



## **4-H Friday Update** **January 10, 2020**

***If you have any questions regarding information in the Friday Update, please contact Molly Sedig, Carroll County 4-H Program Coordinator.***

**Beef Weigh-in Date** – Weigh-in will be Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am at Jim Ruter’s farm, 14584 Shannon Rt, Shannon IL, 61078.

**The Food Lab 4-H Club** – This 4-H Club will explore food science with fun experiments! 4-H members will get to play with their food and learn about chemical reactions that happen between different food items. Meetings will take place 5-6pm on Mondays starting January 27 and will run through March 2. The group will meet at the Thomson Public Library. Cost is \$20 4-H membership fee for non-members and \$10 for current 4-H members. Register online at: [go.illinois.edu/carrollfoodlab](http://go.illinois.edu/carrollfoodlab).

**Fair Book Cover Contest** – Get your art featured on the front page of the Carroll County 4-H fair book! We are looking for fair book cover submissions for the 2020 fair book. Please submit your artwork on an 8.5x11” (letter sized) piece of paper by Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, submissions should not be in color and should be original to the artist, if drawings are done in pencil, please trace with a black pen before submission. Submit by email to [msedig@illinois.edu](mailto:msedig@illinois.edu), to the Carroll County Extension Office, or to your 4-H club leader.

**We Want to Feature You!** – Email us your club community service pictures or a 4-H accomplishment that you’re proud of, tag us on Facebook at University of Illinois Extension - Carroll County 4-H! Do you have a leader or a 4-Her that you feel is going above and beyond? Send us the story! We want to see the wonderful things that 4-Hers in Carroll County are doing and share it with the community. Email to Molly at [msedig@illinois.edu](mailto:msedig@illinois.edu).

**Dairy Quiz Bowl** – The 2020 State 4-H Dairy Quiz bowl contest will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center. Registration is prior to the quiz bowl test which begins at 11:30 a.m. The contest rounds begin at 1:00 p.m. and the contest will be completed by 5:00 p.m. Please see the attached form for Official Entry Information. Complete and return the form to the extension office by February 7<sup>th</sup>, and we will submit the form to Dave Fischer.

**Federation** – Federation will be meeting on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Carroll County Extension Office. The results of the Achievement Night survey are back, and we will be planning activities for this year based off survey results, so bring your ideas! Feel free to attend if you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or up, we would love to see you there!

**QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E)** – The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in **horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats**. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in

the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>  
NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)** –The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. It also replaces the Quality Assurance & Ethics (QAEC) program for youth in the following species; **dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.** All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program yearly starting for the 2020 show season. Youth must either attend 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 annual 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 will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Save the date for in person training, registration will be available in the coming weeks:

Carroll County YQCA- Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Carroll County Extension Office

Snow Date: Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9AM

Lee County YQCA- Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Lee County Extension Office (Amboy)

Whiteside County YQCA- Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Whiteside County Extension Office (Sterling)

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