



Deadlines:

- Sept. 21** - National Youth Science Day Registration
- Sept. 24** - Award App Deadline
- Oct. 8** - Financial Statements
- Oct. 22** - Youth in Action
- Dec. 1** - Re-enrollments Due

Events:

- Sept. 9** - Henry Leader Meeting
- Oct. 7-13** - National 4-H Week
- Oct. 11** - National Youth Science Day
- Oct. 27** - Speaking for IL 4-H
- Nov. 11** - Stark Award Program



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Cole Ellerbrock, member of the Atkinson Boosters, represented Henry County in the State Master Showmanship Contest at the State Fair. He won the sheep division of the contest, which was held on Friday, August 10.

Henry County was well represented at the state fair this year. Congratulations also go to Jacob Dobbels for winning the Pork Premiere Contest and congratulations to everyone who made it to the Champion Drive. Well done!

Congratulations to Stark County Century Clovers leader, Tami Rouse, on her induction into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. She was inducted on Tuesday, August 14 at a ceremony held during Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair. This is her 3rd official year as a club leader, but she has been very involved as a parent for over 10 years. She was nominated because of her tireless devotion to improving the 4-H program in Stark County. She currently heads a group trying to raise funds for a building that will allow the general projects to be exhibited on the fairgrounds. Her creativity, drive, and devotion to 4-H are a huge asset to Stark County and its youth. We are grateful for everything she's done and continues to do for 4-H!



Club News and Notes



Training in Knoxville! The last chance of this calendar year to be trained is **Saturday, October 27** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Knoxville High School.

This training prepares 4-H members to tell their story to legislators, donors, 4-H volunteers, and civic groups. Attendees will develop skills that help them show the impact 4-H has in your local community and across Illinois. Training is provided by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team. Those who complete the training are invited to attend the Spring 2019 Legislative Connection event at the state capital in Springfield.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/sfi4H. The cost to attend is \$12 to cover the cost of supplies and lunch.



30 Days of Doing is a chance for kids across the nation to do things "on purpose." Luckily, that's what 4-H is all about! You're already on your way to fulfilling the 30 Days! Check out the cool chart online at 4-h.org/inspire-kids-to-do/ to see the challenge for each day of September. Chart also located on page 7.

Beginning September 1, you could win a \$10,000 scholarship for your kid! If you win, so does Illinois 4-H! Submit a photo that shows how your child inspires themselves or others TO DO WITH PURPOSE for themselves, their family, their community, their country, or the world.

Extension is offering additional incentives for clubs. Clubs who have members participate in any of the challenge days will get a small reward. The club that completes the most activities will get a bigger prize. Completion of activities can be done by one member or a group. All activities must be documented with a picture sent to the 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.

Leaders: We will be scheduling a meeting for September. Be on the look-out for that date.

State Fair Superior Winners

All exhibitors at the State Fair did a wonderful job and should be proud of their accomplishments. A special congratulations goes out to the following members for earning a Superior Rating :

Henry County

McKenzie Carton - Design Decisions
Katlyn Carton - Floriculture A
Lindy Couch - Passport to the World
Margaret Dochterman - STEAM Clothing 1
Jordan Dodd - Sportfishing 1
Elissa Dynes - Vegetable Plate
Kholby Grant - Forests of Fun 1
Hunter Gustus - Visual Arts, Metal
Claire Hall - Visual Arts, Fiber
Kylie Maertens - Animal Science
Cali McKibbin - Visual Arts, Paper
Bailey Roselieb - Visual Arts, Heritage Arts
Paige Sierens - STEAM Clothing 2

Stark

Heather Heuermann - Visual Arts, Paper
Teresa Heuermann - Visual Arts, Wood
Jared Rouse - Woodworking 3
Elizabeth West - Visual Arts, Chalk/Carbon/Pigment

Be Recognized!

All award applications are due **Monday, September 24** to the Extension office. Unless otherwise noted, all award applications can be found here:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>

Experience Award - All 4-H members are encouraged to apply. Each county can give out multiple awards in three levels: bronze, silver, and gold. Older youth might consider apply for the State level diamond and emerald awards. Applications are available from your leader.



Excel Award - There are 10 awards available in Henry County and 5 in Stark. Youth can apply in any of the following areas: Personal Growth, Project Mastery, Communications, Community Service, and Leadership. To apply, use the first half of the IL State 4-H Award Application (everything but the essays).

IL State 4-H Award - Open to youth 15 to 18 years of age. State winners in the areas of Personal Growth, Project Master, Communications, Community Service, and Leadership get to choose between a \$1,000 scholarship or a trip to National 4-H Congress.

4-H Key Award - Open to youth ages 16-19. Award focuses on leadership, community service, and mentoring.

Electricity Award - Open to any member who exhibited an electrical exhibit during the 2017-2018 year. Can only be won once in a 4-H career.

I Dare You Award - A National Leadership Award given to one applicant per county. This award comes from the American Youth Foundation. The application for this can be found here:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/hs4h/2997.html>



We will be forming a Unit Ag Ambassador team in the fall to help plan and implement livestock and ag career workshops as well as county specific activities. This is a great leadership opportunity for resumes and a way to get multi-county activities for award and scholarship applications. To start, teams will meet individually to discuss opportunities within their county. We will then come together as a unit team to plan larger events.

