



# E-NEWS



April 22, 2020

"To Make the Best Better"

# THANK YOU



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## FOR BEING AWESOME!

**I appreciate each and every one of you!**

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**LEADER MEETING**– will take place this Thursday, April 23. This will begin at 6:30 pm. If you need me to resend you the Zoom link, please let me know!

**The 4-H Owl Club**– will have a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 12 beginning at 7 pm. If you need me to resend the invite just let me know!

**4-H FEDERATION MEETING**– The next Federation meeting will be held on Monday, May 4 virtually using Zoom. I will be sending out the invitation before May 4th.

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY 4-H AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING**–will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the CTE Academy in Elizabeth, IL.

If you can not attend please call Sue Meusel at 815-266-3886.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ETHICS TRAINING**– The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horse, rabbit, poultry, dog, cavy (guinea pigs), and cat. 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/>.

**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 also 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.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST EVER GUINEA PIG (CAVY) AND SMALL PET SHOW DURING THE JDC 4-H FAIR. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE CAT SHOW. IF YOU HAVE A GUINEA PIG AND WOULD LIKE TO EXHIBIT IT AT FAIR BE SURE TO CONTACT ME AND WE CAN CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE IN THE CORRECT PROJECT.

**2020 PROGRAM BOOK—**The fair program book is now available to view online. Visit our website at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw). You will click on 4-H Youth Dev. Then click on JDC 4-H, then click 4-H Fair. You can access other forms and information here. To view the program book directly click this link.  
[https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/jsw4.2.20completed\\_program\\_book.pdf](https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/jsw4.2.20completed_program_book.pdf)

### **JDC CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!**

2020 will be one for the books and our graduating seniors will have stories for years to come. I would like to do a “virtual” walk across the stage for you on social media. If you are currently in the 12th grade and graduating this year contact me! All I need from you is one of your senior photos texted or emailed to me.



**JDC CELEBRATION OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS!** We would like to express our gratitude to our 4-H alumni AND 4-H family's Essential Workers! Are you a 4-H Alumni and 4-H Family member classified as an Essential Worker? Are you a medical employee or public safety worker? Are you a teacher or a farmer? We would love to express our gratitude to you through our social media! Please send me your name, job title and place of employment, photo and name of your 4-H club.

You can text or email me your photo and your information!



## **YQCA- FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN DAIRY CATTLE, BEEF CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS:**

The YQCA is a new live-stock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. This certification is available online only at this time. Each exhibitor must complete this by **June 1**.

Please keep in mind that the YQCA is an educational component to your livestock project and is **required**. Regardless of the challenges and uncertainties that we are facing, your animal will still end up in the food chain and the industry expectation is that this training has been completed.

If you have any questions regarding this please let me know. You must complete this and submit a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office. You may continue to mail, scan/email, or drop them in our mailbox which is located outside of the our building.

**Swine Notch Forms**– completed forms are due by **June 1**.

**Fair Entry**– fair registrations will open **May 18**. If you have had time to reflect on your projects and realize you want to add one, contact me soon. Adding public speaking would be a great way to start!

### **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

# HORSE CLINIC

JOIN US ON



## JUNE 27, 2020



AT THE  
SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER

There is a \$5 fee for each participant to help cover the cost of the rental fee. Participants must be 8-18 years of age. Parents are welcome to participate as well. Pre-registration is required. Participants must bring their own lunch, snacks, and drinks for the day. 4-Hers must also have a 4-H lifetime liability waiver on file at the Extension Office AND fill out the Riding Center waiver in order to participate. Participants must have an updated Coggins test with you on the day of the clinic and a helmet must be worn. Our office has two helmets if you would like to check one out!

### Tentative Schedule:

8:15-9:00 am	Arrive/get horse ready (no saddle)
9:00-11:30 am	Showmanship Class
11:30 am- 12:30 pm	Lunch and get horse warmed up
12:30 pm- 2:30 pm	Performance Class
2:30 pm- 4:00 pm	Trail Ride (for anyone who wants to go)

Contact Angela Miller at 815-858-2273 or email at [amiller11@illinois.edu](mailto:amiller11@illinois.edu) or call Andi Pickel at 563-212-6278 for any questions you may have.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension Office at 815-858-2273. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR REGISTER AT:

(815) 858-2273 OR [GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/JSW](http://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/JSW)

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## 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Public Speaking will be moving to the 4-H Fair for 2020. Each participant will register for public speaking at the same time you register your other exhibits.

