



Deadlines:

- Oct. 8** - Financial Statements
- Oct. 31** - Inspire Contest
- Oct. 22** - Youth in Action
- Dec. 1** - Re-enrollments Due

Events:

- Oct. 7-13** - National 4-H Week
- Oct. 7** - Cambridge Run
- Oct. 11** - National Youth Science Day
- Oct. 25** - Stark Ag Ambassador Meeting
- Oct. 27** - Speaking for IL 4-H
- Oct. 28** - Henry Ag Ambassador Meeting
- Nov. 11** - Stark Awards Program

CONGRATULATIONS!



Levi Nusz, of Stark County, placed 2nd in the compound bow division at the state archery competition. The competition was held on Saturday, Sept. 8 in Pekin. Levi's brother Jacob and Henry County member Ryan Kilstrom also participated. Great job to all!



Congratulations to Livia Dodd and Lars (right) for placing 1st in the Junior Showmanship Contest at the State Dog Show in Dixon on August 25!

Congratulations also to Nicole Haverback, Atkinson Boosters, for being named to the State Livestock Judging team. Jake Bohnsack, of Rock Island County, also made the team. Good luck in Louisville!



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Club News and Notes



A Taste of

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.



Teen Teachers



The first teen teacher meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. in the Milan office. Anyone interested in getting trained to teach other youth is welcome to join. This

year, the teaching topics will focus primarily on STEM instead of food/nutrition. Direct any questions to Jennifer at (309) 932-3447 or jpetersn@illinois.edu

ENROLLMENT

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. Your leaders have risk forms that must be signed. Please get those turned in ASAP.



National Youth Science Day is October 11. This year's challenge is Code Your World, which invites youth to get involved in computer science. There are kits available in the Extension office if you'd like to do these activities. If you'd like Extension to come lead these activities, contact your Extension office.

Reminder

Annual Financial Statements are due to the Extension office **BY** Monday, October 8. Your club will not be re-enrolled for the 2018-2019 year until your statement is received. This is an IRS requirement. Please remember to have the treasurer and club leader sign along with three other people not related to the treasurer. Secretary and Treasurer's books are also due October 8 to be considered for awards.



The Anderson Family of Geneseo has made another corn maze this year. It is free to any 4-H group. Last year's maze is shown in the aerial photo below. It is located just outside Geneseo and will be open through October. For more information and specific directions, please contact Jamie Anderson at Anderson.jamie83@gmail.com.



Your final chance to be trained is Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knoxville High School.

This program teaches youth how to tell their 4-H story to important stakeholders. Participants are allowed to be part of the Illinois Legislative Connection Program in Spring 2019. Register now at go.illinois.edu/sfi4H. Cost to attend is \$12. That covers the cost of lunch and supplies. This is a great state level opportunity and trainings are rarely this close!



NEWS & notes

Shooting Sports



The Stark County Shooting Sports SPIN Club has been very busy in the last few months. They participated in a Memorial Day service honoring fallen soldiers in Wyoming (pictured top left). In April, they worked at a lawn mower clinic. They battled the cold to help repair numerous lawn mowers before mowing season began. In August, they worked at the police department shoot (pictured right) selling concessions and demonstrating what they learned throughout the year. The group is running a shotgun session through November. They will begin again in January with Rifle. Dates for that will be announced soon.



Henry County Archery

The Henry County Archery club just ended another great 8-week program. The group ended the sessions with an exhibition. Many of the members also participated in a 3D shoot at the Three Rivers Sportsman Club in Victoria. At that shoot, Carson Palmer scored the highest of all the youth. His score rivaled many of the adult participants. Congratulations to all participants and a big thanks to the leaders! The next archery session will begin on Monday, January 28 at the Cambridge Youth Center. Look for a registration link in the coming newsletters.





NEWS & notes

Around the State

What's NEW?

Here's some new things you'll see in 2018-19.

