



December 2019

# Peoria Clover News

University of Illinois Extension, Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Dear 4-H Families,

Happy Holidays from all of the 4-H staff at the Peoria Extension office. We have a lot of fun activities planned for 2020 such as Clover Clinic coming up in February so be sure to check out this month's newsletter for more information and important dates and deadlines.

Take time to enjoy the holidays and spend time with friends and family. Continue to strive to "Make the Best Better" in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ludolph  
Extension Program Coordinator  
4-H Youth Development

## Getting a jump on the 4-H dog project!

Get a jump on all that's possible in the 4-H dog project at a NEW workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. The workshop will include a live agility demonstration, hands-on grooming lessons specific to your breed, health and nutrition tips, and a live rally demonstration. The event is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Pre-registration is not required.



## 4-H Clover Clinic 2020

A large multi-project workshop day will be held on Saturday, February 15, at Illinois Central College in East Peoria. The day runs from 8:45 a.m. until mid afternoon, with participants bringing a sack lunch. More information will be in the next newsletter, put on our website, and posted to our Facebook group. This event will be lots of fun, and we hope many Peoria County 4-H members will attend! If any adults or older 4-Hers would like to help, please call the Extension Office, 685-3140. Watch for more information to come!

## 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 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30

## 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.

# Local 4-H EVENTS

## December

10 Federation meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm at Kickapoo

## January

14 Federation meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm at Kickapoo

## February

1 Beef Weigh-in & tattooing at Wyoming Sale Barn: 12 noon - 2:30 pm

11 Federation meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm at Kickapoo

15 Clover Clinic at I.C.C.

## Closed for the Holiday

The Extension office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 thru Wednesday, January 1 for the Christmas Holiday. We will be open again on Thursday, January 2.

## 4-H Federation Meeting

4-H Federation membership is open to any 4-H member age 13 and older. We invite you to attend the next Federation meeting and participate in our fun events. You'll meet new friends and get involved in countywide leadership activities. Federation meets the 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Kickapoo Township Hall. New officers for the 2019-2020 year are:

*Next meetings: Tuesday, December 10 & January 14, 6-7:30 pm. at the Kickapoo Township Hall.*



## Bad Weather Alert

Hopefully we won't have any bad weather in the near future, but just in case, please call ahead to make sure we are still open or that a meeting hasn't been cancelled.

## Coming State Events

### 2020 Dates

January 1	DEADLINE: Teach Outdoor Scholarship
January 1	DEADLINE: Joyce Betz Scholarship
January 3	DEADLINE: Citizenship Washington Focus registration
January 9	DEADLINE: Salute to Excellence
January 18	Dog Clinic, Dixon, IL
February 22 - 23	Junior Leadership Conference, Effingham
March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 14	2020 Awards Banquet by invitation only
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
June 2 - 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 - 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 18 - July 17	Outbound to Costa Rica
June 18 - August 6	Outbound to Japan
June 21 - June 27	Illini Summer Academies
June 24 - July 24	Outbound to Norway
June 24 - July 24	Outbound to Romania
June 28 - July 28	Outbound to Taiwan
July 4 - 11	Citizenship Washington Focus
July 5 - 9	Week 4: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 8 - August 6	Outbound to Japan
July 15 - August 13	Outbound to South Korea
July 26 - 30	Week 5: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
July 26 - Aug. 2	State Fair Jr. Horse Show
August 14	Peoria County Day at State Fair

## Aim high for the Illinois State Fair

Make plans now to attend the Illinois State Fair. The 4-H General Project Show will be three days, Aug. 14-16 in Springfield. Peoria County exhibit day is August 14.

**FAMILY LEGACY FUTURE**

IAA Foundation Scholarship Program

More than **\$875,000** in scholarships are awarded annually through the Illinois Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus. Visit [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org)

THE IAA FOUNDATION  
Charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau

Application Period: **December 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020**

## There's a place for you at 4-H House

Young women attending University of Illinois may wish to consider 4-H House Cooperative Sorority as their home away from home in the Fall of 2020. 4-H House is a cooperative, which means they do all of our own cooking and cleaning. Tasks are split between members who encourage teamwork and cooperation. Living cooperatively means they can provide an extremely affordable housing option; nearly half the cost of the dorms. Their values are philanthropic, recreational, and scholastic achievement, and they pride themselves on their strong sisterhood bond. Eligible students must have three or more years of experience in a nationally-recognized leadership organization, such as 4-H, FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and others.



