



# E-NEWS

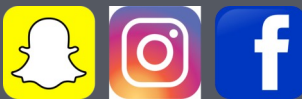


"To Make the Best Better"

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Hello everyone,

Can you believe that October is almost over? I wanted to welcome each of you to the first full e-news of the new year. For those of you who are new, our e-news is a digital newsletter that is full of important information. You will find new opportunities, updates, deadlines, and reminders. I **TRY** to send this out every 2 weeks, but when things get busy... I have been known to skip a week (or two)!

All 4-H re-enrollments must be submitted and approved by **December 15** with no limits on participation. All Lifetime Liability waivers are due at this time as well for NEW members only. Enrollment is a fairly quick process so be sure to set aside 10-15 minutes to complete your enrollment. Pick one project now if that works for you and remember you have until **February 1** to add/drop projects. February 1 is deadline for NEW members wishing to participate at the 4-H Fair.

I also wanted to remind you to RSVP to the JDC 4-H Achievement Banquet which will be held **Sunday, November 7**. If you won a choice award, turned in records, are a 1st, 5th, 10th, or 11th year member or a cloverbud... you will be recognized. **YOU MUST RSVP!** I really need to have an accurate count. I must have RSVP's by **October 24**. COVID policies which must be followed so I must have an accurate head count in order to hold this event safely.

Please look over the e-news carefully and reach out if you have any questions. Have a wonderful weekend.

Thanks everyone!

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"Find Your Spark"



## NEW 4-H YEAR

You may re-enroll on 4-H Online by visiting <https://il.4honline.com>. If you have forgotten which email you used to set up your family profile, please contact me and I can help you.

If you forgot your password or are having trouble getting a temporary password... I can help you out with that as well!

Please DO NOT set up a second profile. That causes all kinds of problems!

If you have an INCOMPLETE enrollment– please get your club picked, get your projects picked, and submit.

I have several families that have incomplete enrollments. We can't wait for you to be part of the 4-H family so be sure Complete your enrollment and submit. DO NOT USE YOUR CREDIT CARD.

If you need help, please reach out!

**CLOVERBUD REMINDERS**-The biggest mistake I am see with our cloverbud enrollments is not completing the Cloverbud project selection sheet (attached). Since cloverbud projects are different in every county across the state, this form is the only way you can indicate which project(s) your 4-Her would like to take in JDC.

Please fill out this form and return it to the Extension Office. This form MUST be turned in to me to be considered active. This is part of the enrollment process and all deadlines apply!

All cloverbud manuals will be provided by the Extension Office free of charge. Cloverbuds must complete AND return the Lifetime Liability Waiver (if they have not done so previously). They are members too and the same rules apply. **All forms are due by the December 15 deadline.**

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Welcome  
To The  
4-H Family!

### NEW LEADERS

-Becky  
Morhardt  
Shooting Stars

### NEW MEMBERS

-Layna  
Kretschmer

-Katya  
Linenfelter

## 4-H FEDERATION

Would you like to be a part of Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation?

### WHAT DO WE DO IN FEDERATION?

Federation members plan county wide activities such as the 4-H Ski Day. They do community service, lead the Achievement Banquet, work on their public speaking, leadership, and team work. We also go on teambuilding adventures...all while having fun and meeting others around the county.

### WHO CAN JOIN?

Any 4-Her 6-12 grade. We encourage at least one representative from every club to participate, but anyone can be a Federation member. Meetings are typically the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Elizabeth Community Building.

If you would like more information– contact Angela Miller at [amillr11@illinois.edu](mailto:amillr11@illinois.edu) or call at 815-858-2273.

## ANNUAL VETERAN'S HOLIDAY DRIVE

Scales Mound 4-H club member, Karragan Vondran and Shooting Stars 4-H club member Allie Karberg are doing a community service project for their 4-H clubs.

Please help spread joy and kindness this holiday season by remembering those who have sacrificed so much for all of us. We are asking for donations to give to veterans in our area.

