

Fulton County 4-H

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4-H clubs highlights: Community Service Activities

Several clubs reported service activities during these spring months. Fantastic job to all club leaders and members who took time to do something nice for someone else!

The **Fairview Huskies** learned how to do CPR.

The **Pleasant Spacemakers** made Birthday bags for the Vermont Food Pantry.

The **Avondale 4-H club** helped clean up Tornado and wind debris.

Checkrow Volunteers made tie blankets and collected goods for the Spoon River Pregnancy Center as well as visited the local nursing home.

Smithfield Up and Coming 4-H club did a community Easter Egg Hunt and Farmer Appreciation Breakfast.

The **Busy Bees 4-H Club** collected and donated pet care items and food to the Humane Society of Fulton County.

Jolly Workers cleaned up the yard for the Fulton County Farm Bureau.

Jr Naturalists Club and Canton Lockette's - Cleaned up the Big Creek Park.

This list of activities is not all inclusive as we know more clubs and their members performed community service activities during the last few months that we do not know about. Please let us know and send us pictures of when your club does a service activity; we are PROUD of each of you!

General

Public Speaking Contest & Performing Arts Show

The Fulton County Public Speaking Contest was held on Saturday, March 23 at the Checkrow Community Church.

Aliyah Janssen, and Macie Howe competed and were promoted to the Illinois 4-H State Public Speaking Contest held on April 27 in Champaign. Caroline Spangler won Best of Show in Public Speaking.

The Performing Arts Show was held immediately after the Public Speaking Show. Aliyah Janssen, Benton Janssen, Connor Kotewa, Declan Kotewa, Mallory Kotewa, Carsyn Regan, Kennedy Regan, Aerianna Spangler, Thomas Stevenson, and David Wetterauer entertained the audience with their musical talents. Kennedy Reagan won Best of Show Performing Arts, Junior Division, and Caroline Spangler received Best of Show – Performing Arts, Senior Division. Each 4-H member who showcased their public speaking ability and performing arts talent did GREAT! Congratulations to all!

Art Supply Donations

New this 4-H year, Fulton County Homemakers' Education Association (HEA) members are donating art supplies to our office for 4-H members to use as they create their Visual Arts projects. These supplies may be checked out and used by 4-H members. If you would like to stop by the University of Illinois Extension office in Lewistown to see what is available for use, please call or email one of us. More supplies will be added throughout the year. Thank you Fulton County HEA members!

Your questions and calls are very important to us.

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during regular business hours. If you reach out to either of us using other communication tools, we will respond during our normal work hours.

4-H Show Books are available

The 2024 Fulton County 4-H Show Books are available and have been distributed to your club leaders. Each leader has enough for one per family. There are extra books at the Extension office if you want to stop by and pick one up.

Please read the book carefully as it contains updated information on QAEC training, Fair Entry instructions, lists dates and times of the Spring and Summer shows in addition to exhibit requirements for each project area.

PLEASE discard old show book so there is no confusion in knowing what to exhibit for your project.

Report Your Service Efforts!

We hope you will join 4-H as we pledge our hands to larger service! We ask that all 4-H members, families, and clubs register all service outreach efforts they have conducted or plan to conduct that demonstrate their support of their communities. This registration form provides a spot to identify if planned service experiences were or will be conducted as a 4-H club, a 4-H family, or an individual 4-H member service project.

4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/community-service-report



Federation Meeting

The next 4-H Federation meeting is set for:

Wednesday, June 5

10 AM

U of I Extension office, Lewistown

Following the regular business meeting, we will have fun working as a team to put the General Show judges boxes together and have a pizza party!

All Fulton 4-H members who are 13 and older are invited to join Federation. It is a great group to make new friends, build your servant leadership skills, and have lots of social time with other teens.

Fulton County Fair Books

The 4-H Livestock Shows are held in conjunction with the Fulton County Fair. County Fair Books will be available at the Extension office in June. (Call 547-3711 before coming to pick them up, to make sure we have them.)

To enter livestock in the County Fair, you must complete the entry blank found in the back of the fair book and turn it and the appropriate fees into the Extension office by July 1.

Do **NOT** send them to the Fair Office. We process the entries here first, then we take them to the Fair Office.

If you are going to complete a non-livestock project for the 4-H Show, you are encouraged to also enter it in the County Fair Junior Show. Just pick up a Fair Book, and check all rules, procedures, and entry deadline.

Showing your non-livestock 4-H project in the County Fair does not qualify you for a 4-H premium. You must show in the 4-H Show to receive a 4-H premium.

Dog Obedience classes begin June 5

University of Illinois Extension will sponsor a Dog Obedience School beginning on June 5 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Lewistown, at 6 p.m. near the cattle arena.

