

Kankakee County 4-H Newsletter ~ Spring 2019
Welcome all 4-H'ers, leaders, volunteers and parents.

Welcome New Extension County Director, Unit 9

Congratulations to Megan Walsh, Extension County Director. Joe Toman, Regional Director, Region 1 made the announcement April 8. He wrote "I am pleased to announce Megan Walsh as the new County Director for Grundy, Kankakee and Will Counties – Unit 9. She will officially begin her duties on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Megan first arrived at Illinois Extension in 2012 as Unit 9's 4-H Youth Development (Metro) Educator. However, she has over nine years of experience with Extension, having also served as an Extension 4-H agent at Kansas State University. Additionally, she already has a proven track record in building positive relationships with many communities, organizations, partners, and volunteers within Grundy, Kankakee and Will Counties. I am excited about the skills and competency that she brings to the position."

You will see Megan at many of the county events. Please introduce yourself to Megan when you see her. She looks forward to meeting everyone and continuing her work in Unit 9 as Director.

County Fair News

2019 Fair Theme

The theme for the 2019 Kankakee County Fair is "**Mission: Adventure Join the Team. Change the World.**" or "**It's a Tradition.**" Either theme may be used throughout the year, for Club Display at the Fair and Window Display Contest in October. Please refer to page 36 in the Show Book for space requirements. Please email Debra Koch and let her know in writing if your club will not have a display (dmkoch@illinois.edu). If you need more exhibit space, please request this in writing by July 1.

Kankakee County 4-H Show Books

The 4-H Show Book is posted on the Kankakee County Extension website. Individuals who wish to have a copy may download it and print it. If you prefer, Extension Office will make a copy at the cost of **\$5.50 each**. Please call in advance and payment is due upon receipt.

Creative Arts 4-H Club Display Clean Up

Assistance is needed for set-up/clean up in the Creative Arts Building Monday, July 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Adults, as well as 4-H'ers may assist with this task. The cleanup includes sweeping, place white plastic on the display areas, set up club display tables and put up club signs. Call the Extension Office if you are able to assist. **Clubs that assist have the opportunity to select their display spot for the fair.**

Acknowledgments

We give our sincere thanks to Kankakee County Fair & Exposition Inc., the Kankakee County Farm Bureau, the Kankakee County Association for Home and Community Education, Kankakee County 4-H Federation, Kankakee County 4-H/Youth Foundation, cooperating merchants of Kankakee, local 4-H club organizations, and the many others who contributed time, energy, or materials to assist with the 4-H program.

Ag Olympics – Sponsored by Kankakee County Farm Bureau

New this year, 4-H club will receive sign-up information via email along with a paper packet at the Leader Meeting on May 2, 2019. Clubs have the option to sign up on-line or mailing the information to Farm Bureau. Look for details about this awesome event!

State Fair News

Quality Assurance/Ethics Certification Training

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification is required for Kankakee County and State Fair exhibition. All animal exhibitors must complete the Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification on the website. This requirement needs to be completed only once regardless of the animal species.

Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Entries

Junior show entries for the 2019 Illinois State Fair require the signature of Extension Staff. Once signed, the exhibitor may send it along with fees directly to the State Fair.

State Fair Non-Livestock Updates

Kankakee County 4-H Exhibit Day is August 10, 2019. There will be conference judging for all 4-H exhibits. An individual 4-H'er may enter one individual exhibit class and one group exhibit class in the 4-H Exhibit Division.

Gate Passes-State Fair

New this year: The 2019 Illinois State Fair Pre-sale Pass is good for Saturday, August 10, 2019. There are no vehicle passes this year. Families may park in or outside the fairgrounds. Orders for passes are due at the Extension Office by July 11, 2019.

Federation Happenings

Kankakee County 4-H Federation Meetings

The July 8, 2019 meeting will be at the 4-H Federation Food Stand to prepare the Food Stand for the fair. The August 5 meeting will be held at the Federation Food Stand to clean up after the fair.

Federation Food Stand Opportunities

4-H clubs and individuals are encouraged to sign up to work at the Federation Food Stand at the Kankakee County Fair. Please check on the times that are available. We need your support!

General Projects Information

Project Tags

Main Club Leaders may pick up club member project tags July 8-12 at the Extension Office. All club members must have tags on their projects to be judged. Please plan to pick up your member tags for distribution before General Project Judging.

Volunteer Assistance Needed

We need parents, leaders or adult volunteers to help with assisting judges during conference judging times at General Projects, Foods, and Clothing Judging days. Please contact the Extension office, 815/933-8337 to sign up or print the form online and return to the Extension Office. We need a commitment from each club to provide at least 3 recorders/helpers.

General Projects, Foods and Clothing Judging – Judging all on one day!