Items enjoyed by veterans include: personal care items, socks, candy, puzzle books, gift cards to local restaurants and grocery stores, coffee, and tea. All items must be in their original packaging.

Donations will be taken from now until December 3 and may be dropped off at E-Town in Elizabeth or the Apple River State Bank in Scales Mound.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

-Karragan and Allie



**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!

**LIFETIME LIABILITY WAIVERS**- All 4-H youth members are REQUIRED to sign and return the lifetime liability waiver in order to participate in ANY 4-H activity. This includes club meetings, activities, etc. You CANNOT wait to turn in this form until ski day, fair, camp, etc.

For liability reasons, I MUST have these in my hand by **December 15**. Leaders will be instructed to not allow participation for anyone missing this form. Remember if you have already turned in the lifetime liability waiver– you do NOT need to complete another one.

Members are only required to complete this form once in their 4-H career. However, if there is a problem with your existing form I will be contacting you. Most of the time, the problem is too many members on the form. Remember, each member must complete their own form.

**ENROLLMENTS NOT APPROVED**- It is important that you read your emails. Please do not assume that once you submit your enrollment that everything is good to go. Take just a few moments to make sure I did not leave any comments and that your enrollment was approved.

If I did send the enrollment back, please read those comments I made, make the necessary changes, then **RESUBMIT** your enrollment. You will be considered inactive or incomplete until the enrollment has been resubmitted **AND** approved.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES**- Emailing is the primary mode of communication that the Extension Office uses to alert you of important information. I do not want anyone to miss something because of an incorrect email address. Please list the email address that you use the most. I discourage the use of student email addresses.

Also please make sure that my email address: [amillr11@illinois.edu](mailto:amillr11@illinois.edu) is on your safe list and not in SPAM.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**ILLINOIS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP:** This merit-based scholarship is awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in each category: Animal Science, Civic Engagement/Global Living, Creating Performing Arts & Communication, Food Systems, Healthy Living/Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, STEM/Robotic. Scholarships are \$1,000 and can be used to pay for any college-related costs. Scholarships are paid directly to the educational institution of the member's choice. Members must be 15-18 years old, be currently enrolled in the Illinois 4-H program, and must have been a 4-H member for a minimum of 2 years. Applications must be submitted to the State 4-H Office by **November 1.**

Apply online at <https://form.jotform.com/211745692702154>

## **AWARD OPPORTUNITY**

**ILLINOIS 4-H SUSTAINING THE FUTURE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to recognize 4-H members who have exemplified outstanding leadership within the agricultural industry and a desire to remain engaged. Applicants must be enrolled 4-H members who are at least 17 years of age by September 1 and cannot have reached their 19th birthday by September 1 of the year they submit the application. An individual may only receive this award once. Deadline to apply is **January 7, 2022.**

Apply online at <https://form.jotform.com/201686303129149>

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Nature Explorers Spin Club Meeting:** Thursday, October 28 at 5:00 pm

**Achievement Banquet:** Sunday, November 7 at 2:30 pm

**Everything Art Spin Club Meeting:** Saturday, December 4—time TBA

**I MADE THAT BAKING KITS:** “I Made That!” baking kit to start off the new year. Fall is a great time to spread kindness and be thankful for each unrepeatable day. Research has consistently associated greater happiness and wellbeing with gratitude. Gratitude fosters more positive emotions, improves health, and allows you to deal with life’s challenges. We can cultivate more gratitude in our lives by being thankful for past and present experiences while staying optimistic about the future. The November, I MADE THAT cooking education kit will include easy fall recipes to make your home smell amazing, featuring spiced apple star bread and spiced holiday nuts. You will receive pomander ball supplies, a gratitude journal, and select recipe ingredients to get started. This project is ideal for families to work on together or for youth with cooking experience. Kits are \$5 and will be available for pick-up beginning November 3 at our Extension office. To register visit <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24316>