Members should be 12 years or older with an interest in livestock, agriculture education, and agriculture related careers.

Look for a flyer with full details and dates of individual county meetings soon.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer in the Galva Extension office.



MEETING NOTICE!

The Henry County beginning of the year leader meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9. The meeting will be held at the Cambridge Youth Center located off of N. West Street at 3 p.m. The new year always brings a lot of new changes, so please try to make sure a representative from your club attends if you cannot.

We hope to see you there!



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. We've changed the format to make it easier to find the projects you want and the resources to help you learn! County offices have the publication. They will be distributed to your leaders. Get one at the first club meeting. 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 for you to study—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 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.
- Re-enrollment will be closed from September 1 to 15 to allow for updates to 4-HOnline. If we get that done earlier than September 15, we'll open it early.
- National 4-H Week is October 7 – 13 with the theme: Inspire Kids to Do!
- September kicks off with 30 Days of Doing. We hope your club will find ways to participate.
- Enter the #InspireKidstoDo photo contest September 1-30, where you could win a \$10,000 scholarship for your kid—and your state and 4-H program could receive \$10,000. Enter and see full Official Rules: 4-H.org/InspireKidsToDo. #InspireKidstoDo **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.** Starts September 1, 2018; ends September 30, 2018.



Theme: Inspire Kids to Do.

Win \$5,000 4-H YOUTH IN ACTION

The Youth in Action Award honors four 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have used those skills to overcome a challenge or challenges.

Nominate outstanding 4-H members in four different categories: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar area, receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards, and network with celebrities and prominent 4-H alumni. Learn more at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.

Deadline for application is October 22.



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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 is an opportunity to win money by participating. If a team of two youth (in grades 8-12) would like to organize an event and lead this activity, they can register by September 21 and be eligible to win up to \$1,000. For more information, contact your Extension office.



Generosity: Value and Practice Service to Others

Generosity is the habit of giving without expecting anything in return ... giving back to the community; helping family, friends, and neighbors; being grateful for what we have; and sharing what we can.

For the concept of generosity to be instilled in youth, they need to practice it. This can be accomplished through community service projects. However, for youth to truly develop the habit of generosity they need to connect to their communities and learn how to give back to others. They need to know the “why” for the community service project. Does your service project meet these goals:

- It must be seen as relevant and timely for the 4-H members. They need to see or learn about the needs in their community and what they can do to help with those needs.
- Members need to be a part of the planning and implementation of the project.
- The project needs to be necessary and valuable. Members need to feel they made a difference.
- Members need to reflect on the project. This allows them to think about what they did, and what it meant to them, to others and to the community.
- Members need to discuss the impact of their community service project and what they learned. Evaluation gives them direction for improvement, growth, and change. It also allows them to think about what else they might do because of this experience.

Including these components as part of the process allows 4-H members to gain an understanding of others’ needs and learn how to respond to those needs, which leads to the development of values such as compassion and tolerance for diversity. It fosters a sense of pride and ownership for their community. Working alongside 4-H members and other adults develops teamwork skills.

Dana Homann, 4-H Youth Development Educator for Effingham, Clay, Jasper, and Fayette counties



4-H Shooting Sports *Learn by Doing*

Upcoming Local Programs

To register contact the Extension office

Shotgun

Dates (All Tuesdays): Sept. 11, 18 & 25
Oct. 2, 16, 23, & 30
Nov. 6

Location: Isaak Walton League at Baker Park in Kewanee

Times: 6 p.m. - Beginner/Intermediate Level
7 p.m. - Advanced Level

- Schedules will be accommodated if you cannot make the time that matches your skill level.



Cost - The \$20 4-H fee for the new year applies. There will also be a range fee to cover the use of the facility and clays. Shells will also be available for purchase at cost.

Register: Online at web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs
* Please let Jennifer know if you plan to attend but cannot make the first session.



Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

The fall adult volunteer certification training will be held on Oct. 13-14 at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Cost to attend is \$125. Anyone interested should contact the Galva Extension office. Registration is handled through the Extension office and will open in September.



NEWS & notes

Awards

Award Applications Tips

With the introduction of the Illinois 4-H Experience Award application last year, we know there are still questions about how to complete this form. We don't request a lot of information, but there are still a few guidelines you need to follow so that your application showcases your 4-H experiences in their best light.