- Check out the NEW Pick Your Project Guide. County offices have the publication. In addition to projects, you can see events, contests, conferences, and leadership opportunities in the areas you're studying!
- We added a fun new project —Weather!
- **The visual arts projects have now been divided into 13 separate projects.** Instead of registering for "visual arts," you'll select the medium you want to study: Chalk/Carbon/Pigment, Clay, Computer Generated Art, Fiber, Food Decorating, Glass/Plastic, Heritage Arts, Metal, Nature, Paper, Scrapbooking, 3-Dimensional Mixed Media, and/or Wood.
- **Cloverbuds should select "Cloverbud" as their project.** Cloverbud leaders will be able to special order resources to assist with Cloverbud club meetings and project learning.



Win \$5,000

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Deadline for application is October 22.



Illinois is joining 6 million other 4-H members in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 7 -13 using the National 4-H Council theme: Inspire Kids to Do.

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 October 31!



SAVE THE DATE

February 23-24 - Illinois 4-H Jr Leadership Conference
This conference is open to 4-H members in 7th and 8th grade and will be held in Champaign. At this conference, youth will get a chance to explore new project areas, learn activities and games to take home to local 4-H clubs, practice leadership skills and meet youth from across the state.



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition



The first meetings of the Unit 7 ag ambassador group will begin with individual county meetings.

What: The group will help plan and implement agriculture-based programming both for 4-H members and the community. These programs include things like an ag-careers workshop, an in-depth livestock clinic, and activities for the county fairs.

Who: Any youth age 12+ with an interest in agriculture and ag education.

Meetings:

The Stark County meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m.** in the Extension Office.

The Henry County meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 28** at 4 p.m. in the Galva Extension Office.

Please let Jennifer know if you plan to attend either meeting (or if you want to be involved but cannot make the meeting) by **October 22**.

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,

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/>

Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.



Livestock Judging

Get ready for the livestock judging season by participating in a livestock judging SPIN club. There will be two sessions on each species—beef, sheep & swine. This club is designed for youth who have participated in livestock judging in the past or those who are thinking about joining a team. Look for dates soon.



Save the date

Registration for the 2019 Illinois 4-H Youth Livestock Conference will open in late October. Save the date now for January 26-27. The conference will be held at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center.



NEWS & notes

Ways to Inspire Kids to *DO*

- Have a flag-raising ceremony at a local bank, park, business, veterans club or school.
- Attend a city council meeting and have the mayor/ councilmen sign the Proclamation.
- Give presentations at schools, home school organizations, and youth-serving agency boards.
- Have members bring projects and speak at local civic organizational meetings.
- Have a poster contest with your members, then display them in local business windows.
- Host a special interest workshop open to the community sponsored by 4-H.
- Host a quiz night—Are You Smarter than a 4-Her?
- Promote 4-H livestock projects at the feed store.
- Promote 4-H technology projects at the electronic/ phone/computer stores.
- Promote 4-H foods projects at the grocery stores.
- Promote 4-H on local advertising signs, billboards.
- Write letters to your congressional leaders about how important 4-H is to you.
- Take thank you flowers to all your club leaders.
- Hold a 4-H talent show and invite the public.
- Host a 4-H fun day with games and prizes for families.
- Have a day to wear a 4-H shirt to work or school.
- Host a blood drive.
- Host a fun run.
- Have a county-wide community service day and have the members all report back what they did, then prepare an impact story about how important 4-H service is.
- Plant a tree in honor of 4-H.
- Carry groceries for customers at a store.
- Hold a dinner where everything made must come from a 4-H Food Project Manual.
- Carve pumpkins with a 4-H logo and take them to area homes, businesses.



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> .



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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

It is prime re-enrollment time. Please do your re-enrollment as soon as possible. Members are not covered under the University's insurance policy until they are enrolled/re-enrolled in 4-H online.

Some things to remember when using 4-H online:

- If you can't remember the email you use to log-in, contact us. Do not use a new email to create a new profile.
- Projects from last year do not get deleted. Pay close attention to the projects screen and make sure you update/delete as necessary.
- If you put credit card information in last year, it does not change. Be sure to double-check the information before submitting enrollment. If expiration dates have changed, the system will decline your \$20 payment.

If you have questions, please call the office.

Happy Harvest!

Jennifer



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