



E-NEWS



December 17, 2019

"To Make the Best Better"



From our Extension Family to yours,

Merry Christmas!

Wishing you smiles, laughter, and a whole lot of fun this Christmas season.

My family and I wish each of you an abundance of blessings this holiday season.

Be safe if you are traveling!

Have a wonderful New Year! See you 2020



Save the Date:

**Owl Club: Sunday, January 26– 2-5 pm @ Ext. Office
Saturday, February 8- 2:30-4:30 pm @ Garden of Eden**

**Dog Club: Saturday, January 18- 9–12:30 pm@ Granny Rose K-9
Enrichment Center in Dixon, IL
Saturday, February 8- 1-3 pm @ Safe Haven**

**Cloverbud Activity: Saturday, February 8— 10-11:30 am @
Extension Office. More info TBA!**

**Federation Meeting: The next 4-H Federation Meeting
will be held on Monday, January 6. This will begin at 7
pm and will be held at the Extension Office.**

**PLEASE NOTE- The Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago
County Extension Offices will be closed for the holidays begin-
ning December 24-January 1. We will reopen for normal
business on January 2.**

**LEADER MEETING– We typically do our winter leaders meeting
in January but lets try February 10 at 6:30 pm. I will be handing
out manuals during this time so please save this date!**

I NEED TO KNOW ASAP IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND.

Nominate someone for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due **February 21**. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application @ <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/volunteerism/volunteers/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>.

Welcome New 4-Hers!

*Kyla Atutis

*Ted Berning

*Madalynn
Downing

*Catalina Plath

*Alexa & Leyla
Saunders

*Kaley
Thompson

*Sadie & Jarrett
Johnson

*Jack & Zoe
Blaum

*Sydney Burtucci

Allison Kline

*Max & Lydia
Schudt

*Ethan Anderson

*Laney Fjelstad

*Alyssa, Cody,
Evelyn, and Kyle
Noller

PROJECT BOOK FEE— Each member will receive 3 free project books. After that, members will be charged an additional \$5 for each additional book.

Books costing under \$2 will **NOT** be charged to the member regardless if it is their 4th, 5th, or 6th project book.

Invoices will be sent to your family's address and **MUST** be paid within 15 days.

Once a book is ordered, no refund will be given, even if you decide to drop the project. **Cloverbuds will NOT be charged for any project books.**

**THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT PARTICIPATION,
ONLY TO CONTROL COSTS!**

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!

4-H SKI DAY- For those of that plan to attend the JDC 4-H Ski Day, I have included the required paperwork to this e-news.

Ski Day is open to all 4-Hers and their immediate family members AND 1 guest per member. This will take place on Sunday, January 19 at the Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort | Galeana, IL. Check-in is between 12:30-1:30 pm.

Participants must fill out all of the following forms:

- registration form
- medical release
- liability waiver (assumption of risk)- **ONLY** if you do not have the new waiver on file.
- code of conduct
- and your payment (registration is not valid without the payment)

All Ski packets must be returned to the Extension Office by January 14 for each participant.

We have set a "bad weather" date for January 26. Skiers/Boarders may stay from 1pm - close!

All check should be payable to **University of IL Extension**

PROGRAM BOOK COVER CONTEST– With the new 4-H year underway, it is once again time to think about the 2020 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 February 21, 2020.

The theme for 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.
- 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.

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 1 from 10 am-noon.

We have set a bad weather date for February 22. We will notify you by phone if we need to reschedule, so please include your cell phone on your forms. If you are enrolled in the beef project, this form was mailed to you. If you do not receive it in the next few days, please double check your 4-H Online enrollment and make sure you are enrolled correctly and your address is correct.

Please take the time to complete the form regardless if you plan to weigh cattle or not. This helps us plan accurately. All forms must be turned in to the Extension Office by January 29.

*Get creative.

*Do not use
Color.

*Any age 4-Her
may enter.

*All
submissions
will be
featured in the
program book.



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If you are
planning to
exhibit beef at
the 2020
Illinois State
Fair or travel
across state
lines, all cattle
must be
electronically
tagged along
with the usual
tattoo
procedure.

