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618-943-5018.**4-H Happenings**

February 2	Beef Weigh-in
February 13	Federation Meeting
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	IL Pork Day at Springfield
February 18	President's Day
February 20	Leader's Meeting
February 22	Cloverbud Workshop
February 28	Trophy Survey Ends
March 1	New Member Registration Deadline
	Last day to Add or Drop Projects
	Club Challenge Starts

Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.
3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
4. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

Lawrence County 4-H Opportunity:
April 11th—Pack bags for Fish and Loaves



It's 'udderly' amazing

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.) The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.



Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ dfischer@illinois.edu or call 618-830-4957.



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 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**



Learn about the swine industry

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 16 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth may stay and complete the YQCA training at 4 p.m. at no cost. We'll learn more later about this NEW, REQUIRED YQCA training which will replace Illinois' Quality Assurance and Ethics certification, but this is a great way to have fun and get your training out of the way. For more information and to register, go to ilpork.com.

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So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. Choose from one of these summer sessions:



- Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
- Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
- Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
- Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4
- Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

Registration will open February 4 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp! Don't be late. Most spots will be taken by the end of February!

Time for you to Explore ACES



Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ exploreaces.org.

Just so you know

- 2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8
- 2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11
- 2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29
- 2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.
- 2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24

More details to follow as they are available!



WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods!

We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something NEW and DIFFERENT and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

Here is the general guideline for the **Foods Innovation Class**:

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the

Check out these scholarships!

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.

Jarrad Stout Scholarship

You must be a high school senior or college freshman who is planning to continue their education at a University or Junior College. Your field of study must be in Agriculture, Business, Education, or Miscellaneous. You must be a 4-H Member of a Lawrence County 4-H Club within the previous two years, and enrolled in a livestock project that you have exhibited at the 4-H shows the previous two years. Applications may be picked up at the University of Illinois Extension Office or online at web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww. Deadline to return the application is March 30, 2019.

Please watch the mail, Facebook page as well as the unit website for more scholarship applications.



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Federation News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13

6 PM at Extension Office

Federation will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, February 13 at 6 PM in the Extension office. We will be developing committees for fair planning, trip planning and workshop planning. There will be a short discussion on the new Unit 25 Ambassador program and our up coming community service projects. If you can't make the meeting and want to be on a certain committee please contact Samantha.



Club Challenge!

What club can collect the most food for the Fish and Loaves organization?

At your March and April 4-H meetings, make sure to bring in food items for the Fish and Loaves organization, and the club with the most food will receive a pizza party. We will count the food individually, so if you bring in a box of 12 fruit snacks that will count as 12 items of food. The list of items will be posted on the Lawrence County Facebook page.

Wait there is more to this challenge! Again this year, Lawrence County Farm Bureau Young Leaders are also joining the challenge. They will be matching a dollar amount up to \$500 for the amount of food we bring in. Wait for it, there is more exciting news! Lawrence County Farm Bureau wants to be involved just a little more so the board has also pledged to match what we bring in up to \$500! This monetary donation will be split between the other food pantries in Lawrence County. This is a great challenge to benefit all Lawrence County food pantries. Lets see how much food and money we can raise for these worthy organizations.

Fish and Loaves Packing Bags

Lawrence County 4-H has set the date of Thursday, April 11 as the date to pack bags for the Fish and Loaves Program. We will be packing bags for two week, so over 400 bags will be packed that night. **We need all of Lawrence County 4-H to show up and help.** Packing starts at 6 PM at the Free Methodist Church Fellowship hall in Bridgeport. Please come a few minutes early. We will also be giving some of the food collected during our club challenge that night. You will need to register online if you are planning on coming, as well as, sign in that night. Hope to see all of you there!

Fish and Loaves Garage Sale

Fish and Loaves has asked 4-H to help with their garage sale in March. They need youth to help set up and take down. Please watch your March newsletter, our Facebook page, as well as, your leaders for more information.