**NATURE EXPLORERS SPIN CLUB:** “Nature Explorers” will spark youth’s excitement about nature, the environment, and citizen science. Catch and observe frogs, monitor birds and wildlife, plant trees.... this club has endless possibilities. One of our focuses this year will be “adopting” a local river. Participants will collect data to help researchers at IL RiverWatch while learning about water quality and cleaning up rivers in JDC. Oh ya, don’t forget the scavenger hunt by canoe we will take later in the year! To sign up visit <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24168>. We are partnering with Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation to make this a wonderful experience for youth 5th-12th grade. 4-H membership is not required. The first meeting will be on October 28 so there is still time to register!

**EVERYTHING ART SPIN CLUB:** “Everything Art” Club will spark a youth’s love for the creative arts. Participants will CREATE, LEARN, and have FUN! Any youth in the 3rd-12th grade is welcome to join in the fun and 4-H membership is not required. Each meeting will focus on a different creative arts area. Local experts in Cake Decorating, Flower Arranging, Clothing and Textiles, and even Photography will be leading these sessions. Don’t forget visual arts as well. If you have a child that would like to learn basket weaving, paper quilling, leathercraft, woodworking, or woodburning... join this club! We will meet 6 times beginning on December 4 with cake decorating. Sign up at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24204>. Register by November 16.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE JDC

# 4-H ACHIEVEMENT EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 2:30 PM  
ELIZABETH COMMUNITY BUILDING

## OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

WE WILL BE HONORING OUR 4-HERS FOR  
THE PARTICIPATION IN 2020-2021 YEAR!

**DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED!**

RSVP by October 24

TO RSVP CALL 815-858-2273  
OR EMAIL ANGELA AT  
[AMILLR11@ILLINOIS.EDU](mailto:AMILLR11@ILLINOIS.EDU)

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.





JDC 4-H Federation's

# T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



## 01

Use any website, app, or create your design by hand.

## 02

The theme is "Find Your Spark"

## 03

Designs must include the official clover and the year.

## 04

Email your design to [amillr11@illinois.edu](mailto:amillr11@illinois.edu) in a jpeg or png format.

## 05

Deadline Nov. 1, 2021

This shirt will be available to all 4-H families. An online store will be set up after the contest.







JDC 4-H FEDERATION

# SCARECROW

## *Building Contest*



National 4-H Week is here and JDC 4-H Federation members are inviting all our 4-H families to join in the fun. Build a scarecrow as a club, with a friend, or as a family. Set it up at your house, school, or somewhere in your community.

Once you have it built be sure to submit your picture to [amillr11@illinois.edu](mailto:amillr11@illinois.edu) for your chance to win some great prizes!

Members have October 1- 31 to get their pictures submitted!  
Federation members will judge the submissions at thier November meeting!

Join in the fun!

Get creative!

Show your 4-H Spirit!



## “SOAK IT UP” WITH A SCIENTIST

4-Hers across the state of Illinois can sign up to participate in Soak it up with a Scientist featuring Megan Seymour, a Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seymour has experience with conservation regarding bats, water snakes, and bald eagles. She also has expertise regarding the Great Lakes, island biogeography, and wind power effects on birds and bats.

This live webinar format will allow participants to ask the scientist questions with immediate feedback. 4-H'ers are sure to learn something new regarding environmental science.

This online webinar event is free for any 4-Her.

