



Winter



Mason Clover Notes

Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is just around the corner! I hope you have been working on your projects over the cold winter months! Project enrollment deadlines will be fast approaching (May 1, 2020), so make sure you are enrolled in projects you are interested in exhibiting at the 4-H Show this summer.

It was great to see everyone at the 4-H Shooting Sports Club banquet, the steer weigh-in, and 4-H Clover Clinic!

The 4-H Junior Master Gardener Club and the 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be starting their new club meetings soon. Be sure to check the dates in this newsletter and get enrolled in those clubs through 4-H Online as soon as possible.

As always, call the Extension office if you have any questions about programming, volunteering, or joining a club.

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Joli Pierson
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We're going to the Capitol

March 4-5 & May 6-7 | Springfield

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. All youth who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

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Tell Your 4-H Story

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM

Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

Shawnee Community College in Ullin

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be two trainings on **Saturday, March 21**. The Northern training will be held at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. The Southern training will be held at Shawnee Community College in Ullin.

The training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved and put that story into words. Learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol this spring.

Register @: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H before March 13.

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Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM
St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!

Click the "Tickets" down arrow.

Select "Non 4-H Member

Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)

Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile. You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.

Local 4-H EVENTS

March

- 1 Easton Ramblers 4-H Meeting. Easton Firehouse, 1:30 p.m.
- 2 YQCA Training, Mason Extension office, 10 a.m.
- 2 Mason County 4-H & Jr. Show Association board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Pleasant Workers 4-H Club meeting, Mason City Christ Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
- 15 Kountry Kritters Club, Manito Lodge 6 p.m. craft time, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 21 Happy Handful 4-H Club meeting, 9 a.m.
- 21 Mason County Junior Master Gardener 4-H Club meeting, Mason Extension office, 1 p.m.
- 28 YQCA Training, Fulton Extension office, 10 a.m.
- 29 Mason County 4-H Federation meeting & Skating party, Canton Skateland, 6-8 p.m.
- 31 YQCA Training, Kickapoo Township Hall, Kickapoo, IL, 6 p.m.

April

- 5 Easton Ramblers 4-H Club meeting, Easton Firehouse, 2-3 p.m.
- 6 Mason County 4-H & Jr. Show Association board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Mason County 4-H Federation meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 YQCA Training, Mason Extension office, 1 p.m.
- 13 Pleasant Workers 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18 YQCA Training, Fulton Extension office, 2 p.m.
- 18 Mason County Junior Master Gardener 4-H Club meeting, Mason Extension office, 1 p.m.
- 19 Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club mandatory safety meeting, 2 p.m.
- 19 Kountry Kritters 4-H Club meeting, Manito Veterans Park, 6 p.m.
- 28 YQCA Training, Kickapoo Township Hall, Kickapoo, IL, 6 p.m.
- 30 YQCA Training, Fulton Extension office, 6 p.m.

May

- 3 Easton Ramblers 4-H Club meeting, 2-3 p.m.
- 3 YQCA Training, Fulton County, Fairview Reformed Church Fellowship Hall, Fairview, IL, 3 p.m.
- 7 YQCA Training, Tazewell Extension office, 6:30 p.m.

Statewide 4-H Coming Events

- March 1 – April 30 JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign
- March 13 DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H training registration
- March 18 DEADLINE: Registration for Southern Illinois Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- March 21 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Whiteside County, Sterling
- March 21 Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Ullin
- March 21 Sewing Community Service project, 4-H Memorial Camp
- March 28 Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day, Marion, IL
- March 31 DEADLINE: State Robotics Challenge registration
- April 4 Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest, Lincoln Land Community College
- April 18 State 4-H Horse Speaking & Hippology Contest, Champaign
- April 19 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
- April 19-25 National Volunteer Week
- April 25 National 4-H Day of Service
- April 25 Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County
- April 29 – May 10 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- May 2-3 4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
- May 6-7 4-H Legislative Connection, Springfield (by invitation only)
- May 9 State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
- May 9 4-H Day at the Cardinals

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.



Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)

The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

New projects at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.