## Explore the nation's capital

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H members have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus, a life-changing week that empowers 4-H'ers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. The trip is July 4 - 11, 2020. You must be at least 14 by May 1, 2020. During the week, you will explore the federal legislative process through workshops and hands-on sessions, tour historical sights and museums, give your voice on issues, visit federal legislative offices, and meet teens from other states. The 2020 cost is estimated to be \$1,305, with financial assistance being provided from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. **Registration deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020.** Register at [go.illinois.edu/4HCWF](http://go.illinois.edu/4HCWF).

## Here's help to pay for college

### 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](http://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.

## Create a winning video

The World of 7 Billion video contest challenges you to think critically about some of the planets most pressing issues and to come up with solutions. Share what you've learned in a 60-second video. The contest is currently open for the 2019-2020 school year! The contest is open to all middle and high school students worldwide, and the deadline for submissions is February 27, 2020. Up to \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to 80 student winners.



**Congratulations to all those that were recognized at the 2019 4-H Awards Program**



**2019 4-H Member Awards**

- \*Outstanding Record Book (Cloverbud): Caroline Tautkus / Dunlap Dynamite
- \*Outstanding Record Book (Age 8 – 11): Caitlin Murphy / Laura Winners
- \*Outstanding Record Book (Age 12 – 14): Kate Colgan / Laura Winners
- \*Outstanding Record Book (Age 15 – 19): Carrie Gill / Laura Winners
- \*Secretary of the Year: Ellie Ferretti / Laura Winners
- \*Treasurer of the year: Nicholas Miller / Laura Winners
- \*Reporter of the Year: Caroline Tautkus / Dunlap Dynamite
- \*Scrapbook of the year: Edelstein Eager Beavers
- \*S-W Kiwanis Jim Daugherty 4-H Leadership & Community Service Award: Kayla Piper / Elmwood All-Star
- \*1st year Swine Award: Tori Catton / Laura Winners
- \*Member that exhibited the most projects at 4-H show: Carrie Gill / Laura Winners
- \*National Leadership (I Dare You) Award: Abigail Gilles / Elmwood All-Stars
- \*Recognition of State 4-H Legacy of Leadership \$1,000 Scholarship: Kate Mueller / Peoria Clovers
- \*Award of the Bronze Clover for IL State 4-H Experience Level Recognition:

*Alexander Frank / Peoria Clovers      Vanessa Fischer / Peoria Clovers      Kylie Fischer / Peoria Clovers*  
*Anne Showman / Elmwood All-Stars      Brenden Piper / Elmwood All-Stars      Ella Schmidt / Peoria Clovers*

\*Award of the Silver Clover for IL State 4-H Experience Level Recognition

*Caroline Gill / Laura Winners      Levi Creasy / Horse Hustlers      Seattle Creasy / Horse Hustlers*  
*Gracie Kookan / Horse Hustlers      Adriana Alvarez / Peoria Clovers      Aracely Alvarez / Peoria Clovers*  
*Andres Alvarez / Peoria Clovers      Maxwell Schmidt / Peoria Clovers      Alyssa Piper / Elmwood All-Stars*  
*Kayla Piper / Elmwood All-Stars*

\*Award of the Gold Clover for IL State 4-H Experience Level Recognition

*Caitlin Murphey / Laura Winners      Annemarie Litwiller / Horse Hustlers*  
*Laura Stevens / Elmwood All-Stars*

\*Award of the Emerald Clover for State 4-H Experience Level Recognition (Leadership)

*Kate Mueller / Peoria Clovers*

\*4-H Alumni

*Kylie Cagwin / Jubilee Patriots      Bree Keyt / Jubilee Patriots      Kelly Gill / Laura Winners*

\*The following groups were also recognized:

*Cloverbuds      Junior Leaders      Teens as Teachers      International Exchange Family*



1st Year Swine Award  
Tori Catton



S-W Kiwanis 4-H Leadership & Community Service Award  
Kayla Piper

**2019 4-H Club Awards**

- \*Window Display 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jubilee Patriots
- \*Window Display 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Elmwood All-stars
- \*Window Display 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Laura Winners



Invite a friend to join 4-H!