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Quality Assurance & Ethics (QA&E):

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/qaec/>

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

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 <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. 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 estimated cost for the face to face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version. *This link is not open yet. However, I will be communicating with everyone via "E-News" and email so please be on the lookout. You are responsible for making sure your info is correct in order to receive this information. Check your address and email listed in 4-H Online. DO NOT LET "ME" GO TO YOUR JUNK MAIL!*

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.

ATTENTION 4-H PARENTS— We will be having a 4-H Meeting/Orientation for ALL NEW 4-H FAMILIES. If this is your child's first or second year in 4-H, I invite you to attend this informal, information meeting.

This is your chance to sit with me and grill me on all things 4-H. I want to know what you find difficult, what you like, and what you dislike. I would also like to know what we can do better to make things more clear, more helpful, and ways that you feel would improve the exchanging of information.

Also at this meeting, I will be going over the what, when, who, why of 4-H. We will also go over 4-H Online, Fair Entry, the 4-H Fair... and much, much more.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, January 6 at 5:30 pm and at the Extension Office located at 204 Vine Street in Elizabeth. **YOU MUST RSVP BY JANUARY 3**. If I do not have anyone register, I will not hold this meeting!

****SINCE THIS IS AN EVENING MEETING AND I WILL NEED TO ADJUST MY SCHEDULE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND! EMAIL ME AT AMILLR11@ILLINOIS.EDU OR CALL ME AT 815-858-2273.***

Take a Trip Across the Globe

4-H is not only the largest youth development program in the United States. It is also in 60 countries around the world! Through this network, Illinois 4-H offers youth and their families an opportunity to think globally, grow in their cultural awareness, and gain knowledge about the world through international exchange programs that include both hosting and travelling abroad. These are coordinated in partnership with the States' 4-H International Exchange Program which works with Cooperative Extension programs across the nation. <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>.

Visit exciting new places as part of the 2020 States' 4-H International Exchange program. Check out this line-up:

Costa Rica: June 18 – July 17. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$800 to \$1,300). Ages: 15 – 18.

Japan: July 8 – August 6. Cost \$2,725 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.

Japan: June 18 – August 6. Cost \$3,875 (plus airfare \$1,700 to \$2,600). Ages: 12 – 18.

Norway: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.

South Korea: July 15 – August 13. Cost \$2,430 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.

Taiwan: June 28 – July 28. Cost \$2,200 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,300). Ages 12 – 18.

Romania: June 24 – July 24. Cost \$1,775 (plus airfare \$1,300 to \$2,000). Ages 15 – 18.



The first deposit and application are due December 1. Second deposit is due February 1. For more information, check out their website @ [states4hexchange.org/](https://www.states4hexchange.org/).

Compete in regional horse contests and earn your trip to state!

April 18 & 19 | Champaign

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse!

4-H HORSE BOWL: Demonstrate your knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school! The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held Sunday, April 19 at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-bowl-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST: There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. The State 4-H Hippology contest is Saturday, April 18, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-hippology-contest>. You must pre-qualify at a regional contest.

4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST: 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 horse-related subjects and the 4-H Horse project. Compete in the formal, team, or presentation division. Learn more @ <http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-horse-speaking-contest>. The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is Saturday, April 18 at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

Please let me know if any club/ members are interested in getting a team together. I have all the study info and will see when the regional contest is!

Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations are:

Volunteer of the Year – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the County Office by [January 6, 2020](#), which will allow us to meet the *Thursday, January 9, 2020* submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENT MEETING- Attention all goat, lamb, beef, swine, and dairy superintendents. We will be having a meeting to discuss the fair book, policies, and fair entry changes for the upcoming 4-H fair. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 22** beginning at 7 pm at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the changes made last year and evaluating the pros and cons. We will also go over the fair book.

Please contact me only if you CANNOT attend!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

10- 11:00 A.M.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION-
STEPHENSON COUNTY
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS-
BUILDING R, ROOM 153**

The day will focus on the basics of starting your poultry project!

