience they did as children.

Campers at 4-H Camp will check-in from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8 and checkout from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12. During camp week, youth will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate and entertain. Two or three free-choice periods will be offered daily and will include options such as hiking, high and low ropes courses, zip lining, arts and crafts, swimming, crate stacking, team building challenges, survival skills, and much more. Evening activities will be provided by the 4-H camp counselors and include campfires, an adventure night and a dance. It is guaranteed to be a blast!

4-H Camp is open to **ALL** boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 10. **4-H membership is not required**; however all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-Hers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a week of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost is \$250 for 4-H members and \$270 for non-4-H members until March 1. After that date, the price goes up \$20.00. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 20. Download a camper application on-line at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw/4-h-camp> or you can register online at: <http://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp>. You may also call the Jo Daviess County Extension at 815-858-2273.

Slots for boys and girls cabins will be filled on a first come, first serve Basis and fill up fast.



Need Cash for College?

-FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com by **February 28**. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

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Don't forget to checkout our Jo Daviess County Scholarships?

-Ralph and Katherine Norris Scholarship- is offered to Jo Daviess County residents studying agriculture or agricultural related fields. The Jo Daviess County Extension & 4-H Foundation is responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipients. Scholarships will be awarded as funds permit.

Eligibility:

- Jo Daviess County, Illinois resident
- Must be enrolled in agriculture or agricultural related studies
- Must be enrolled in a two or four year program
- Must be accepted at chosen school, college or university
- Must be full time student, 12 hours minimum per semester; auditing of classes cannot be included in the minimum
- Must have a GPA of "C" average or above please include grade transcripts

Due March 31

-Home & Community Education Scholarship- is offered to an individual that meet the following requirements: Three \$250 scholarships will be awarded.

1. Must have been a resident of Jo Daviess County for one year and be a High School Senior.
2. Must be accepted in an accredited two year or four year college.
3. Must have verification of passing grades or grade point from last classes attended.

Due March 31

-Dalgarn Scholarship has been established to assist a deserving graduating senior, who is an active 4-H member, and attending a four year college. One \$2,000 scholarship is awarded each year.

-Must be a resident of Jo Daviess County.

-Must have been active in a Jo Daviess County 4-H Club for minimum of 5 years.

-Must have demonstrated leadership through school and community activities.

-Must have letters of recommendation.

The following application material **MUST** be received no later than **March 20**.

An interview with the selection committee will be scheduled at a later date.

-DHIA Scholarship— is offered to Jo Daviess County, Illinois resident or Jo Daviess County DHIA member family.

-Must be enrolled in agriculture or agricultural related studies.

-Preference given to those pursuing a dairy science or related degree.

-Must be enrolled in a two or four year program. (Dairy Short Course at Madison is approved.)

-Must be accepted at chosen school, college, or university.

-Must be full-time student, 12 hours minimum per semester; auditing of classes cannot be included in the minimum.

Due March 31

-Alice and Floyd Bale Scholarship— is offered to a Jo Daviess County, Illinois resident studying agriculture or agricultural related study.

-Must be enrolled in agriculture or agricultural related studies

-Must be enrolled in a two or four year program

-Must be accepted at chosen school, college or university

-Must be full time student, 12 hours minimum per semester; auditing of classes cannot be included in the minimum

-Must have a GPA of "C" average or above (please include grade transcripts)

Due March 31

EXPLORE A FUTURE IN AGRICULTURE

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Pre-senters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

STUDY FOOD SCIENCE AND WIN CASH

Science is cool, and now it pays! A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the top food science project in each county by the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. Be sure to enroll in one of the four food science projects and learn more about the foundation. Look for more information this summer.

DOG CLUB MEETING- We will be meeting at Safe Haven in Elizabeth IL on **Saturday, February 8 from 1– 3 pm.** We will tour the facility and snuggle some pets. Anyone in the dog project is welcome to join!!!

COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST- The State 4-H Office has moved the public speaking contest back to the IL State Fair. However, there are a few things that have changed.

1. The contest will NOT take place at the Ohr Building so you won't have to deal with all the noise and chaos.
2. You can compete at the ILSF in this contest AND bring a general project. Public Speaking will be "in addition to". More info coming soon!

SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM.
- Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:

***Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28** at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion.

Register by March 18.

***Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13** at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.

***Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12** at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

FAMILY FUTURE LEGACY



More than **\$875,000**
in scholarships are awarded annually
through the Illinois Farm Bureau
and County Farm Bureaus.
Visit www.iaafoundation.org

Application Period: **December 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020**

Apply today: 76 scholarships total \$118,000

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. **Apply Online @ www.iaafoundation.org.** Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Watch the Deadline. You must apply BEFORE February 1.** All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, their mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. They proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture and those with family farming backgrounds.

4-H FISH CAMP

MAY 2 & 3

4-H MEMORIAL CAMP | MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS

Spend the weekend on our private 16-acre lake and learn to fish for largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish. We'll make our own lures while we learn about fish bait, equipment, and management.

