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## Happening Now

- ◆ February 2 — Hi-Flyers meeting at 9:00am at the Farm Bureau office
- ◆ Wednesday's in February — Scrumptious Science (see page 7)
- ◆ February 7 — Federation meeting at 3:15pm at the Extension office
- ◆ February 16 — Barn Busters meeting at 9:00am at Keensburg Christian Church
- ◆ February 20 — Allendale Twisters Meeting at 6:00pm at the Allendale Ruritan Building
- ◆ February 20 — Sprouts meeting at 6:00pm at the Allendale Ruritan Building
- ◆ February 21 — Fun Stuff meeting at 6:00pm at the home of Janet Anderson
- ◆ February 25 — Town & Country meeting at 6:00pm at the Wabash County Quail Club
- ◆ March 1 — Deadline to add projects
- ◆ March 1 — Last day for new members to enroll *if they intend to exhibit 4-H projects at the 2019 Wabash County Fair*
- ◆ April 16 — Wabash County Public Speaking Contest at 5:00pm at the Extension office
- ◆ June 1 — Deadline for new livestock members to complete Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) (see page 6)
- ◆ July 13-19 — 2019 Wabash County 4-H Fair

## Step up on National 4-H Day of Service



4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:

1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
2. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) and find helpful resources.
3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
4. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) after your event and submit a report on what you did. We'd love to see your photos, too.

## It's 'udderly' amazing

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.) The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.

**Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15.** Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ [dfischer@illinois.edu](mailto:dfischer@illinois.edu) or call 618-830-4957.



## Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>

## Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com). **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**

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### 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. 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
- Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1



- Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.
- Registration will open February 4 @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp)! Don't be late.
- Most spots will be taken by the end of February!

### Learn about the swine industry

- 4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 16 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth may stay and complete the YQCA training at 4 p.m. at no cost. . For more information and to register, go to [ilpork.com](http://ilpork.com).

### Ride on over to the State 4-H Horse contests



**STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTESTS:** The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

**REGIONAL 4-H HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY CONTESTS:** Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team.

# CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIPS!

## 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!

## STU GRANT GAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Wabash County's seniors in 4-H, FFA, and the CEO program are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship offered by the family of the late Stu Grant in his honor. Stu was a man who firmly believed in faith, family, and community. To apply, write a two-page essay on what these important pillars of life mean to you and submit it to Regina Paddick at Mt. Carmel High School's Guidance Office by April 12. Include your name, address, phone number, and parents' names. The award will be presented at the high school's Honor's Night on May 17, 2019.

## ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships).

## LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships). Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

## IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ [http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview\\_scholarships.htm](http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm).



# Explor➔ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ [exploreaces.org](http://exploreaces.org).

## Just so you know

2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8

2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11

2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29

2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.

2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24

More details to follow as they are available!



## WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods! We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something NEW and DIFFERENT and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

**Here is the general guideline for the Foods Innovation Class:**

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the food will NOT be tasted.

## January is National Mentoring Month



All #TrueLeaders need good role models who can lead through example. Mentoring is just one way adults can help empower youth to make a difference in their club, community, country and world!

#NationalMentoringMonth #InspireKidstoDo

### Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members who are planning to exhibit beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbit, dog, and cat projects for the first time **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. **This rule applies to 4-H Members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** This is a **one time** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regard-less of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All members needing to take QAEC have been sent a notice in the mail.

**The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.**

You can find the online training at:

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

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.

### Off Premises Forms

If your 4-H animal(s) are not kept at your home/physical address, you will need to complete an off premises form and return the form to our office **NO LATER** than April 1, 2019. This applies to ALL livestock including horses. This form will need to be signed by the 4-Her, a parent, the land owner and your leader before turning it into the office.

For example: If your animal is housed at a family member or neighbors home just down the road, you need to fill out a form. Or if your animal(s) are housed on your family farm but you do not live on the farm, you will need to fill out a form.

If your animal must be kept some place other than your home for any reason the 4-Her should (is expected) be able to take care of the animal(s) on a daily basis.

If you have any questions or need a form please call the office or visit this website to print from home.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww/wabash4h/>



Wabash County 4-H, along with Wabash County Farm Bureau, present:

# *Scrumptious Science Club*

*A science you can eat!*

Wednesdays in February at 3:30PM

Mt. Carmel High School Food Lab

Join us for this fun four session series  
to explore the science behind cooking.

All Wabash County youth of  
ages 8-18 (as of Sept. 1, 2018)  
are invited to participate.