The **Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application** focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: *Participation*, *Community Service*, *Leadership*, and *Project Learning*. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Here are a few tips that cover some of the most common errors we saw from award submissions with this application:

- All items (Except the 2-3 that refer to "two years in a row" or "multiple years") should be **ONLY** from the current 4-H year – **September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018**.
- All experiences – unless indicated otherwise – **are to be 4-H related!** That means it should be a **4-H** experience **or** a youth could attend because there are a 4-H member **or** because they were representing the 4-H program for their county or state.
- In the Details box, dates and names of the experience are needed. This info can be short – it does not need to have a lot of detail. "*County Livestock Workshop, Dec 6,*" "*State Jr. Leadership Conference, Feb 24-25,*" or "*4-H Club Mtgs, 10/12, 11/13, 12/10, 1/14 and 2/15*" are good examples. Years are not needed as we believe you are following the above instructions that all experiences have taken place within this 4-H year. For some boxes, you may wish to include a bit more information – for example, the name of a project area that you exhibited at the county or state fair, or the name of the non-4-H group of which you are an officer.
- Members cannot use the same exact date/event for more than one spot on the entire form. So if one uses "Visual Arts Workshop/March 6" as part of "five or more county 4-H activities" in Participation, they **cannot** also use it for the "one county 4-H activity" in Participation NOR can they use it for "Participated in a county 4-H workshop...related to my project" in Project Learning.
- If members are submitting the application for the Diamond or Emerald state level, please make sure that you still complete the ENTIRE form, even though you may only be submitting in the Leadership, Community Service, or Project Learning area.
- For Diamond and Emerald applicants, the State and National requirements must be in **the SAME dimension as the one you are applying**. So if you are applying for an Emerald Award in Leadership, you must have at least TWO State and/or National level experiences highlighted on the Leadership pages, in addition to two Multi-County/Regional experiences.

More information is available on the **Quick Tips: Illinois 4-H Experience Application**, available through your local Extension office. There is also a **Quick Tips: Illinois 4-H Award Application** handout available for those older 4-H members who are looking to submit for state awards with the **Illinois 4-H State Award Application**. Members may apply in any or all of the five award categories: *Communications*, *Community Service*, *Leadership*, *Personal Growth*, and/or *Project Mastery*. State winners in these categories can receive educational scholarships or trips to national events.



4-H “Inspire to Do” List

30 fun and simple skills-building activities to do with your kid! 4-H.org/InspireKidstoDo

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| 1 | Build a <u>bird feeder</u> - monitor it for a week and log the types of birds. | 2 | <u>Grow vegetables</u> in an egg carton. Learn how to cook and preserve them. | 3 | Take a tour of a farm or nursery in your area. Ask three questions about the plants and animals. | 4 | Do research on your favorite <u>wild animal</u> . Then visit the zoo to see them up close. | 5 | Start a neighborhood <u>nature club</u> - teach kids about nature in their backyard. | 6 | Raise <u>butterflies</u> and track their stages of life. |
| 7 | Plant your favorite herbs in a mason jar - look for recipes to use them as they grow. | 8 | Pick wildflowers and press them in a book to log and preserve them. | 9 | Make and deliver cheerful cards for local senior citizen homes. | 10 | Make <u>Fizzy Foam</u> to learn about chemical reactions. | 11 | Hold an <u>egg drop challenge</u> - build containers to keep the egg from cracking. | 12 | Make a paper boat and host a boat race. |
| 13 | Hold a neighborhood car wash in support of a local shelter. | 14 | Learn how to generate electricity by making a <u>lemon battery</u> . | 15 | Volunteer as a dog walker once a week at a local shelter. | 16 | Write a thank you letter to someone who has impacted your community. | 17 | Create care packages for those who are homeless in your community. | 18 | Volunteer to help senior citizens with technology and household chores. |
| 19 | As a family, learn about and eat a <u>new</u> vegetable in a meal each week. | 20 | Set a time for a family yoga session to release stress and introduce the concept of mindfulness. | 21 | Create a gratitude journal - help your kid learn to notice and appreciate the little things. | 22 | Plan, shop for, and prepare healthy meals on a budget once a week. | 23 | Organize a neighborhood food drive for a local shelter or food pantry. | 24 | Pick up trash in a local park. |
| 25 | Go on a <u>hike</u> or go to the neighborhood park and draw the view. | 26 | Learn how to build a <u>camp fire</u> and make a tinfoil dinner. | 27 | Dip your own crayon candle - watch solid wax evaporate into gas. | 28 | Make homemade <u>bath bombs</u> and gift them to a friend. | 29 | Build a robot that <u>draws on paper</u> . | 30 | Learn to code your names and see who has the best design. |



Enter the [30 Days of Doing photo contest](#) on September 1 – 30 and you could win a \$10K scholarship for your kid!

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Starts 9/1/18; ends 9/30/18. Rules available 9/1/18 at 4-H.org/InspireKidstoDo.



Check out [National Youth Science Day](#)

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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Welcome to another 4-H year! We are excited starting the 2018-2019 year, and we hope you are, too.

We are ending the 2017-2018 year on a bittersweet note. Carol Kendall retires on August 31 after 20 years with Extension. While we are thrilled for her to begin the next chapter of her life, we will miss her immensely. She has been a valuable asset to the 4-H program. We are all grateful to her and wish her nothing but the best in her future.

That being said, it is going to be a bit of a rough transition over the next couple months. Please be patient with us as we figure out how to work through enrollments, re-enrollments, project manual ordering, etc. without Carol.

If you have questions, please call the office.

Everyone have a great Labor Day weekend!

Jennifer



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