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IEPYE is Hosting a Members Only Google Training!
Thursday, January 28
Thursday, February 11
Thursday, February 25
1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

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NATIONAL UPDATE

NAE4-HYDP 75th Anniversary
Test your knowledge of NAE4-HYDP inside!
Tell the 75th Anniversary Committee what merchandise you want to see by Jan. 20!

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2aipql9Mei9UxXn

CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IEPYE

https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/youth-association

SEND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO SHELBY CARLSON AT SRCARLS2@ILLINOIS.EDU
IEPYE IS HOSTING A MEMBERS ONLY

GOOGLE TRAINING!

Join Google Certified Trainer, Jennifer Carlson, for this three part professional development series that will focus on:

Docs • Slides • Drawings • Classroom • Meet • Forms • Hangout

SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1PM TO 2:30PM

SIGN UP HERE:
HTTPS://GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/GOOGLETRAINING

ILLINOIS EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS FOR YOUTH EDUCATION
BIOGRAPHY WRITING WORKSHOP

Save The Date

Shelby Carlson will lead a training on writing biographies for our staff pages online. Many times they’re an afterthought, but a well written biography improves our personal credibility and Extension’s too!

Leave with a template and head start at updating or writing your own professional biography.

FEBRUARY 23 | 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE ILLINOIS 4-H FOUNDATION? DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE THROUGH AUTOMATIC PAYROLL DEDCUTION?

4-H Foundation: https://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/giving
Payroll Deductions: https://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/bfpp/section-4-payroll/payroll-deductions
CALL FOR REVIEWERS

The success of a peer-review process for sessions at the NAE4-HYDP Conference depends on the many volunteers who sign up to provide essential proposal review.

Please consider joining the review process by signing up to be a peer reviewer!

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Please consider sharing your expertise as a presenter at the 2021 NAE4-HYDP Conference which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, November 16-18, 2021, including a combination of in-person and virtual components. Proposals are now being accepted for peer-reviewed sessions in the following categories:

- Competency Building Workshops
- Program Seminars
- Posters
- Research Innovation, and Program Roundtables

https://www.nae4hydp.org/news/542793/NAE4-HYDP-2021-Call-for-Proposals.htm

SPECIAL EDITION: AWARDS

A special edition of the newsletter is attached with information about applying for awards. The board challenges you to each encourage a colleague to apply for an award.

BRING ON THE SUNSHINE!

IEPYE has started a Sunshine fund! If you know someone who needs a note of encouragement, congratulations, and maybe even an "hug" from their professional family, let us know to send them some sunshine. Email Angie Barnard at abarnard@illinois.edu with a name and address.
NAE4-HYDP QUIZ

1. Where was the meeting held on December 3, 1946 where a motion was passed to form the association?
   a. Union League Club of Chicago
   b. YMCA of Madison
   c. Congress in Washington, D.C.

2. What was the first name of the association?
   a. National Association of Extension 4-H Agents
   b. National Association of County 4-H Club Agents
   c. National Association of 4-H Agents

3. When did the name change to our current name: National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals?
   a. 2020
   b. 2019
   c. 2018

4. How much were national dues in 1946?
   a. $2.00
   b. $1.00
   c. $3.00

5. How many members initially joined in 1946 AND how many members joined in 2019?
   a. 125 and 3894
   b. 50 and 2933
   c. 100 and 4374

6. True/False: The 1st and 10th anniversary conferences were held in Chicago.

ANSWERS:
1. A
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. TRUE

SAVE THE DATE:

When: Nov 15-18, 2021
Where: The Peabody
Memphis, TN

NAE4-HYDP SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/nae4ha
Idea Sharing Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/nae4ha
MEMBER RECOGNITION

EXTENSION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Individual Extension Excellence:
Dr. Michelle Cox

Service Awards:
Melissa Wilson, 10 Years
Andy Davis, 15 Years
Dr. Lisa Diaz, 15 Years
Kim Morrison, 15 Years

Presenters:
Amy Henschen
Melissa Wilson

EXTENSION PARTNERS

Extension Partners is a grassroots organization focused on the advancement of University of Illinois Extension. Statewide, Extension Partners members include individuals, organizations and businesses who share a commitment to building support for Extension programming in several ways, including...

- Increasing financial support for Extension’s community-based programs through the legislative process
- Helping to link community needs to the resources of the University of Illinois
- Increasing public awareness of the benefits of strong, effective Extension programs
- Securing new funding for campus positions
- Continuing communications with academic, governmental and community groups and agencies at all levels-local, state and national-on the benefits and accomplishments of University of Illinois Extension Partners

JOIN TODAY!
https://www.ilextensionpartners.org/become-a-member.html
4-H Youth Development Educators, Susan Sloop, Myla Munro, Jamie Boas, Alcha Corban, Sara Marten, and Program Coordinator, Jen Odle worked together to help youth across 7 units find their spark. Youth ages 8-12 were invited to join in a six-week series centered around hands-on activities. 78 youth registered for this innovative experience.

Topics explored included STEM, animal science, horticulture, cultural awareness, health, and creative arts. Each week, participants received a supply kit for the activity of the week. If they had a conflict with the online session, the kit contained step by step instructions so they could still learn. Each educator took a turn teaching in an area of expertise including a college and career connection with each lesson.

Find your spark with 4-H this fall

Wednesdays at 4pm

For kids 8-12!

Just $10!

6 week session

Starting October 28

Learn more at go.illinois.edu/findyourspark

In 4-H, you learn by doing and you usually have a pretty great time while you’re doing it!