**Monday, October 25, 2021 from 4:30-5:30 pm**

To register click on the following link

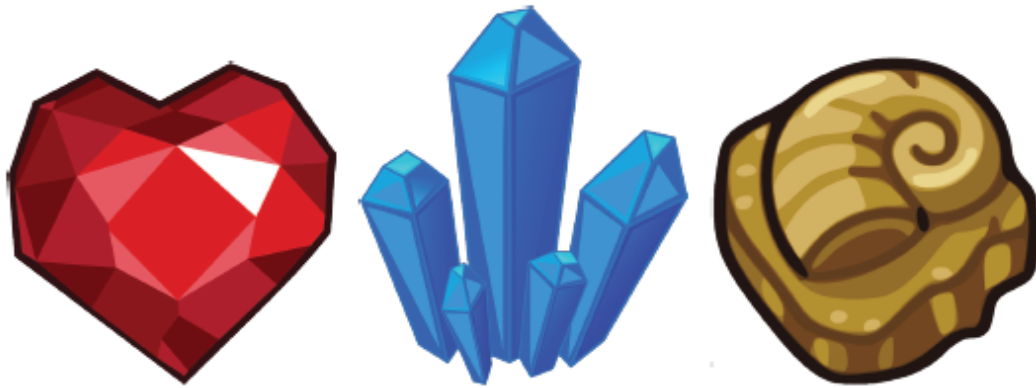
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=24282>

**Any 4-Hers interested in Geology? Check this out!**

Northwest Illinois Rock Club's 2021

# **JEWELRY, GEM, FOSSIL AND MINERAL SHOW**

**NOVEMBER 13TH AND 14TH**



New Location! Freeport Eagles Club  
1200 W Galena Ave, Freeport, IL

**Demonstrations - Dealers - Displays  
Children's "Fish Pond" and Games  
Holiday Shopping - More!**

Saturday, November 13th - 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, November 14th - 10 AM - 4 PM

Free Will Donation

Find us on Facebook - Northwest IL Rock Club - for more information.  
We will be following current local and state mandates regarding masks.

## Dates to Remember

### 2021-2022 Jo Daviess County 4-H Calendar of Events

\*\* dates/times subject to change\*\*

<u>Month/Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<b>NEW ADDITIONS OR CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE CALENDAR WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED</b>
<b>October, 2021</b>			
1	4:00 pm	DEADLINE: EXPERIENCE AWARDS APPLIATIONS, COUNTY RECORD BOOK, "I DARE YOU" AWARD, "TOP 4-HER" AWARD)- DUE EXTENSION OFFICE	
???	7:00 pm	Federation Meeting –Eliz. Comm. Building-	
3-9		<b>National 4-H Week</b>	
12-15		<i>Records Judging @ Extension Office- tentative</i>	
15		<b>DEADLINE: MANDATORY CLUB REPORTS DUE @ Ext. Office</b>	
16 OR 17		Jr. Leadership Conference- Decatur, IL	
24	4:30 pm	<b>DEADLINE: Achievement Banquet/Leader Recognition RSVPs due- Extension Office</b>	
28	5-6:30 pm	Nature Explorers SPIN club "Kick-off" Meeting- Apple Canyon State Park	
<b>November, 2021</b>			
1		<b>DEADLINE: IL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE</b>	
7	TBA	Achievement Banquet/ Leader Recognition- MUST RSVP	
16-17		<b>EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>	
18	5:00 pm	Nature Explorers meeting- Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary	
25-26		<b>EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</b>	
30		<b>DEADLINE: MANDATORY CLUB PAPERWORK DUE- EXTENSION OFFICE (OFFICER LIST, PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS, SIGNATORY CARDS, STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE)</b>	
<b>December, 2021</b>			
4	TBA	"Everything Art" Spin Club-Cake Decorating- Eliz. Comm. Bldg.	
???		Federation Meeting	
7		<b>EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>	
15		<b>DEADLINE: RE-ENROLLMENT WITH NO LIMITS ON PARTICIPATION (MUST TURN IN ALL SIGNED LIABILITY FORMS AT THIS TIME)</b>	
15		<b>DEADLINE: RE-SCREENING/SCREENING PAPERWORK DUE- (for volunteers requiring re-screening or new volunteers)</b>	
16	5:00 pm	Nature Explores Meeting- location tba	
24-3		<b>EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS (re-opens Jan. 4)</b>	

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