Instructor - Danette Phelps

Dates - Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, and 26

Time - 6 PM

Cost - payable to Danette Phelps

\$30 for ages 8 to 18

\$60 for adults

Registration form available at Extension office

The Dog Obedience classes will be canceled if not enough registrations are received. There are no refunds once classes have begun.

This is an optional activity for 4-H members. Your dog must be at least six months of age, and have all its shots up to date, including an immunization for Parvo Virus. You must submit a copy of the rabies slip with the registration form.

A choke chain collar and a six-foot leather lead strap are required equipment for the class. The trainer must be able to control his or her own dog, and only one handler per dog can participate in this four-week session. Any dogs that are a danger to others are not allowed, regardless of the breed.



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4-H Show Book Cover winner

The 2024 Fulton County 4-H Show Book Cover winner is Joya Fuller of the Busy Bees 4-H Club of Lewistown. Congratulations, Joya!

2nd and 3rd place winners are Danni Stout and Carmen Edwards, respectively.

This year, six artists created unique and beautiful designs for consideration: Joya Fuller, Danni Stout, Carmen Edwards, Grace Bedwell, Aaliyah Naff, and Mallory Pratt. Our panel of judges had the challenging task of choosing an overall winner.

Each of the 4-H members who submitted entries received gifts of sketch paper and colored pencils from the Fulton County HEA. Thank you, Joya, Danni, Carmen, Grace, Aaliyah, and Mallory for the beautiful covers! We also deeply appreciate the support of the Fulton County HEA for the donation of prizes for each member.

2023 4-H Premium Checks

The 4-H premium checks for the 2022-2023 4-H year were mailed the fourth week of April. If you are a 4-H member who was premium eligible last 4-H year, please check your mail from the Extension office. **Checks are good for 60 days and MUST be cashed BEFORE June 21, 2024. The checks are void after 60 days and WILL NOT be reissued. Do not let these checks sit around; please cash them!**

4-H Award Applications Are Due August 26

It is not too early to be thinking ahead to 4-H Awards. Award applications are due August 26 in the Extension office by 4:30 p.m., and late applications will not be judged. The deadline is always the last Monday in August. Check with your leader or the Extension office if you have questions. Award Applications may be picked up at the Extension Office, or downloaded from the website at extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/4-h-fulton-county. You may find information about all the county awards under the resources tab.

Prepare for the 4-H Show Workshop

What is a 4-H Show and why should you attend? Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a 4-H show, county fair, and state fair? Do you know how to read the 4-H show book and look for project specific requirements? Is there some 4-H terminology you don't understand? Would you like to see some examples of projects made by older 4-H members? Well, we have a workshop for you!

Thursday, May 30, at 6 p.m.
U of I Extension office, Lewistown

Please join us for an informational workshop where we answer parent questions in addition to instructing 4-H members about preparing their projects for display, poster tips and tricks, and conference judging. There will also be help available for those who have questions about ZSuite and/or FairEntry.

Congratulations graduates!

Congratulations to all 2024 Fulton County 4-H members who are graduating this year! Your hard work and dedication have paid off! As you close one chapter of your academic life, keep learning and looking forward as you start a new chapter. We are proud of you!



Achievement Program Volunteer Appreciation October 20, 2024

The 4-H Achievement Program and Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, starting at 2 p.m. at the Donaldson Center at Wallace Park in Canton. All 4-H members, leaders, show judges and superintendents, please mark this date and new location on your calendar! Additional information will be announced in a future 4-H newsletter.

Volunteers needed for 4-H General Show

The 4-H General Show will be held at Cuba Jr./Sr. High School on **Saturday, June 22, 2024**. We are always in need of judges, superintendents, and assistants for each project area. Please consider volunteering your time to help at this event. It is fun to see the excitement and smiles as members talk with adults about their projects. Please reach out to us if you would like to help; 4-H needs you!



Pet Show - June 19

The 4-H Pet Show will be held at the Extension office on Wednesday, June 19 starting at 6 p.m. Please refer to all rules in the 2024 Fulton 4-H Show Book.

No dogs at the Pet Show; they have their own show on July 22 during the Fulton County Fair.

Eligible pets may include caged birds, cavy, hamster, gerbil, or another similar animal. Other small pets such as cats, guinea pigs, and pet rabbits may be exhibited.

4-H members **MUST** have owned this pet for at least 10 weeks prior to the Pet Show. **DO NOT** bring an unhealthy pet that could pass disease on to another. **DO NOT** bring fish. **DO NOT** bring animals commonly thought of as "wild."