2019 Peoria County 4-H Club of the Year  
**Peoria Clovers**



4-H Member that exhibited the most projects in 2019  
Carrie Gill

## 2019 Volunteer / Leader Awards

- \*2019 Peoria County 4-H Club Leader of the Year: Therese Mueller / Peoria Clovers
- \*Club leader w/the most club members: Carol Cowser & Suzanne Gill / Laura Winners (44 members)
- \*Club leader w the highest % of members exhibiting at 4-H show:
  - \*Therese Mueller / Peoria Clovers (100%)
  - \*Aleta Litwiller / Horse Hustlers (100%)
  - \*Marjorie LaFont & Cathy Stahl / Edelstein Eager Beavers (99% - 37 out of 38 members)

### \*Award of the Bronze Clover (1<sup>st</sup> year leaders)

Cary Rumba / Growing Leaders	Bonnie Masters / Midnight Riders	Judy Gullickson / Dog SPIN Club
Debbie Swearinger / Dog SPIN Club	Jason Bain / Karate SPIN Club	Kathy Sours / Dog SPIN Club
Kristi Smith / Laura Winners	Lori Benfield / Timber Tigers	Marie Lindahl / Jubilee Patriots
Sarah Capps / Timber Tigers	Vanessa Bristol / Midnight Riders	Patricia Fierce / VonStuben
Virginia Girsch / YMCA Food Science		

### \*Award of the Silver Clover (5 year leaders)

Marcia Mattern / Jubilee Patriots

### \*Award of the Gold Clover (10 year leaders)

Deb Keyt / Jubilee Patriots & Archery SPIN                      Suzanne Gill / Laura Winners

### \*Recognition of 2019 State 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee: Jason Coulter

### \*The following groups were also recognized:

4-H Show Superintendents      Jr. Superintendents      4-H Auction Committee      Community Club Leaders  
 SPIN Club Leaders



2019 4-H Leader of the Year  
Therese Mueller



2019 Club leaders with  
the most 4-H members  
Carol Cowser & Suzy Gill

The 2019 Peoria County 4-H Awards Program was sponsored by the Peoria County 4-H Federation

## Nominations open for 2020 Salute to Excellence Volunteer awards

The Illinois 4-H program is built on the work of amazing volunteers, and we look forward to recognizing our volunteers for what they do! The National 4-H Council sponsors the Salute to Excellence Award Program that targets 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism. Nominate outstanding local volunteers for consideration by contacting the Extension office. The two categories for nominations are:

**Volunteer of the Year** – recognizing individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, region and state level

**Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer** – recognizing individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, region or state level.

Nominations are due to the Peoria County Office by January 6, 2020 which will allow us to meet the Thursday, January 9, 2020 submission deadline set by the State 4-H Office. Submission criteria is available at the Extension Office.

## True Leaders in Service 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](http://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.

## Invite a friend to join 4-H

# Livestock Ownership Dates

Listed below are the dates by which animals must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor in order to be shown at the County 4-H Shows and State Fair.

## **BEEF**

Steers -February 1, 2020 (calved on or after 1/1/19)

Cows -January 1, 2020 (born before 9/1/18)

Heifers -June 1, 2020 (State Fair —birthdates from 9/1/18 to 3/31/20; County Fair —birthdates from 9/1/18 to 3/1/20)

## **DAIRY**

Calves and Heifers -June 1, 2020

Cows -January 1, 2020

## **DAIRY GOATS**

Kids and Yearlings not in milk -June 1, 2020Milking

Does -January 1, 2020

## **MEAT GOATS**

All meat goats —May 15, 2020

Wethers—Must be registered and tattooed in the name of the exhibitor only by May 15, 2020 (must be born on or after October 1, 2019)

## **SHEEP**

Breeding Sheep -June 1, 2020

\*(Yearling Ewes = birthdates 1/1/19-8/31/19)

\*(Ewe lambs = birthdates 9/1/19 and after)

(\*Ram lambs = birthdates after 1/1/20)

State Fair Wethers -May 15, 2020 (lambd on or after 1/1/20)  
(County Fair —ownership by June 1, 2020)

## **SWINE**

May 1, 2020 (for County Fair)

June 1, 2020 (for State Fair) State Fair and County Fair gilts must be farrowed on or after 1/1/20.

For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2020 and must be the property of the exhibitor since June 1, 2020. Premier barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2020.

## **POULTRY AND RABBITS**

June 1, 2020 (or out of stock owned prior to June 1)

## **HORSE**

Ownership and/or lease forms must be on file with the Extension Office by May 1st each year. Note that these are ownership, not enrollment deadlines. Livestock enrollment deadlines, in most cases, are prior to the ownership deadlines.

# 4-H Enrollment

## Deadlines

The following projects have a January 2, 2020 deadline. All other project enrollments and changes are due May 1, 2020. They will not be accepted after this date.

- \* Beef (for production animals)
- \* Dairy (for production animals)
- \* Goat (for production animals)
- \* Horse (for production animals)
- \* Poultry (egg production)
- \* Sheep (for production animals)
- \* Swine (for production animals)

Basically, any livestock project where production is the main focus needs to be enrolled in by early January each year.