*A tasty dish will be prepared at each session!*

Register on our website, [web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww),  
or by calling the Extension office at 262-5725.

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4-H Wabash County, Illinois

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# Unit #25 Ambassadors

The purpose of the Unit 25 Ambassadors is to provide a voice for youth through promoting the 4-H program. The group will consist of members from each of the 5 counties in the Unit area.

This group will be vital in promoting the benefits of 4-H membership to other youth, volunteers, donors and elected officials. This will be done in several different ways including networking/education or demonstrating/teaching.

\*The Ambassador program is not the same as Federation, however youth can be in both Federation and an Ambassador.

### WHO:

- ◇ 25 Youth from the Unit
- ◇ Must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years or longer
- ◇ Must be 6th grade or older

### DUTIES:

- ◇ Attend Unit #25 Ambassador Training
- ◇ Attend one Unit wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Attend one county wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Highly encouraged to attend Speaking for Illinois 4-H (SFI4-H)

### Opportunities:

- ◇ To network with local businesses, donors and elected officials
- ◇ To connect to the University of Illinois Extension, 4-H and the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- ◇ To gain skills in brainstorming, creativity and evaluation
- ◇ Day trip to University of Illinois and possibly other 2 yr/4yr Illinois colleges

**To apply: Interested applicants can pick up an application at your local Extension office.**

**Applications must be turned in by March 1, 2019.**

**Applicants will be called for an interview during the month of April.**

**The 2019 Unit #25 Ambassador Team will be announced at the 2019 local 4-H fair.**



Livestock and Dog Ownership Dates and Age Requirements  
2019 Fair

The table below provides the dates by which animals to be exhibited at the fair must be owned and cared for by the exhibitors, along with the dates by which the animals must have been born.

Species	Ownership Date	Animal Age Requirement
Beef Market Steers & Heifers	January 1, 2019	Calved after January 1, 2018
Beef Breeding Heifers & Bull Calf	April 1, 2019	Calved between Sept. 1, 2017 and March 31, 2019
Beef Breeding Stock Cows	January 1, 2019	Calved before September 1, 2017
Bucket Calf	Animal acquired between January 15, 2019 and May 15, 2019	Calved between January 15, 2019 and May 15, 2019
Dairy Steer	January 1, 2019	Calved after January 1, 2018
Dairy Breeding Heifers & Calves	April 1, 2019	N/A
Dairy Cows	January 1, 2019	N/A
Dog	Owned or leased by June 1, 2019	N/A
Goats Kids & Yearlings not in milk	May 15, 2019	N/A
Goats Milking Does	January 1, 2019	N/A
Goats Market	May 15, 2019	Born on or after October 1, 2018
Goats Pygmy	May 15, 2019	N/A
Horse & Pony	Copy of ownership and/or lease papers due to Ext. office by May 1, 2019	N/A
Poultry	June 1, 2019	N/A
Rabbits	June 1, 2019	N/A
Sheep Market Wethers	May 15, 2019	Lambled on or after January 1, 2019
Sheep Breeding Yearling Ewes	May 15, 2019	Lambled between January 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018
Sheep Breeding Ewe Lambs	May 15, 2019	Lambled after September 1, 2018
Sheep Breeding Ram Lambs	May 15, 2019	Lambled after January 1, 2019
Swine Market Gilts & Barrows	May 15, 2019	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2019
Swine Breeding Gilts & Boars	May 15, 2019	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2019

### **4-H New Member Workshop 2019**

Our annual workshop for new members took place on January 20 at the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center. Several of this year's new members were in attendance with their parents to ask questions and learn more about 4-H and how to navigate it. Parents were presented helpful information, while new members made terrariums.



### **4-H Teen Teachers**

A new 4-H opportunity is currently being piloted in Wabash County. Known as 4-H Teen Teachers, this program allows teen-aged 4-H members to instruct younger youth, thereby gaining experience with things like public speaking, poise in front of groups, and presenting information. So far, we have started with two older members — Megan Haase and Courtney Potts — using Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom curriculum to teach the third graders at Mt. Carmel Grade School about pumpkin production and pork production. If this continues to go well, we hope to expand the program.



Making pumpkin pie in a bag



### **4-H Federation**

Wabash County's 4-H Federation is going strong! Federation is open to all high school and college freshman aged 4-H members. Pictured below, the members in attendance at the January meeting participated in a listening/communication skills competition. The two teams had to construct a bridge with only verbal descriptions of a model from their team's spokesman.