General Projects, Foods and Clothing Judging will be held on Saturday, July 27 at Larsen Fine Arts Building at Olivet Nazarene University. Upon arriving between 8:00-9:30 a.m., the 4-H'er will check in at the 4-H Information Center. Judging begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. State Fair selections will be made when all entries are conference judged. Doors will be locked at noon and will reopen at 2:00 p.m. The projects will be released at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Conference Judging

Conference judging will be held in the project areas of Foods, Clothing, and General Projects. If the 4-H'er is unable to be present for a judging event, he/she may send the project with another person. The project must be accompanied by a completed Kankakee County Exhibit Report Form. This form is found on the county website. It is recommended that loose papers such as Exhibit Report Form, patterns and recipes be placed in a clear plastic sheet protector to keep papers clean and organized.

Livestock Projects Information

4-H Livestock Partnership Agreement

Every 4-H'er whose animal for his/her project lives at another location **must have** this form on file at the Extension Office for the current 4-H year. It may be found on our website.

4-H Livestock Auction

The Kankakee County 4-H Livestock Auction Committee has been busy planning for the 2019 4-H Livestock Auction. It will be held on Saturday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m. 4-H members planning to participate in the auction need to remember: (1) You must sign up to sell and pay your fee immediately after your show. See the superintendent, or designated person, to sign up. (2) After the auction, the buyer must call the Extension Office and give permission to release the check to the 4-H'er. The 4-H'er should be aware of the buyer's intention before leaving the auction. More details are available on page 10 of the 4-H Show Book.

Member Communication

Ag Olympics – New Sign-Up Procedures

An Ag Olympics email will be sent to each Main Club Leader. If you are a small club and want to join with another club, please indicate the names on the registration form. Combining with another club must be done during the registration process, not the day of the event. The forms must be emailed directly to the Farm Bureau-kfbsec@sbcglobal.net. Ag Olympics is on Sunday, August 4, at 2:00 p.m.

Read Newsletter Shorts

The State 4-H Office sends Newsletter Shorts monthly. They are posted in 4-H Online and on the county website. Be sure to read about everything that is happening within the State! You will be glad you did!

Special Awards

Be thinking about whom to nominate, in writing, for "I Dare You", 4-H Alumni, and Friend of 4-H Awards. While participating in 4-H events and activities, it is a good time to look around for nominees for these awards. The County Award Form is available on the Extension website.

4-H Recognition Night – Hold the Date

Watch for information about the 2019 4-H Recognition event scheduled for November 24, 2019.

Records

Kankakee County 4-H Record keeping ends on August 31, 2019. Main Club Leaders will be turning in club member records by September 6, 2019. Please be sure your leader receives your records.

4-H Record Judge Volunteers Needed

4-H Records will be judged September 10, 11 & 12 at the Extension office at 1:00-4:30 and 7:00 -9:00 p.m. We are requesting that each club provide three adult volunteers to help with this important process. Volunteers will receive instructions. Volunteers may come for part or all of the time scheduled.



2019 Kankakee County 4-H Events

May 13, 2019	7:00 p.m.	4-H Federation Meeting, Extension Office
May 27, 2019		Extension Office Closed
June 8, 2019		State Public Presentation Judging Event
June 10, 2019		NO 4-H Federation Meeting
June 17, 2019	7:00 p.m.	Judges Training, Extension Office
July 4, 2019		Extension Office Closed
July 8, 2019	3:00 p.m.	Clean Federation Food Stand, Fair Grounds
July 17, 2019	6:30 & 7:00 p.m.	Small Pets Judging (Live Animals Only) Extension Office
July 20, 2019	8:30 a.m.	4-H Dog Show, Emme Farm
July 22, 2019	3:00 p.m.	Creative Arts Building cleaning
July 23, 2019	5:30 p.m.	On-the-Hoof Judging- Kohl Farm
July 27, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Foods, Clothing, General Projects Judging, ONU Campus
July 27, 2019	8:30 a.m.	On-the-Rail Judging, Papineau Locker
July 30, 2019	Most of the day	Set up Food Stand with food items and prepare
July 30, 2019	4:30 p.m.	Club Display Judging, Fairgrounds
July 31-August 4, 2019		Kankakee County Fair
August 8-18, 2019		Illinois State Fair
August 10, 2019		State Fair General Projects judging, Springfield, IL
August 24, 2019		State Dog Show, Granny Rose, Dixon, IL
August 31, 2019		2018/2019 4-H Records closing date
August 31, 2019		4-H Club Annual Financial Statement closing date
September 6, 2019	4:30 p.m.	2018/2019 4-H Records due at Extension Office
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September 8, 2019		Camp Shaw Waw-Nas-See 4-H Fun Day
September 9, 2019	7:00 p.m.	First Federation meeting for new year, Extension Office
September 10, 11&12	Times vary	4-H Records Judging, Extension Office