The following will be covered:

- Preparing for chicks
- Feeding
- Getting started with pigeons
- Lots of general information

For more information contact Rita Koch at 815-449-2910

Please RSVP to the Stephenson County Extension Office at <http://go.illinois.edu/jsw> or call (815) 235-4125 by Friday, January 17 by 4 p.m.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS 4-H SUMMER CAMP

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JUNE 8-12

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN
CAMP
POLO, IL



Award Spotlight



COME JOIN THE FUN
4-H CAMP IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES 8-14 BY JUNE 8, 2020
REGISTER ONLINE BY MARCH 1
GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/4HSUMMERCAMP

Who Can Attend 4-H Camp?

4-H Camp is open to all youth, ages 8-14 by June 8, 2020. Campers do not have to be a 4-H member to attend 4-H Camp. Youth need to be interested in and excited about having a week of outdoor fun, away from television and technology, where they can make new friends and try new things.

Want to Know About the Location?

Rock River Christian Camp has 94 acres that have been transformed over the years into a beautiful facility for youth and adults.

Camp Fee Schedule

Register by March 1:

\$250 (4-H Members)

\$270 (non 4-H Members)

Must be paid in full by March 1 or price goes up.

Register after March 1:

\$300 (4-H Members)

\$320 (non 4-H Members)

Must be paid in full by May 20 or spot not held.

Contact the Extension Office prior to registration to see if financial assistance opportunities are available.



*Riley Wolter
"Top 4-Her"

*Gabrielle Kelly
"1st Time
Achievement"

*Dalton Wachter
"National 4-H
Congress"

*Aly Anderson
"Top Beef
Herdsman"

*Ashton Miller &
Jenna Haas
"CIT Award"

*Elizabeth
Community Fair
Board
"Friend of 4-H"

*Sue Meusel
"Friend of 4-H"

*Top Notchers,
Menominee
Achievers,
Chelsea Busy Bees,
21st Century,
Shooting Stars

"JDC 4-H Club
Awards"

FAMILY LEGACY FUTURE



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.

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REGISTER NOW
go.illinois.edu/4HJLC



**BE THE LEADER
YOUR CLUB NEEDS!**

BOOK YOUR TRIP TODAY

Only 100 spots available
Registration closes January 24
(or at capacity)

COST: \$170
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

February 22-23

ARRIVE 10 - 11 AM Saturday, Feb. 22
DEPART by 11:30 AM Sunday, Feb. 23

Keller Convention Center
1202 Keller Drive | Effingham

7th & 8th grade 4-H members

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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.

**Take the next step in your
leadership journey!**

February 22 & 23 | Effingham

You'll laugh. You'll make new friends. You'll even learn cool ideas to take back to your own 4-H Club at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference.

The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. Registration closes when we reach 100 participants, so don't wait to the Jan. 24 deadline. Do it now!

REGISTER: go.illinois.edu/4HJLC. This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Effingham!

**IN ADDITION TO COOL THINGS TO
DO, YOU'LL EACH PARTICIPATE IN
THESE FUN WORKSHOPS:**

Flying into the Virtual World: Explore STEM with 4-H! Take a trip to Europe, South America, and Africa through the world of Virtual Reality. Put your problem solving skills to work and help solve international problems in the form of fun engineering challenges! Come work with 4-H to explore the world of technology that surrounds us and those in other countries.

Tacky Tourist Trivia: Explore the world of trivia with your tacky tourist guides. Throughout the trivia tour, you will test your knowledge of the world, 4-H, pop culture, and more as you work with your team to win the Tacky Tourist Trivia Tournament.

Weathering the Storm of Agriculture: Are you experiencing the calm before the storm? Do you know how weather and agriculture affect one another? Come and see the impact of both agriculture and weather across the globe.

Follow Our Lead: Follow our lead as we take a trip to India to learn and practice dancing fusion style. On our journey, we will experience the culture and rich history this dance has to offer.

Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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	2-5 pm	Owl Club Meeting- Extension Office
29		DEADLINE: BEEF WEIGH-IN FORMS DUE-Extention Office

February, 2020

1	9 am-3 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- Garden of Eden Bird Sanctuary
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	Tentative	Carroll County Livestock Judging Contest, Mt. Carroll

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