Proof of vaccination from your veterinarian must accompany the animal for review by the judge. Cats must be brought to the show in a pet carrier or on a leash. Please inform the Extension office if you are bringing a pet in the 'other' category, and what it is.

All exhibits must be registered in FairEntry and the 4-H member must be present at the show to talk with the judge about the project. We reserve the right to refuse pets that may be a danger to others. Please call or email Krista Gray at kristakg@illinois.edu with any questions you have prior to the Pet Show.

FairEntry

Again, this year, each 4-H family will register all their projects to be shown at 4-H shows through FairEntry which may be found at this link faireentry.com/. Each exhibitor is responsible for his/her own entry. If you need help, we are more than happy to assist you; please contact the office at 309-547-3711.

- 4-H members must be enrolled in the 4-H projects of their choice, by the appropriate project deadlines (Jan. 5/May 1) to be eligible to register for the corresponding exhibit classes in the 4-H Show.
- All registrations must be made online through FairEntry from May 6 through June 3, 2024. Please visit the following Family Log In help document at <https://go.illinois.edu/faireentryfulton> for instructions on accessing/creating a FairEntry account.
- All exhibits must be registered by the June 3, 2024, deadline in FairEntry. All project exhibit tags will be printed after June 3 and mailed to member households.
- Members who are also participating in the Fulton County Fair are required to complete the County Fair Entry Form in addition to the online 4-H Show FairEntry registration. Please see the 2024 Fulton County Fair book for those details and entry form.

Again, we are here to help you if you have any questions or need assistance with the FairEntry process. Please call the office at 309-547-3711 and either Krista or Rachel will be happy to help you.

Project Entry Tags

All project entry tags will be mailed to member households after the June 3 FairEntry deadline. Please make sure to properly attach these pre-printed tags to your General Show projects. If you lose your tag in transit, there will be some blank tags that you may fill out and attach to your project once you arrive at project check-in.

4-H General Show Day, June 22

The 4-H General Show will be held on Saturday, June 22, at Cuba Junior-Senior High School, 20325 N IL Route 97, Cuba (south of Cuba).

10 AM - Clothing judging

Noon to 12:45 PM - All other General Show project check-in

1 PM - Project conference judging begins

If you cannot be with your project at General Show Day, it is encouraged that you write a paragraph and attach it to your project. Tell how you did your project, and what you learned from completing it. Also, if you will not be at the show, please make arrangements with a friend or family member to both check in and pick up your project after the show is over; we don't want anyone's project to get misplaced, lost, or broken.

If you are a person who needs reasonable accommodation to participate in any listed events, contact University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County Office, phone 309-547-3711.

Farm Safety Day

The annual Farm Safety Day is Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 8:30 am to 1 pm at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Lewistown. This fun and interactive safety event is open to all youth ages 6 - 18; youth do not need to reside in Fulton County or be a 4-H member. Younger kids are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent. All youth, regardless of age, must register online at go.illinois.edu/farmsafetyday2024 by no later than May 20, 2024. **All youth registered by May 20 will receive a gift at the conclusion of the event.**

Late Summer/Fall 4-H Shooting Sports

The Late Summer/Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Session will start in August and run through September. Dates will be announced later this summer and will be published in the Summer 4-H Newsletter, the local newspapers, radio, and posted on the Fulton County 4-H Facebook page.

Conference Judging

Conference judging is done at our non-livestock project shows. Conference judging is designed to increase the value of the 4-H exhibit experience for 4-H members. Conference Judging means that you take your project to the judge and talk to him or her about it.

The judge may ask you questions about your project, such as:

1. Tell me how you made this exhibit.
2. What was the most difficult part of making this exhibit?
3. Did you learn anything new? What?
4. What would you do differently next time?
5. Did you enjoy working on this project?
6. What interested you in this project?

Parents are not to be a part of the conference judging unless there are special circumstances. Feel free to call us at the Extension office and let us know how we can help you as the busy 4-H Show season begins — 547-3711, or by emailing kristakg@illinois.edu or rfv@illinois.edu

4-H Food Stand

The Fulton County Fair is just around the corner!

We have been busy here at the Extension office planning the menu, ordering items to continue updating the food stand, and sending a schedule to all clubs to work one (or two!) shifts. We will be replacing some picnic tables this year and need help assembling them. Please contact the Extension office if you would like to help build tables or put together a new grill.

Please help your club by volunteering to work a shift or two when your 4-H Leader contacts you. The money raised each year from the 4-H Food Stand helps pay for project manuals, Federation sponsored county-wide events, and Federation scholarships. We need your help to continue with this outreach!

