



Deadlines:

- Nov. 30** - Be Inspired Contest
- Dec. 1** - Re-enrollments Due
- Dec. 17** - Livestock Conference Registration

Events:

- Nov. 11** - Stark Awards Program
- Nov. 17** - 4-H Expo
- Dec. 8** - Gifts from the Heart
- Dec. 9** - Sheep Livestock Judging
- Feb. 23** - 4-H Academy
- Feb. 23-24** - Junior Leadership Conference

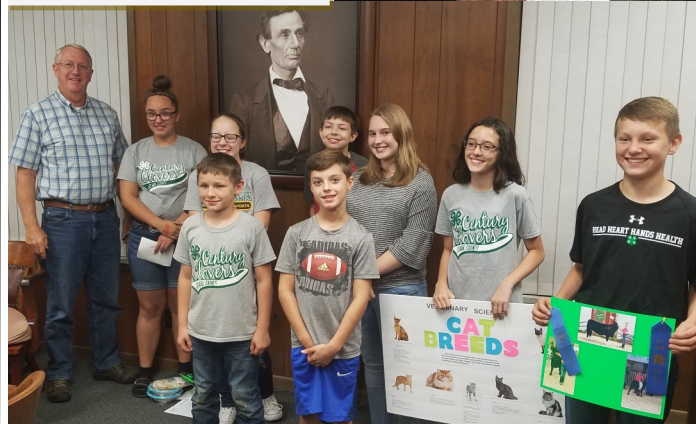


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National 4-H Week

Abby Frank, of Atkinson Boosters, presented the club's 4-H themed tub filled with goodies to the Atkinson Library in honor of National 4-H Week. See all the clubs' tubs and more about 4-H Week on page 3.



Stark County 4-H members decorated windows in Wyoming for National 4-H Week. Several members also gave a presentation to the County Board to thank them for their support. They are pictured with board president, Al Curry.

Just a reminder...



Enrollment Updates

- **Visual Arts is no longer a project.** You must enroll in a specific visual arts category, ie. Visual Arts: Wood. If you enrolled in just Visual Arts, it was deleted.
- You will not receive a project manual unless you select one from the drop-down in the project enrollment section.
- Remember to check credit card information entered last year prior to submitting enrollment. If it is expired, it will not accept the info.

OTHER UPDATES

- *We have **NEW** risk forms. These should be signed as soon as possible and are good for the entirety of your 4-H career! Adult volunteers need to sign them, also.
- *Please remember to re-enroll by December 1. Do NOT create a new profile when re-enrolling. If you can't remember your email log-in, contact the Extension Office.
- *Re-enrolling ASAP is important because you are not covered under our insurance until you are active in 4-H Online.

Club News and Notes



4-H Expo

Join us on Saturday, November 17 for a Taste of 4-H. This event is designed to give new and prospective members a glimpse of everything 4-H has to offer. The event will be held at the Milan Extension Office from 9 a.m. - Noon. Bring a potential new member and be entered to win a prize!



Henry County Fair Dates

The Henry County Fair is moving!

The 2019 fair is moving back a week. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, June 22 - General Projects
Monday, June 24 - Swine Weigh-in, Small Pets, Dogs
Tues., June 25 - Sunday, June 30 - Official Fair Dates



GIFTS FROM THE HEART

HOLIDAY MAKE & TAKE WORKSHOP

When: Saturday, December 8; 9a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Mercer County Senior Center
137 W Main St., Aledo

Youth of all ages are welcome to come make and take “gifts from the heart” at this holiday workshop. There will be 7 different stations where you can decorate ornaments, make sugar scrub, decorate a mug/coasters, make mason jar cookie mix, make holiday cards, hand sew a simple stocking, and decorate cookies/cupcakes. *Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult*

Cost: \$15 for 4-H members or \$30 per 4-H family
Non-members fee is \$20 each or \$40 per family

Extension Holiday Schedule:

Closed November 22 & 23 for Thanksgiving
Closed December 21-January 2 for holiday break



2nd Annual 4-H Academy
Saturday, February 23
9a.m. - 3p.m.
WIU QC Campus



Scholarships

Two scholarships honor the late Joyce Betz. Joyce was a 4-H club leader in Will County and her children are current 4-H club members.

A \$500 TEACH OUTDOORS Scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 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> .

