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Lawrence County 4-H Clover Chatter

December 2019/January 2020

4-H Happenings

December 14	Wreaths Across America
December 18	Office Closed for Staff Meeting
December 23	Federation Holiday Meeting
December 24 – January 1	Office Closed
January 1	Market Beef and Dairy Steers Ownership Deadline
January 6	Federation Meeting
January 20	Office Closed
January 25	Weather Workshop
February 1	Beef Weigh-in

Happy Holidays!



From:

Stacy, Samantha, and Debbie

I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

Federation News:

Monday, December 23 at 1 PM meet at the Extension office for Secret Santa and some hard rock candy making. Please let Samantha know if you are coming to help.

Monday, January 6 at 6 PM will be the next Federation meeting at the Extension Office. We will be discussing a February workshop, finalizing our January workshop and looking ahead to the upcoming months. Please bring a program/game that can be shared to take back to other clubs meetings. Please let the office know if you will be attending the meeting.



Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 14

Bridgeport—10 AM

Lawrenceville—11 AM



Lawrence County 4-H members have been asked to assist with the placing of the wreaths on Veteran's graves. Please attend one or more of these locations to help honor our Veteran's. This year we ask that you take pictures of you placing wreaths and post them to our Facebook page.

Extension office closed

Monday, December 24, 2019 – Tuesday, January 1, 2020

Office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2020

Happy Holidays!



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What in the Weather?

MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

Saturday, January 25

10 AM– 11 AM

At the Extension office

Let's Learn About Weather

We will be traveling outside for some fun weather games and would ask that your child brings a coat, hat, and gloves.



REGISTER ONLINE:

web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww

or call the Lawrence Extension office
at 618-943-5018 to register
or for more information.



Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

January 1st — Market Beef and Market Dairy

April 15th — Purebred and Commercial Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves

**May 1st — Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams
All Horses**

June 1st — All Poultry and Rabbits

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





Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock 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. Attend either 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 needed each year 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 is \$3, and for the online version it's \$12. Lawrence County will hold a face to face class in February. Please watch your newsletter and our Facebook Page for more information.

Beef Weigh-In

When: February 1

Where: Lawrence County Fairgrounds

What Time: 8 AM



All youth enrolled in Beef that are going to show market beef at the 2020 Lawrence County fair will need to attend the beef weigh-in on Saturday, February 1. All commercial heifers (crossbreeds) will need to be tattooed during this time. If you cannot make this date, please contact Samantha at the Extension

Just so you know

Dates for the 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show are July 26-August 1.

New Electronic Newsletter

Starting in February, we will switch to an electronic newsletter. You will receive an email that will have information about events going on in the county, unit and state. You will be able to click a link to obtain more information. There will be a newsletter that is posted to our county website at web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww/.





January Meetings

- ♦ **January 4—Crafts and Critters** at 9 AM at the Edwards County Extension office for Rabbit workshop. For more information, contact Deetta Gaither 812-830-8875.
- ♦ **January 6—STEAMbots** at 3:30 PM at the BGS STEAM room. Contact Tammy Parker for more information.
- ♦ **January 15—Russell Community Club** at 6:30 PM at FS Plant in Birds. For more information, contact Deb Weger at 618-928-2303 or Julie Decker at 618-928-2432.
- ♦ **January 15—Trailblazers** at 6:00 PM at the University of Illinois Extension office. For more information, contact Mandy Loveland at 618-945-8089 or Michal Hendy at 812-890-2474.
- ♦ **January 20—Adventure Club** at 6:00 PM at Bethlehem New Light Church basement. For more information, contact Steven and Carrie Potts.
- ♦ **January 20—Lucky Clovers** at 5:30 PM at New Hope Christian Church. Contact Angle Meek for more information at 812-890-1269.
- ♦ **January 26—Lucky Leafers** at 1:00 PM at Chauncey Community Building. For more information, contact Dee Hayes at 618-843-2907.
- ♦ **January 27—Clever Clovers** at 6:30 PM at the Loeb Oil building. For more information, contact Rita Palmer at 618-843-7138.
- ♦ **January —Show and Grow** at 3:00 PM at Rucker's Conference room. For more information, contact Lindsy Tiffany 618-263-8327 or Kristen Stanescu 812-830-8838.

You must attend 3 meetings before July 1, 2020 to show at the 2020 Lawrence County 4-H Fair.

Office will be closed

Monday, January 20

Take the next step in your leadership journey

February 22 & 23 | Effingham, IL

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.



Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.



Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 5: July 26-30

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 4: July 5-9



Save the date for 2020 Illini Summer Academies

The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies will be held June 21 – 27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17 for participants. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply January 31 thru March 1. Look for new information soon.

Tips for Fair

Understanding copyright and trademark laws

When an author, musician, designer, or artist creates something, it is immediately protected by copyright or trademark laws and other people can't use it or create something similar. Original works such as stories, music, pictures, plays, dances, sculpture, movies, and architecture are protected. 4-H members should use caution when working on a speech, display, or exhibit so you don't use something that doesn't belong to you.

4-H members can't draw or copy someone else's design, logo, words, or music without the permission of the original owner. That means, you can't draw a logo (such as Ford or John Deere) and use it on your exhibit. You can't create Mickey Mouse ears on your cake. You can't draw a Disney princess. You can't put SpongeBob image on your natural resource project exhibit board.

Think of it like this. You wouldn't take your neighbor's bike and ride it around to make your life easier without getting permission first. That would be stealing. When you take words, art, graphics, or photographs that aren't yours but use them like they are, that's stealing, too. Copying them from the internet is the same as stealing them unless you are using a site specifically created for free use of images.

For more information on what's allowed, contact Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu and ensure you're respecting the rights of others.



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4-H Lawrence County Illinois



Scholarship Opportunities

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!

TEACH OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>.

JOYCE BETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be a current high school or home school student. Applications are due January 1 and can be downloaded @ <http://www.teachoutdoors.org/scholarship.html>. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program Announcement

The 2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is **NOW OPEN!** The lineup includes 76 scholarships totaling \$118,000 in tuition support. Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. Students can apply between now and February 1, 2020. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Watch the February Newsletter and Facebook page for local scholarships.