Livestock



Master Showmanship Contest

Fulton County 4-H has the privilege of sending a representative to the Master Showmanship Contest held at the Illinois State Fair. The County Competition will be held on Tuesday of the Fulton County Fair, July 23, at approximately 2 p.m. , exact time to be announced later. Entrants must be Fulton County 4-H members who are at least 14 years old by July 23, 2024.

Entrants must provide his or her own livestock for the competition. Entrants must own OR borrow each: a steer or heifer; a market or breeding lamb; and a market hog or breeding gilt. Prizes will be awarded for first and second places in the County Competition, plus specie winner. These prizes are sponsored by First Mid Bank & Trust. The winner of the County Competition will go on to participate in the State Fair Event on Friday, August 9. Those 4-H members who are at least 14 years old, and are enrolled in Beef, Sheep, or Swine, will be able to register in FairEntry by June 3. If you have any questions, please contact the office 309-547-3711 or email RFV@Illinois.edu

County FFA/Alumni Livestock Shows

There are several county livestock shows in June and the first part of July. Here are the dates shared with us so far from the Ag Instructors:

- Cuba Livestock Show – Friday, June 14 to be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds
- Farmington FFA Livestock Show – Saturday, June 15 to be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds
- Canton FFA Alumni Show – Saturday, June 29 to be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds
- Fairview Junior Livestock Show – Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12, to be held at Fairview District Park

As soon as the Ag Advisors share the forms with our office, an announcement will be posted on the Fulton County 4-H Facebook group.

Attention Livestock Exhibitors

If you are showing livestock at the Fulton County Fair, you are required to show health papers in the exhibitor's name (not just a family farm name) as you arrive at the fair with your animals, and the animals will also be physically inspected.

- REMEMBER STEERS REQUIRED TO HAVE HEALTH PAPERS.
- You will not be allowed to unload until you do so.
- If you have forgotten your papers at home, you will not be allowed to unload.
- For those animals that are not required to have health papers, a physical inspection of the animals will be done by the superintendent and/or fair personnel before you unload your animals.
- Any animal showing signs of sickness will not be allowed to unload.
- PLEASE read the rules listed in the Fulton County Fair Book.
- You will need to refer to the Fulton County Fair Book to see the specific times for each species' arrival and show dates and time.

Livestock

Poultry



1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e. domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official county fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.
5. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
6. A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

YQCA

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (if showing live animals) Statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This must be done every year they are in the project to be able to show and be 4-H premium-eligible. Also, State Fair entries will not be approved without this. Please complete this requirement prior to July 1, 2024.

Youth may take training online individually at YQCAprogram.org. Cost for this is \$12 per person. Please email Rachel a copy of your certification once you complete this training. RFV@illinois.edu



Quality Assurance and Ethics Training

4-H members are required to take this online training when they sign up for horse, dog, cats, rabbits, and poultry projects. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. This requirement MUST be completed prior to exhibiting the project at county 4-H shows and fairs. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits. The website for training is go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC

4-H Events

May

- 1 - 4-H enrollment deadline to be eligible to register for exhibit at 2024 Shows
- 1 - Project add/drop deadline in ZSuite
- 1 - Horse/Pony ownership and Horse/Pony lease forms due to Extension office
- 6 - FairEntry opens for 4-H Show registration, go.illinois.edu/fairentryfulton
- 30 - Prepare for the 4-H Show Workshop, Extension office, 6 PM

June

- 3 - FairEntry closes for 4-H Show registration
- 5 - Federation meeting, Extension office, 10 AM
- 5 - Dog Obedience classes begin, 6 PM at Fulton County Fairgrounds
- 11 - Farm Safety Day at Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8:30 AM to 1 PM
- 19- Small Pet Show at Extension office, 6 PM
- 22- General Show- Cuba High School, 20325 N State Rte. 97, Cuba - See Showbook
- 28- State Fair Junior Livestock entry due to Extension office

July

- 1- Fulton County Fair Entry Due- Fulton County Extension Office
- 1- YQCA deadline, YQCAProgram.org
- 13 - 4-H Official Horse and Pony Show - See Showbook for complete details
- 22-27 - Fulton County Fair & 4-H Livestock Shows & 4-H Dog Show

August

- 9 - Fulton County Fair Day at State Fair for General Projects
- 26 - Achievement Award Applications due at the Extension office

September

- 1- Start of the New 4-H Year

October

- 20- Achievement Award Ceremony at Donaldson Center in Canton, 2 PM

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FARM SAFETY DAY

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fulton County Fairgrounds, Lewistown

Ages 6 and up

For more information or to register:

GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/FARMSAFETYDAY



Safety lessons: Fire, Livestock, ATV, Weather, Poisonous Plants, Cyber, and Electricity