However, be aware that a young person may join 4-H at any time of the year, but in order to show at the 4-H Shows, the above deadlines are in place.

## Beef Weigh-in & Tattooing

The 2020 date for the beef weigh-in and tattooing at the Wyoming Sale barn will be Saturday, February 1. Weigh-in and tattooing time for Peoria County will be from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. If you have any questions please contact the Peoria Extension office at 685-3140.

## Livestock Breed Website

Here's a great website for learning more about livestock breeds:

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/>





# Taking an animal project? READ THIS

## YQCA and Quality Assurance Animal Project Information

### Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbits

If a 4-H member is taking Cat, Dog, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits –They are required to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics training, **one time** during their 4-H years. The website for that is:

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

They are exempt from YQCA, as the projects are not food producing or do not have direct or third party access to the commercial food system or food continuum.

### Animal Science Posters or Displays at 4-H General Show

For any animal projects --If a 4-H member is showing a poster or other display (not a live animal) at 4-H General Show, they now do NOT have to do any type of ethics training. They can do it if they want to. It is still a good learning experience.

### Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (showing live animals)

New statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.

Must be done **every year** they are in the project. There are two options:

1. Youth may attend one in-person training at the Extension Office or other location which will be offered in the spring (probably March/April), the training is one hour long. –Pre-registration online is required. –\$3 per person online payment ahead of time is required. If you are unable to pay online, ask the Extension Office for assistance. –Adults may attend with their kids, but do not register. Adults may not be certified in this by attending, just youth.
2. Youth may take training online individually. <http://yqca.org> –Cost for this is \$12 per person.

**Why?** This program is being adopted as it is the nationally recognized, sanctioned, and accepted certification program for all national shows, and is a great education piece that supports 4-H market animal projects. It is the only quality assurance program accepted by packers that can replace PQA and BQA. It is felt that this is an important educational component to the 4-H projects involved.

**Please watch upcoming newsletters for dates and locations for trainings.**

## **Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor**

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call 217-762-2741.

## **Livestock Judging Team**

Would you like to hang out with friends and learn more about your livestock project? If you answered yes...the Livestock Judging Team is for you! This group will meet every other Monday , 6 – 8 pm. For location and more information please contact Coach Kristi Smith at: [kristilynnsmith530@gmail.com](mailto:kristilynnsmith530@gmail.com)  
Youth age 8 – 8 are welcome to join.

**Invite a friend to join 4-H**

## Club News



*Laura Winners members receiving awards at 2019 4-H Awards*

### LAURA WINNERS

On October 20th the Laura Winners 4-H Club called our annual bonfire meeting at Alyvia Cowser's house. We discussed donating to the service project that Elizabeth Weidner is running in Peoria. We also talked about "Why is 4-H Important", where kids in 4-H talked to our State Legislatures about the importance of 4-H. Our next meeting will be held at the Laura United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Submitted by Olivia Bird

### NEIGHBOR KIDS

On October 25 the Neighbor kids dairy spin club met at Linden Hill Farm. During the meeting we held speeches with topics about the dairy industry. Pounds of components, the rumen, transition cows, India's dairy industry, fatty acid impact on reproduction, cows vs cars, dairy consumption, 4 proteins in milk, and drinking water were some of the speeches given. We also discussed the window display. This years topic was what 4-H inspires kids to do. Our clubs window display is at the Alfa Park Library in Bartonville. Our next meeting will be held on November 22 at 7 pm at Linden Hill Farm.

Submitted by Addison Church

**Get the latest news on the Peoria  
County 4-H Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/peoriacounty4h>



*Elmwood All-Star members attending 2019 4-H Awards Program*

### ELMWOOD ALL-STARS

The Elmwood All-stars October meeting was held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our new president, Laura Stevens, called our meeting to order, and our club did pledges, roll call, and secretary & treasury reports. We then started with old business. In old business Sara gave us a Federation News update and report. Then we talked about wearing our 4-H shirts, and what we did for our window display for national 4-H week. We already elected our officers in September, so this was our first meeting with our new officers. In new business we covered the clover news, the Livestock Judging team, and enrollment for this 4-H year. Alexa Salverson got first place at state for our Peoria County archery team! We were also reminded of the Peoria Co awards and Recognition night which is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> in Brimfield. New business also included our liability release forms, and reimbursing Mrs. Stevens for the wiener roast expense. We ended off with birthdays and our candy jar winner. After the meeting was over, we had a wiener roast, and played lots of games.

