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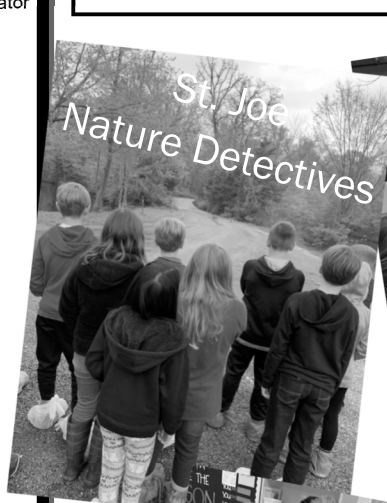
#### Unit #25

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## Happening Now

May 9th - Dog Obedience ( **All Groups** ) @ 6:30 - Pawsitive Pet Perfections  
May 9th - County Board Meal - FFA  
May 13th - Federation Meeting @ 5:30 - Extension Office  
May 16th - Dog Obedience ( **All Groups** ) @ 6:30 - Pawsitive Pet Perfections  
May 18th - Goat and Sheep Check -In @ 8:00 - Richland County Fairgrounds  
May 23rd - Dog Obedience ( **All Groups** ) @ 6:30 - Pawsitive Pet Perfections  
May 30th - Dog Obedience ( **All Groups** ) @ 6:30 - Pawsitive Pet Perfections  
June 1st - QAEC Due  
June 1st - Dog Papers Due  
June 1st - Fairy Entry Due  
June 8th - Shooting Sports @ 9:00 - Noble Rod and Gun Club  
June 10th - Livestock Papers Due  
June 13th - County Board Meal - Southern Smilers  
July 20th - Shooting Sports @ 9:00 - Noble Rod and Gun Club  
August 17th - Shooting Sports @ 9:00 - Noble Rod and Gun Club (Competition)





## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

**Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.

**Length of service:** Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

**Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](http://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."

**Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

## Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ [4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show](http://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show).



### Federation Meeting!

**The next Federation meeting is May 13th at @ 5:30 pm**  
**Please let Jessica know if you are coming! Also we will**  
**be discussing our trip at the end of May! Make sure you**  
**are in attendance.**



## Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.

Your video should relate to one of these topics:

Through 4-H, I've been able to ...

In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned .....

4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...

4-H has helped me feel welcomed by .....

I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...

In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...

Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I ..... Thanks for helping me grow!"

There are divisions for 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Alumni!!!!!!

Send the video file to us at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.

Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.

A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.

It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.

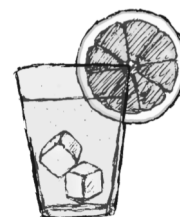
Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.

Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.

Questions? Email Judy at [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu).

### Lemonade Stand:

- ♦ There are 6 spots left that need to be filled for the Lemonade Stand. Let the office know if you can fill them!
- ♦ We are on the look for a Lemonade Stand Manger. You must be out of 4-H to be the Manager. If you are interested please Call the office and let us know. You must be able to be on call at all time of when the Lemonade stand is open.



Reminder:

**Rabbit Show is to start at 8:00pm.**

I know there is a discrepancy in the 4-H Book.

This spring University of Illinois Extension will be collecting information through on line surveys to answer the question:

Do 4-H members report a high quality developmental context in their 4-H club?

**You should have received a letter sent home with your child that detailed more information about this study.**

- We do not think that there will be any danger to your child in completing the survey.
- Every young person will be given the option not to answer the questions
- The surveys are distributed electronically and all results are stored anonymously online.
- The data will only be used in summary.

If you would like your child to decline participation in this study, please contact Amy Leman at [bunselme@illinois.edu](mailto:bunselme@illinois.edu) or 217.333.0910 by June 1, 2019.



#### REMINDER!

If you are a new member showing livestock, cat, or dog that is showing this year you must have done the QAEC training online! You would have received a letter in the mail stating that you need to complete it. If you have any other questions please call the office.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATE!**

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