The \$1,000 Joyce Betz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member who will be a freshman or sophomore in college or trade school during the 2019-2020 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> .

NEWS & notes

National 4-H Week

4-H members across both Henry & Stark County celebrated National 4-H week from October 7-14. In Henry County, clubs decorated tubs with a 4-H theme. They then filled those tubs with goodies for a person, business or organization that supported their club or 4-H in general in the last year. All the clubs that participated did a wonderful job with their tubs. The Atkinson Booster's tub was chosen the winner. They will get to have an ice cream party at one of their meetings. Recipients of the tubs included: Atkinson Library, Woodhull Town Hall, Compeer Financial, Flemish American Club, Doreen Vincent & Dr. Kim Stevens. Thanks to all the clubs who got into the spirit!



Geneseo Jr Leaders



Atkinson



Cambridge Champs



Burns Boosters



Lynox Loyals



Also During National 4-H Week....

The Cambridge Champs kicked off National 4-H Week with a 'Run Hog Wild' 5K and youth fun run on October 7. The weather was chilly and overcast, but the rain held off and all participants had a great time! In Stark County, members started the week with a visit to the county board and window painting.





NEWS & notes

Around the State



Camp Lead

February 23 & 24 - Champaign, IL

Join in the fun of summer camp in the middle of winter at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference. The conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade. The cost is \$160. Registration will open in November at go.illinois.edu/4Hjlc.

Workshops include:

- **Survival Wearables** - Work with Real Hope for Haiti to help clothe boys and girls around the world.
- **Wilderness Challenge** - Experience the wilderness and try your best to overcome challenging mental & physical obstacles.
- **Exploring the Forest of 4-H** - Discover all the opportunities 4-H has to offer.
- **Crafty Rafty** - Venture into the unknown with only a backpack as you build a raft to help you and your fellow explorers cross a ravine.
- **Science Explorers** - Create glow-in-the-dark elephant toothpaste, experience the effects of static electricity, and fly to the stars with man-made rockets.



Be part of the best camping experience in Central Illinois. 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

Cost will be \$220 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post so you don't need to bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$260. Registration will open February 4! Don't be late. All 1,050 spaces filled up in 45 days last year!



Tell your 4-H story, win a free t-shirt.

We'll choose 50 winners and feature your story and photo throughout the year! It's easy to enter.

1. **Tell us what 4-H has inspired you to do!** Your story can be as long or short as you want.
2. Include a picture ... of you being inspired.
3. Email both to Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu
4. If your family allows, post it to social media with the hashtag #4Hinspiresme. Tag @illinois4H so we'll see it too!
5. Grownups can play, too! We'll have a special category for 4-H alums and 4-H leaders.
6. The contest ends November 30!



Many say it's the best trip of their 4-H career. Join us for Citizenship Washington Focus! The national conference is open to 4-H members age 14-18 by May 1, 2019. The trip is June 8-15. Teens explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, provide youth voice on issues that concern them, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2019 cost is \$1,400, with financial assistance from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Register to attend NOW at go.illinois.edu/4HCWF



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



2019 Livestock Conference: It's More than 'Meats' the Eye

The Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event for 4-H members. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition.

When: January 26 & 27, 2019

Where: Decatur Hotel & Conference Center

4191 W US Hwy 36, Decatur

Who: 4-H Youth in 7th, 8th & 9th Grades

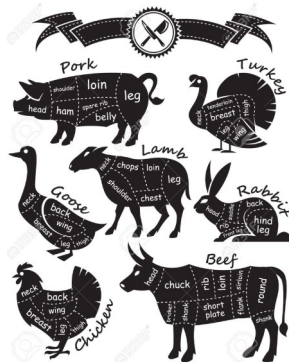
Cost: \$165 per participant

Time: Arrive by 10 a.m. on Saturday, Depart by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Register: by **12/17/18** @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

Sessions include:

- “Marvelous Medics” - Unmask the possibilities of vet science. Become a lifesaver as you learn how to dissect, inject and suture.
- “What Makes a Super Animal?” - Get hands-on experience in meat production. Learn about the different kinds of cuts, use an ultra-sound to see inside animals and compete in meats judging.
- “Becoming Incredible” - Learn the basics of breeding and genetics. Begin by learning about the tools used in artificial insemination, simulate an embryo transfer and try in-vitro fertilization.
- “Saving the Day, the Social Media Way” - Learn the proper way to promote animal science and 4-H to the general public.