Ewe lambs are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29.**

The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins August 17.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Mason County 4-H Exhibit Day at the Illinois State Fair is Friday, August 14, 2020

How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: 4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. **Nominations are due May 1.**



4-H Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

If you would like to submit a name for consideration for the Mason County 4-H Hall of Fame nomination, please contact Joli Pierson at the Mason County Extension office.



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**. This program is the industry-standard certification. 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.

The cost for the in-person YQCA training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Pre-registration and payment is required prior to attending an in-person training!

To register and pay, go to <http://yqca.org>

The following training dates are set for Mason County:

Monday, March 2, 2020— 10 a.m.—12 noon

Monday, April 13, 2020—1p.m.—3 p.m.

Both trainings will be held at the Mason County Extension office, lower level. See the calendar on page 3 for more unit Extension scheduled trainings. You may attend any training offered.

Be a true leader in service



April 25 | Nationwide

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. 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.

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed



March 28 | 9 AM – 7 PM

Tombstone Gun Range | Marion, IL

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.

Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.

Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:

Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.

Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.

Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.

If you are a shooting sports enthusiast and would like to share your skills with youth in Mason county, attend the next training on March 28, 2020. Mason county is in need of archery, shotgun, pistol, and rifle instructors.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. Anyone wishing to attend must complete volunteer screenings prior to registering, so don't delay. Contact Joli Pierson at jkpierso@illinois.edu or call (309) 543-3308 for more information or to begin the process of applying for this special volunteer role.

Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club— Enrollment

The Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will begin sessions in the Spring of 2020. Anyone wishing to join the club should enroll now at this web address: il.4honline.com Enrolling now will ensure you are on the mailing list to receive club information.

Project disciplines of Shotgun, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Archery are offered, as well as Hunting & Wildlife project.

The first meeting date is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 beginning at 2 p.m. at the 4-H shooting sports range. This will be a mandatory safety meeting.

Supply fees will be due to the club at the first meeting.

Call Joli at the Extension office (309)-543-3308 for more details.

Photo Below: The Mason County 4-H Shooting Sports Club held its annual banquet in January. Pictured below are club coordinators, instructors, and members, along with donors to the club: IL State Representative Norine Hammond; Matt Davis and Bill Wheat of Whitetails Unlimited; and Joe Weghorst of Pekin, IL.



Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.



Be aware:

Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.

Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/Illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ rosenbohm07@comcast.net or Elisha Hughes @ ehugh2@illinois.edu

Two ways to give to 4-H

Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:

It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!



Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.

Help sew new curtains for camp!

March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello



Register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!

Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello



Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Illini Summer Academies



June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21–26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.

Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.

Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION. Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.

ANIMAL SCIENCES. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.

BEEKEEPING. Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD

CHEMISTRY AROUND US. Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING. Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.

GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION. Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES. Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.

JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE. Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.

MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.

SUSTAINABLE SUMMER. Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY. School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.

VETERINARY MEDICINE. Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD. College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST



April 19 | 8 AM

Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College.

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl.

STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

April 18 | 8 AM

David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held April 4 at Lincoln Land Community College.

Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology.

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair



August 17 | 4-6 PM

Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

State Robotics Challenge



May 9

McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

Register at go.illinois.edu/4HR2020 before March 31.

Download the challenge at

go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE.

Watch the video at youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8.

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM



Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking.

There are 5 divisions

Original individual formal speech

Original individual presentation: either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.

Original team presentation: either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.

Extempore speaking: topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4 to 6 minute speech.

NEW IN 2020: Interpretive Reading is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

Kountry Kritters Club News...

On February 16, 2020 the Kountry Kritters 4-H club helped at the Lodge and had a meeting. At the Manito Lodge the 4-H members helped the residents create baskets. During the meeting awards were passed out to the deserving 4-H members. Next we had talks and demos from the 4-H members. Our next meeting is March 15, 2020. — Reported by Courtney Maslana



Photo: Members receiving 4-H Recognition Awards were: Hunter Van Orman, Madelynn Goza, Courtney Maslana, Samantha Maslana, Mackenzie Maslana, Remi Kraft, Abigail Larsen



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