Leader's Meeting

Wednesday, February 20

6 PM at Extension Office

Please plan on joining us on the evening of Wednesday, February 20 at 6 PM. We will be discussing changes to state fair as well as the county fair. We will also discuss the club challenge for the months of March and April as well as assisting with the Fish and Loaves Garage Sale. If you cannot make it, please let Samantha know and, if possible, send a parent from your club in your spot. It is very important that you get this new information out.

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

- April - 15 Purebred Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves
- May - 1 Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams
All Horses
- June - 1 All Poultry
Rabbit Breeding Does and Bucks
- June - 15 Market Meat Rabbits

All 4Her's entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates.

Off Premise Form

Off Premise Form are required for any youth who doesn't house their animals at their house. Forms are located online at our website web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww under Lawrence County 4-H; 4-H Project Records and Forms. Please fill these forms out, as well as, have the owner of the location where your animals are being housed complete the form. These forms will be due to my office by May 1, 2019. When Identification forms are sent out, you will also receive the Off Premise form.

Trophy Survey

We need your help! During the month of February the office will be sending out an email to all Lawrence County 4-H members about trophies. Please follow the link that is in the email and tell us what you think about the trophies you are getting now or tell us that you want a change. The survey will end on February 28th, so act fast when you get the email!





Unit #25 Ambassadors

The purpose of the Unit 25 Ambassadors is to provide a voice for youth through promoting the 4-H program. The group will consist of members from each of the 5 counties in the Unit area.

This group will be vital in promoting the benefits of 4-H membership to other youth, volunteers, donors and elected officials. This will be done in several different ways including networking/education or demonstrating/teaching.

*The Ambassador program is not the same as Federation, however youth can be in both Federation and an Ambassador.

WHO:

- ◇ 25 Youth from the Unit
- ◇ Must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years or longer
- ◇ Must be 6th grade or older

DUTIES:

- ◇ Attend Unit #25 Ambassador Training
- ◇ Attend one Unit wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Attend one county wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Highly encouraged to attend Speaking for Illinois 4-H (SFI4-H)

Opportunities:

- ◇ To network with local businesses, donors and elected officials
- ◇ To connect to the University of Illinois Extension, 4-H and the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- ◇ To gain skills in brainstorming, creativity and evaluation
- ◇ Day trip to University of Illinois and possibly other 2 yr/4yr Illinois colleges

To apply: Interested applicants can pick up an application at your local Extension office.

Applications must be turned in by March 1, 2019.

Applicants will be called for an interview during the month of April.

The 2019 Unit #25 Ambassador Team will be announced at the 2019 local 4-H fair.



Youth ages 5 to 7 are invited to create a Valentines inspired painting and a yummy snack. Everything made at the workshop will be sent home. If you are interested in signing up, please register online at web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww For more information about the Cloverbud program, please contact the Extension office at 618-943-5018.



Cloverbud Winter Workshop

Thursday, February 22

* 2 PM – 3 PM*

At Extension Office

Red Hill FFA Cattle Classic Steer and Heifer Show

Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Must be on grounds by 9:00 a.m.

Show starts at 12:30 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$35 per head

Location: Lawrence County Fairgrounds

11107 4H Road

Sumner, IL 62466

Cash prize and banner for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion spots.

Cash prize according on showups.

RULES

IBA points as follows:

Exhibitor must be 8 yrs old and no older than 21 the day of show.

Five heads are required to make a breed class.

Steers and Crossbreed heifers will be weighed.

Health papers are required. Registration papers are required on all purebreds.

Cattle may arrive starting Friday, March 8th from 4-7 pm.

No outside bedding allowed. Bedding will be provided.

No artificial hair or pumping.

No alcohol on fairgrounds.

The Red Hill FFA and Lawrence County Fair are not responsible for accidents.

For more information contact:

Hayden Kinkade: (618) 843-2413

Erin Michels: (618) 843-1224

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