DETAILS:

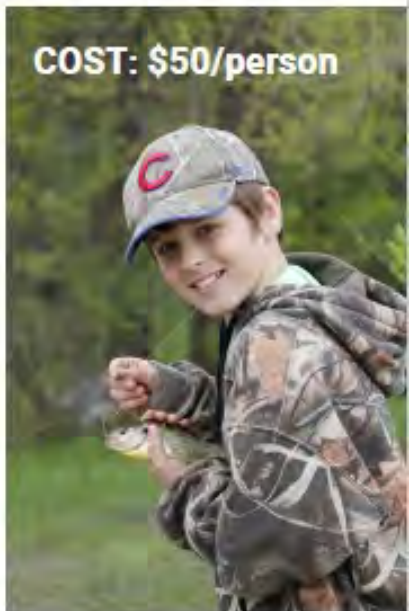
- Open to any adult/child team. No previous experience or equipment required.
- Arrive at 10 AM Saturday, May 2. Stay onsite through 2 PM Sunday, May 3. All meals are included, including fresh fish fillets to take home.
- Each adult may bring up to three youth campers. Adults are required to attend the entire weekend. Youth campers should be at least 8 years old. Bring bedding for lodging in our rustic cabins with bunk beds.

Preregistration and Payment Required

CONTACT CURT SINCLAIR FOR INFORMATION

217-300-9488 | Email: sinclair@illinois.edu

COST: \$50/person



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Registration information online @
go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

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GAIN SKILLS IN

- **Leadership**
- **Studying**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Decision Making**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Goal Setting**
- **Time Management**
- **Teamwork**
- **Confidence**

Learn in a welcoming environment where you'll make lasting friendships with peers who share your passion for horses.

4-H HORSE PROJECT



CHECK OUT THESE 4-H EQUINE OPPORTUNITIES

Explore the science of horses, including anatomy, physiology, nutrition, health, breed identification, behavior, and more!

4-H HORSE BOWL

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! Have fun with friends while you study and compete as a team.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl

4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY

In this fun, competitive contest, put your equine knowledge to the test. Categories include: anatomy, disease, breeds, breed history, color, and patterns.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology

4-H HORSE SPEAKING

4-H horse speaking contests help you gain self-confidence, courage, and persuasiveness; share ideas with others; and develop the ability to speak in public to inform others about the horse industry and the 4-H horse project!

go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking

4-H HORSE JUDGING

4-H horse judging contests challenge youth to evaluate and rank horses from highest to lowest quality based on the horses' breed characteristics, conformation, and performance.

go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging

ASK YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

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Dates to Remember

January, 2020

1		DEADLINE: Ownership Beef Steers, Beef Perf. Cows, Dairy Cows
		DEADLINE: Ownership Milking Dairy Goats
6	7 pm	Federation Meeting- Extension Office
6	5:30-6:30 pm	4-H Parent Meeting/Orientation (for 1 st and 2 nd yr. members) - Ext. Office
11	9 am -3 pm	Camp Counselor Training- Whiteside Co. Ext. Office, Sterling, IL
15	4:30 pm	DEADLINE: Ski Day payment/paperwork due- Ext. Office
18	9-noon	State 4-H Dog Clinic- Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon, IL
19	12:30 pm	4-H Ski Day- Chestnut Mountain Resort
20		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
22	7 pm	Fair Superintendent Meeting- goat, beef, dairy, swine, and sheep - Ext. Office
26		Bad Weather Date- 4-H Ski Day
26	12:30-5 pm	Owl Club Meeting- Extension Office and Schurmeier Teaching Forest, Elizbeth IL
29		DEADLINE: BEEF WEIGH-IN FORMS DUE -Extention Office

February, 2020

1	9 am-4:30 pm	Camp Counselor Training- Ogle Co. Extension Office, Oregon, IL
1	10 am-noon	Beef Weigh @ 5825 S. Schnitzler Rd., Elizabeth
3	7 pm	Federation Meeting- Extension Office
8	10-11:30 am	Cloverbud Activity- Extension Office
8	2:30-4:30 pm	Owl Club Meeting- Extension Office
8	1-3 pm	Dog Club Meeting- Safe Haven, Elizabeth, IL
10	6:30 pm	Leaders Meeting- Elizabeth Community Building-tentative
11	5 pm	Stephenson Co. Face-to-Face YQCA Training- Freeport Public Library
21	4:30 pm	DEADLINE: Program Book Cover Deadline due- Extension
22		Beef Weigh-In: Bad Weather Date
22-23		Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference @ Effingham
29	9 am- 3 pm	Camp Counselor Training- Rockford (tentative)

March, 2020

2	7 pm	Federation Meeting @ Stockton Lutheran Church
7	9:30 am	Winnabego Co. Face-to-Face YQCA Training, Prince of Peach Church-
13-14		Boys Science Siesta 4 th -6 th grade- Discovery Center @ Rockford, IL
14	<i>Tentative</i>	<i>Carroll County Livestock Judging Contest, Mt. Carroll</i>

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