Submitted by Avery Blunier

### WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Edelstein Eager Beavers

Jacob Young

Laura Winners

Owen Endress

Peoria Clovers

Mazzy Parry (CB)

Horse Hustlers

Sadie Shilling



## Club News



*Edelstein Eager Beaver members & leaders receiving awards at the 2019 4-H Awards Program*

### EDELSTEIN EAGER BEAVERS

The Edelstein Eager Beavers have been active in many areas during October! Many of us participated in the Princeville Homecoming Parade held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Ben and Hannah Martin pulled the club members on a hayrack and much candy was distributed to the parade goers!

Kenzie and Kenna Stahl participated in a sewing workshop held at the Extension office on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed learning to make placemats by pulling a cross thread and then fringing. On Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Brie and Ali Ehnle hosted our 4H club for the annual family wiener roast. Although the wind was too fierce for a fire, everyone enjoyed a potluck meal that included lots of delicious food. The Ehnles also organized several relay games, including balloon popping, apple bobbing, and hoola hoops. Each participant received a candy bar, which topped off the evening! The official meeting was called to order and we began with the installation of the new officers. We also discussed enrollment and the schedule for the year. We enjoyed having many family members with us for this meeting.

Submitted by Kassie Stahl

**Visit the Peoria County 4-H website!**

<https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-peoria-county>



### Laura Winners Community Service Project

The Laura Winners Club sponsored a Christmas tree in Princeville Steven's Square. The club met on Monday, Dec. 2 at the village square to decorate the tree. At our November meeting, the 4-Hers decorated ornaments. Each ornament represents a different 4-H project. The tree topper has signatures from all of our club members. This was a fun way for our club to be involved in the community holiday display.

### NEIGHBOR KIDS

On November 22 the neighbor kids dairy spin club met at Linden Hill Farm. We had 14 members present and 2 new members. We discussed other 4-H activities this month. We met two other times, one of the times we moved cows to prevent their utters from freezing and the other time we dehorned which is the burning of the horn cells and we also tattooed to help know what the cows ID number is. We discussed fundraising options such as St. Louis dairy and Midwest dairy grants. we also held speeches such as the greenhouse effect of which is worse to the environment cows or cars, India's milk production rates compared to the USA, transition feeding, dairy nutritionists, dairy herd improvement association, large animal veterinarian, what the rumen does, early lactation, and breeds of cows were some of the topics given. We will not have a December meeting. So our next meeting will be on January 24 from 7-9 at Linden Hill Farm in Bartonville.

Submitted by Addison Church



### Club Reporters

We love to hear what your club is doing. Please submit your club meeting information to the Extension Office at [ludolph@illinois.edu](mailto:ludolph@illinois.edu) so we can highlight your clubs activities in the monthly newsletter.



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.**

**Pass the Plate: This workshop is your gateway to nutrition around the world. We will be exploring international diets, learning about the components of proper nutrition and completing a food science experiment.**

Everyone will also help package meals as they learn more about food insecurity in Illinois.

## Join inspiring Illinois 4-H teen in service to others

Illinois 4-H member and 2020 Miss Central Illinois Outstanding Teen Elizabeth Weidner of Effingham County is inviting members and clubs to help with an amazing service project. Elizabeth wants to provide needed personal items to families whose children are being treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. She is asking your help collecting:

Shampoo and conditioner  
Shower gel/soap/moisturizer  
Deodorant  
Razors and shaving cream  
Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash  
Combs/brushes  
Baby wash

These items will be stocked in nurse stations and available to families who need items. In addition, Elizabeth is collecting:

Pre-packaged snacks, cereals, oatmeal, chocolates, and hard counties  
Small packets of teas, coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener  
Packages of hot chocolate, teas, juice boxes

Learn more @ <https://www.facebook.com/crownsfightcancer>. Elizabeth is a stage IV high risk neuroblastoma cancer warrior survivor and patient of Children's Miracle Network hospitals. For more information, one may call 217-925-5700. Elizabeth wants to deliver her items in late fall, so plan your campaigns soon!

## Find help for your projects

We have dozens of projects you can choose to take, and ways to help you learn! Check out the resources available @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/project-resources>. Some are available from the county Extension office. Others you can order directly from Shop 4-H or other state Extension programs.

## 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](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) and ensure you're respecting the rights of others.



*"I'm dreaming of a  
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used to know,  
Where the tree tops  
glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells  
in the snow."*

~ Irving Berlin

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## Attention Newly Elected Secretary's & Treasurers

The 4-H Secretary and Treasurer Books are only available online and are available in a writable format. If you need a printed copy please let your leader know or call the Extension office and we will print a copy for you. The link for these resources is:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/clubs/meeting-resources>

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