What to know more about what your 4-H experience might look like?

Join Find Your Spark, a 6 week program taught by experienced 4-H educators. Each week will have a topic, and a hands on activity for kids to do. Families will be able to pick up supplies October 22 and 23.

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Kaylee Estes, a Philo 4-H Friends Club member, developed this activity for the 15 Cloverbuds in her club. She came up with the directions, put them in a PowerPoint and developed the plans to lead the activity herself virtually. Cloverbuds will provide 5-8 foods they can use to make their self-portrait. What a simple and fun activity for Cloverbuds!
What do all of these have in common? Cats. Coffee mugs. Buddy the Elf. Holiday spirit. Human Christmas Tree. Contests. If you guessed the East Central Holiday Party, you’re right! On December 16 a group of 12 active and life members gathered on Zoom for games, sharing, and holiday fun. We’ll let the pictures speak for themselves :).

A big thank you to Mynda for planning a fantastic party!

WRITTEN BY JAMIE BOAS
WEST CENTRAL

Members of the West Central region gathered in December to meet for a day of professional development, service, and fun. The homeless liaison from the ROE met with the group to discuss how we can support and identify youth experience housing insecurity. Members unable to attend in person joined via zoom. Before leaving for the day, members present put together lunch and dinner meals for a new organization helping residents of Peoria who have been displaced because of COVID as well as prepared emergency protein packs. The food prep time was full of laughs and catching up with one another. The group shared lunch together before leaving for the afternoon.

NORTHERN REGION

During COVID-19 many are careful to follow the CDC guidelines of practicing social distance, wearing face masks, and regularly washing their hands to help prevent the spread of the virus. However, we are not always as intentional in taking precautions to safeguard our mental health. To ensure that Northern Region IEPYE members were informed about resources provided by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Faculty/Staff Assistance Services (FSAS) we invited Christopher Ochs, a Clinical Counselor to present at our IEPYE meeting. Christopher informed us about services offered through FSAS including assessments, short-term counseling, crisis services, and referrals to appropriate resources. To learn more about FSAS offerings visit the website at https://humanresources.illinois.edu/fsas/index.html.

WRITTEN BY MICHELLE COX
Greetings from the Life Members of IEPYE! Hopefully, you’ve been reading about our Life Members in the recent newsletters – we’re still an active group of retired professionals who are enjoying life and our “free” time (LOL!), but also want to stay connected with our Extension colleagues (both current and retired). While COVID nixed our plans for two lunches in 2021, we’re hoping 2021 will eventually allow us to get together face-to-face. In the meantime, we are planning a Zoom call for January, just so we can see familiar faces and catch up on everyone’s lives. Stay tuned for more details!

Life Members – As a follow-up to my emails, please complete the IEPYE Membership registration that was sent out in December so that we can get current addresses and emails for everyone! The IEPYE Board is really trying to keep us informed of what’s happening and connecting with our retirees, but we can only do that with updated information. Thank you! (If you cannot find that email, contact me at ddstocker1@yahoo.com and we’ll connect that way!)

We’re also searching for 1-2 Life Members who would be willing to serve on a committee to plan our IEPYE 50th Anniversary Celebration for this fall, delayed from our 2020 annual meeting. Let me know if you are interested!!

Happy 2021!!
Deb
Stocker
Life Member Chair
Hi,

I'm Judy Taylor. I grew up on a farm in McDonough Co, met my husband at a 4-H dance at State Fair, lived at 4-H House while a student at U of I and taught HS Home Ec and Computer Programming for 12 years.

I joined Extension as the Home Ec Advisor in Mason County (3 1/2 years) and then was a Youth Development Educator at the Springfield Center where I worked with 12-16 counties until I retired in 2010. It was a delight to work at the Center and across the state and nation with other Extension staff. My focus was Volunteer Development and Character Education, as I trained 4-H teens and leaders, teachers and Extension staff. I was involved with lots of regional programming: Jr. Legislative Conference, Communication trips to Chicago, Space Camp, Cloverbud Kits, etc. Using U of I online course software, I created an on-line course "Jr. Leader University" with assistance from teen 4-Hers. I solicited, prepared, and hand delivered (with help from Pam Weber and Extension staff near Springfield) a two page newsletter to state legislators twice a year for many years. I was blessed to be a part of a delegation to China to start a 4-H program. Some of the 4-H materials I created or helped to create are still in use. I just downloaded the Terrific Teachable Moments app on my phone a couple months ago. I chaired the committee that created those wonderful little activities. Go find them in the app store! They are excellent for parents and teachers.

Upon leaving the University I spent 10 years with two main jobs: driving a tractor and grain cart next to the combine, then load trucks in the fall and planting our corn acreage in the spring. Learning to plant using GPS had a steep learning curve that first year. I loved each of the jobs I've had the privilege to be a part of. I wasn't really ready to retire from Extension in 2010, but in hindsight, I would not have traded the time working side by side with my husband for anything.

I guess I retired a second time at the beginning 2020 when my husband retired from farming. We, like many others, deleted many of our travel plans this past year, most notably, a trip to NYC in April - I had even read To Kill A Mockingbird in preparation for seeing the stage play. Instead we had a large garden, got caught up a little with landscaping, and I prepare/deliver Sunday School packets to 19 kids each week that is used with a private FB page video I upload. Our one trip to Colorado was via a sleeper car room on Amtrak. Our own bathroom, etc. kept us safe. (Amazing what details seem important in 2020!) I'm anxious for COVID to just be a bad memory, so I can meet some of the wonderful Extension professionals that are carrying on important work of the University.