Livestock Judging SPIN

The first sessions of the livestock judging SPIN will cover sheep. This club is open to current livestock judging members, as well as youth interested in joining a team in any county.

Date: Sunday, Dec. 9; 2-4 p.m.

Location: Ellerbrock Farms, 13383 E 2000th St, Atkinson

The club is free to all 4-H members. Please register online @ web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs or with Jennifer @ jpetersn@illinois.edu/(309) 932-3447 by

December 5.

Dates for cattle & swine to come.

Quality Assurance & Ethics

QAEC is required ONCE in a 4-H career for youth enrolled in ANY animal project. It applies to anyone enrolled in cats, dogs, rabbits, and small pets in addition to all the livestock projects. Deadline to complete is

April 1, 2019. The state will be dropping youth from animal projects if QAEC is not completed and they will not be allowed to show at the fair. The training can be found here:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

Geneseo Livestock Judging Contest

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2019

Time: 8:00 to 9:45 - Registration
10:00 - Contest

Where: Black Hawk East Ag Pavilion

Junior Division - 8th Grade and Under

Senior Division - 9-12 Grades

4 members per team

Cost - \$25 on or before January 20; \$30 at the door
\$10 per individual

Contest - 3 Beef, 3 Swine, 2 Sheep, 1 Goat and 1 EPD class with 1 question class from 3 species.

Contact - Brian Stahl @ (309) 945-0347,



NEWS & notes



Contest
ENTER TO WIN A \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD BY ANSWERING:
WHAT BIG DECISIONS ARE YOU FACING RIGHT NOW?

Help Us Understand Youth

The Youth Engaged 4 Change website has a fresh, new look with content that continues to inspire and empower young people to improve

their lives and the world around them. Check it out @ <https://engage.youth.gov>. The site will help you **FIND OPPORTUNITIES**, including volunteering, internships, jobs, and leadership opportunities. **FIND ANSWERS** and explore resources on topics they care about, like mental health, relationships, education, and more. **FIND INSPIRATION** from Change Makers who are volunteering, acting as leaders and role models, advocating, and making an impact in the lives of others.

Need some inspiration to visit the site? Youth Engaged 4 Change wants to hear from youth ages 10-24 to learn more about what big decisions they face in their daily lives. As you enter your comments about **“What big decisions are you facing right now?”**, you’ll be registered for a contest. The top three entrants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

World of



Back by popular demand, the World of 7 Billion student

video contest helps you bring technology and creativity into your world. The contest challenges students to create a short video connecting world population growth to one of three global challenges: preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, or human rights. Students can win cash prizes. The deadline is February 28, 2019. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found online @ <https://www.worldof7billion.org>.

Apply for National Award

Are you a middle or high school student making a difference through volunteering? Apply today for national recognition, monetary awards, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.!

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors students in grades 5-12 for making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. The deadline to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in November 6. Learn more and apply online @ spirit.prudential.com/apply/2019.

Citizenship Washington Focus: for 4-H Alums

One of the most exciting trips 4-H members can take is the Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Young adults are needed as program assistants for the summer program. The commitment includes three weeks of training, seven weeks of programming, and one week of program wrap-up. During programming weeks, the assistants work with client groups for the group’s entire stay, from Sunday afternoon until Friday night, working in collaboration with each group’s coordinator as well as Council program and planning staff. The assistants become licensed Class B Tour Guides for the District of Columbia metro area and will work to facilitate National 4-H Council’s educational curricula to groups of youth. Apply online by January 15 @ 4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/

Beginning with first-time freshmen and new transfer students in the fall of 2019, all tuition and campus fees will be fully covered for four years if an in-state student’s family income is \$61,000 (the median for the state) or less at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Check out all the details online @ go.illinois.edu/college4me.

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

I hope the first couple club meetings of the year have gone well. Please remember to enroll or re-enroll as soon as possible. We are still feeling Carol's retirement, and it is going to take us a little longer to get things like ordering project manuals done. If everyone waits until the last minute to enroll, it will create a back-log.

If you run into problems, please call the office. If you don't reach anyone at the Galva Office, please try the Milan number (309) 756-9978 or the Mercer County Office (309) 582-5106. It is better to leave a message with a person than on the Galva phone system.

Happy Halloween!
Jennifer



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