



E-NEWS



January 26, 2021

"To Make the Best Better"

JODAVIESS COUNTY 4-H SNOWMAN CONTEST

- Let's have a 4-H snowman contest! Go put on your winter gear and get building! Show your family 4-H spirit- dye it green! Make a snow clover, or your favorite 4-H project out of snow! Have you every tried painting snow with watercolors? Be creative!
- Take a picture with your 4-H SNOW MASTERPIECE and email it to me at amillr11@illinois.edu by noon on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Photos will be judged by Extension Council and Staff and the winner will receive a prize!



Hey everyone,
Here is the latest e-news. Please look it
over and note the dates and new
opportunities that I have added for you.

Federation Meeting: The next 4-H Federation Meeting will be held in-person on Monday, February 1. This will begin at 7 pm.

We will be in the Elizabeth Community Building.

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: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22869>

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.

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.

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



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JDC 4-H WORM VERMICOMPOSTING

Did you know that worms are nature's recyclers? Vermicomposting is the process of composting food waste with worms. Worm composting reduces the amount of garbage entering landfills and improves garden soils while providing families with a fun and rewarding activity that can be done at home. The Jo Daviess County Extension office will be offering free vermicomposting kits to ANY youth. Interested youth do not have to be a 4-H member to participate. Kits will include a container, bedding, compost, food scraps, worms, and the educational material needed to get started.

Pre-register by February 17

Kits may be picked up February 22-26, 2021
at 204 Vine St.,
Elizabeth, IL 61028

CALL 815-858-2273 OR VISIT GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/JSW TO RESERVE YOUR KIT

**EARLY REQUESTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME
FOR MEETING YOUR NEEDS.**



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Apply Now
Application Period

**JANUARY 1-
FEBRUARY 15**



IAAFoundation.org

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement

The 2021 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 78 scholarships totaling \$124,000 in tuition support. Several of their scholarships require participation in either 4-H or FFA, this is a great opportunity for our youth.

Apply Online

Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at 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

Students can apply between now and February 15, 2021. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Supporting the Future of Agriculture

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

Tell Your 4-H Story –

Join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* Team



We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the ***Speaking for Illinois 4-H*** team. There will be a virtual training offered on **Saturday, March 6.**

This virtual training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved, put that story into words, and learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of Speaking for Illinois 4-H! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events.

Registration is open NOW @: **<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/speaking-illinois-4-h-training>**. Registration will close **March 4.**

2021 National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit

Registration is now open for the 2021 Youth Agri-Science Virtual Summit. This is a great opportunity for high school students to 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.

Register here: **<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#agriscience>**

Registration closes on **Friday, February 19th.**

Contact Mark Becker with any questions at **mbbecker@illinois.edu**

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!

Deadline Extended!

We are still looking for 10 teens who have attended ISA at least once before to be a part of the Production Team.

As a Production Team member, you can expect to have all your registration expenses paid and will participate in monthly Zoom calls as we plan the fun, engaging activities for this year's 2021 4-H *Virtual* Illini Summer Academies.

If you are interested in being on the team this year, we have extended the deadline to apply by **11:59 PM on Sunday, January 24, 2021.**

Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)

Reference for Teen Production Team Application: [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at: illini-4h@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!

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

Dairy Judging Workshop

Participants can register until **January 29** using the following link: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22954>



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

During this period when 4-H members find themselves experiencing restrictions associated with gathering with friends and club members face-to-face, having the opportunity to be part of an engaging and fun, yes we said FUN virtual meeting might be the highlight of their week! Register now for this upcoming **Volunteer Training – Leading in a Virtual World!**

If you question whether you have the skills or tools you need to put together a virtual club experience, this webinar will help you become comfortable interacting in a virtual meeting format; and more importantly support you as you include every part of the club meeting virtually. You can conduct club business; engage members in group decision-making; create positive learning experiences; and give members an opportunity to laugh and have fun together! Be sure to encourage your 4-H members in leadership roles to participate as well.

Link to register for the **February 25, 2021** volunteer training opportunity

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83565174329?pwd=dDAvR2lxN3J3bmJqQVdmTy9raUZsZz09>

Don't forget - all 4-H volunteers and members in leadership roles who participate in 75% (3 of the 4) Volunteer Café Conversations will receive their very own limited edition 4-H Volunteer Café Conversations Ceramic mug! We have had great participation so far and if you have already attended at least one session, you are on your way to receiving you Café Conversations mug!



ILLINOIS 4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS!

Register to participate in the **4-H Volunteer Café Conversations**. We are so excited to continue 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 have two upcoming Café Conversation opportunities coming up in the next few months. We will address two topics during each Café Conversation so bring your ideas, questions, and since this is a Café Conversation, feel free to bring a snack!

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, February 18, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

- It's Cold Outside: Are Your 4-H Clubs Still Hot?
- Let's Play!

Link to register for the **February 18, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22728>

4-H Volunteer Café Conversation - Thursday, May 20, 2021; 7 PM

TOPICS will include:

- One for the Project, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready...Go Clover Go!
- Summer Fun!

Link to register for the **May 20, 2021** Volunteer Café Conversation:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/default.cfm?RegistrationID=22738>

DATES TO REMEMBER



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

February, 2021

1	7:00 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person @ Eliz. Comm. Bldg
6	10 am-noon	Beef Weigh @ 5825 S. Schnitzler Rd., Elizabeth
15		DEADLINE: MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H TO COMPETE AT 4-H FAIR
17		DEADLINE: Register for Vermicomposting Kit

March, 2021

1	4:30 pm	DEADLINE: Program Book Cover Deadline due- Extension
1	7 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person @ Eliz. Comm. Bldg.
TBA	1-3 pm & 3-5 pm	4-H Bowling @ Stockton Bowling Lanes- Stockton- <i>questionable</i>
28		DEADLINE: Fun Day

April, 2021

2	TBA	4-H Fun Day @ Elizabeth Community Building
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
3	7 pm	Federation Meeting: in-person, Elizabeth Comm. Bldg
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
2		JDC Babysitting Clinic- Elizabeth Community Building
20		DEADLINE: OVERNIGHT & MEDICAL RELEASES-LIVESTOCK & HORSE DUE
25		DEADLINE: BREEDING SHEEP
27- July 1		Summer Illini Academies- Virtual Format
29		Wizarding World of 4-H Program- Eliz. Comm. Building
TBA		4-H Pool Party- location TBA- <i>questionable</i>

July, 2021

9

10-15

16-18

19 9 am

TBA

TBA

FAIR SET UP

JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H FAIR- ELIZABETH COMMUNITY FAIRGROUNDS

Elizabeth Community Fair

4-H Food Stand Clean Up- Federation

Stephenson County Fair

IL State Fair Jr. Horse Show @ Springfield, IL

August, 2021

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TBA

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TBA

DEADLINE: STATE FAIR DOG SHOW ENTRIES DUE

JDC 4-H Nature Awaits-TBA

Jo Daviess County Fair- Warren, IL

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR @ SPRINGFIELD, IL

Master Showmanship Contest- IL State Fair

JO DAVIESS JUDGING DAY @ IL STATE FAIR – on a Friday

Winnebago County Fair

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW @ Granny Rose K-9 Center- Dixon

Federation Meeting- TBA



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