You can access Fair Entry by visiting:

<http://jodaviness4-hfair.fairentry.com>

Fair registration will begin on May 18-June 14

**Thursday, July 16, 2020**  
**Elizabeth Community Building**

Check-In at 10 am



Contest at 10:30 am

IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 815-858-2273.

EARLY REQUESTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MEETING YOUR ACCESS NEED

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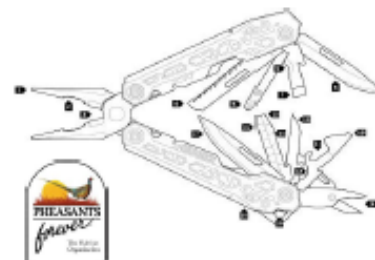


## The 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Skills Challenge - Level I

Attention 4-H Members who love the outdoors! Here's a challenge to advance your skills. Practice the three skills listed below until they become second nature to you. Now practice them again.

Once you feel confident, contact your 4-H Leader or local 4-H staff person and tell them you're ready to convince them you know your stuff! You'll need to explain the details of these skills with your words; you'll need to show them pictures; you could even make a quick video for them – but it's your job to convince them you've mastered each skill. Your leaders are prepared to test you, so don't think they're not ready for you!

Once your 4-H Leader or local 4-H staff person is convinced, they'll email me your name and county of residence. Then, you can move up a Level and learn more! Your name will be entered once into a random drawing each time you complete a skill level! Ten winners will be drawn on July 15, 2020 for a very high quality 4-H Everyday Sportsman's Multi-Tool (\$50 value) that will last a lifetime!



Multi-Tool Prizes

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### Skill 1. Learn two methods for finding **North-South-East-West** directions without a compass.

Method A. The Shadow Stick Method

Method B. The Analog Watch Method

Resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6McnNPHJIA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExRa2C1vMuY>



### Skill 2. Everyday Cooler Packing: Prepare a cooler for a 3-day Fishing/Hunting/Camping Trip

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/adventure/outdoor-gear/a19638152/how-to-pack-cooler/>

### Skill 3. Everyday Flashlight <https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/flashlight.html>

What is a lumen?

How do lumen measurement and beam distance differ?

How would you choose your Everyday Carry flashlight?



**NEW: ILLINOIS 4-H VIRTUAL FISHING FUN-FEST** 4-H members currently enrolled in Fishing 1, 2, or 3 are eligible to win big this spring! Between April 17 – May 15 these 4-H members can enter a statewide fishing contest (Fun-Fest) via smartphone. New spinning rod and reel combos will be given away weekly to the longest largemouth bass and channel catfish entered. The simple contest details can be found on the Illinois 4-H Events Page and Illinois 4-H Facebook page. Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu) with questions. Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine on the lake!



# College Q&A Night

Hosted by the U of I Collegiate 4-H



**Have all of your college questions answered by real college students! U of I's Collegiate 4-H invites you to hang out with us and ask us any questions about college life, admissions, scholarships, housing, and of course Collegiate 4-H!**

**When: Wednesday April 22 at 6:00pm**

**Where: Safety of your own home via Zoom**



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Link to register:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22185>

**4-H ALUMNI-** IL State 4-H has a new state specialist. Her name is Tina Veal and she is our 4-H Alumni & Constituent Engagement Manager. Tina will be working with counties to better engage our 4-H Alumni. If you are a 4-H alumni please consider joining the public Illinois 4-H Alumni Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4halumni/>. Or join the Illinois 4-H Alumni Association by registering: [go.illinois.edu/il4halumni](https://go.illinois.edu/il4halumni).

**NEW FACEBOOK GROUP—"JSW 4-H HOMELIFE"** The 4-H Program Coordinators in Unit 1 have started a new Facebook group page for 4-H families in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties and invite you to join our fun group. We will be posting games, activities and challenges for 4-H members and families to participate in while we are all "sheltering in place". Please search "JSW 4-H Homelife" to join today! Let's have some fun while we are "safe" at home.



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April 16 @ 1:00pm – [Coyotes with Peggy Doty](#)

April 23 @ 1:00pm – [Planting for the Pollinators with Erin Garrett](#)

April 30 @ 1:00pm – [Natural Lawn Care Part 1: Assessment with Abigail Garofalo](#)

May 7 @ 1:00pm – [Natural Lawn Care Part 2: Strategies with Abigail Garofalo](#)

May 14 @ 1:00pm – [Managing Waste in the Home with Ashley Belle](#)

May 21 @ 1:00pm – Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Biennial Report with Eliana Brown, Kate Gardiner, Haley Haverback, and Jennifer Woodyard

June 25 @ 1:00pm – [All About Clouds with Duane Friend](#)