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4-H Newsletter

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Illinois 4-H**

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February

- 5 Livestock Judging - Extension Office @6:00
- 8 Shooting Sports - Veterans Hall @ 1:00 pm
- 13 County Board Meal - Hilltoppers

March

- 2-8 4-H Week (see newsletter for details!)
- 12 County Board Meal - Berryville
- 17 Leader Meeting @ 5:30
- 19 Superintendent Meeting @ 5:30

Attention!!

ALL beef, dairy, swine, goat, and sheep exhibitors MUST either do an online or in person YQCA training!

Dates are as followed:

February 13 - Southern Smilers

February 15 - Extension Office @ 10:00

February 27 - Extension Office @ 6:00

April 4 - Country Clovers

March dates are PENDING if you DO NOT get these trainings DONE you will not be able to SHOW at fair!!

If you have any question please call the office!

Richland County 4-H



I have had a few members ask so I thought I would reach out! If there is any members wanting to do "Bowling for the Kids". Please let the office know! We can put a team together if there is enough interest. Dates are Feb. 22 & 23 and Feb 29 & March 1. We need 5 members to form a team!



Superintendent Meeting March 19

5:30

The Extension Office

Livestock Judging will begin February 5th starting at 6:00 pm. It will be every Wednesday from there on after at the Extension Office! New this year will be an attendance rule that you must attend 1/2 of the practices to compete and add it to your 4-H Online account!

Leader Meeting: March 17

5:30

The Extension Office

Shooting Sports dates will be dependent on weather! The office and or leaders will be in contact with all members as soon as possible!



Q: What do you call a pig who knows karate?

A: Porkchop!

Ag Beyond the Classroom

**March 3rd 6pm:
Three Rivers
Veterinary Clinic**

1844 Co. Rd 700 E.
West Salem, IL
62476

**March 10th 6pm:
Wabash Valley
Service Company,
Olney Plant**

1201 S. Whittle
Olney, IL 62450


**March 17th 6pm:
Bicycle Safety
Night @ the
Olney City Park**

502 White Squirrel
Cir, Olney, IL 62450

**March 24th 6pm:
Consolidated
Grain and Barge
(CGB)**

3854 IL-130
Olney, IL 62450

**Please call the RCFB for
questions at 393-4116**

**Richland County
 Farm Bureau**

The RCFB Young leaders are offering FREE Ag Beyond the Classroom lessons at various Agribusinesses around the county. Students and children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend all 4 nights!

The 4-H group with the most attendance throughout the 4 nights will earn a pizza party

If you attend ALL lessons, you will be entered in a drawing for an iPad!

4-H Week

March 2nd - 8th

Bowling night is back! We will be going bowling at the Olney Bowling Center starting at 6:00PM the kids will be able to play 2 games and the shoes are included. It will be FREE . If you see any of the Richland County Foundation Members, PLEASE say Thank You!



Tues

Safety Night! We will be meeting at The Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic at 6:00 and will be hearing from Dr. Rachel Seals.

4-H Green Day & Family Night, wear you club shirts or other green clothing to school or work. Be ready to tell everyone who asks what 4-H is! Then go home and discuss with your family how proud you are to be a Richland County 4-H'er.

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4-H PROUD

Thurs

Athletic Night is for all 4-H'ers and guests age 8 and older at the Richland County Elementary School. Registration at 5:30, 4-H'ers and guest will be able to play different kinds of games and activities from 6:00—8:00. Must bring a canned good per person to enter.

Dodge Ball Tournament at the Richland County Elementary School for 4-H'ers and guests age 8 and older. 7th grade & younger will play in separate games from the 8th grade & older. Games are from 6:00-9:00 pm with registration being at 5:30 pm. Drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own as long as it has a lid. Must bring canned good to participate.



Sat

Open Gym Night at the Star Studio Gym for 4-H'ers and guests including Cloverbuds. The FUN will begin from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Parent's will have to sign a waiver for ALL kids that participate and bring \$5.00 to enter.

Annual 4-H Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt). Clubs are encouraged to enter a car or cars by calling or texting Sam Sterchi at 618-843-3477 or Laura Sterchi at 618-843-1230. Each car's driver must be 21 years of age or older, with a maximum of 3 other occupants. This is a fun event that is NOT a speed contest but rather a test of observation skills with some math and pure luck thrown in. Gather together some adult volunteers and join the fun! Meet at the Extension office at 1:00 pm. Any person driving in the road rally must show a valid driver's license & proof of current insurance.



4-H Week

March 2nd-8th

**Window
Display**

The theme is Adventure Awaits Clubs should have their displays in place no later than Monday, March 2nd by 4:00pm. Judging will take place Tuesday, March 3rd. Prizes are 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$25, 3rd-\$15 and \$10 for all other participants, all prizes will be awarded to the clubs. **Entries will be taken until February 28th by calling the Extension office at 395-2191.** Let's all show our Clover pride to the community! Sponsored by: Richland County Foundation!



**Canned
Food**

The Federation will be holding a canned food drive throughout 4-H Week! On Athletic Night & Dodgeball Night all 4-H'ers will have to bring a canned good to participate in the daily activity! At the end of the week all collections will be donated locally! Let's have fun and give back to the community!!

**4-H
Week**

Federation has put some shirts together that will be for sale! Be on the look out for those this coming month!

****We still have shirts that have not been picked up from last year. If you think you ordered one and have not received it please come by the office!

No 4-H member or guest will be able to participate in these activities without a Risk Form!

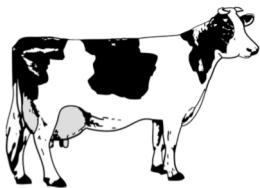
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STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

February 29 | East Peoria | 11 AM – 5 PM
Register at your county Extension office before February 14.

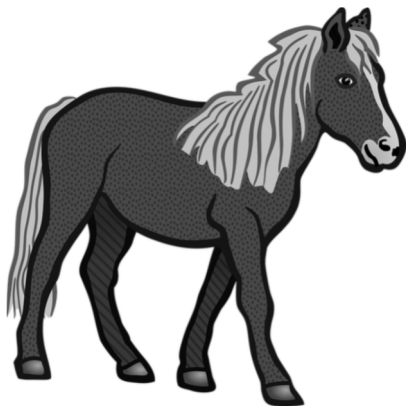
Be the first to buzz in with the answers to questions all about the dairy cattle industry. You'll have fun competing with friends as teams of four who share your interest in dairy cattle. Competing as an individual? No worries, we'll find a partner for you. Register the day of the event prior to the 11:30 kick off test. The contest will be held at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members (15-18) participating at this state contest. **Learn more online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy.**



STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

February 29 | 11 AM
Black Hawk College | Galva, IL

Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff



In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at

least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. **Learn more online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging.**

Speak up for 4-H

February 1 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Mt. Vernon
March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Sterling

Register @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H | Cost \$12

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. If you're at least 14, you can join the **Speaking for Illinois 4-H** team. Two trainings are available:

Saturday February 1 at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon

Saturday, March 21 at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

The day-long 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, then put that story into words. You'll learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H.

Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol.



Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

- Week 1: June 2-6
- Week 2: June 7-11
- Week 3: June 14-18
- Week 4: July 5-9
- Week 5: July 26-30





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.

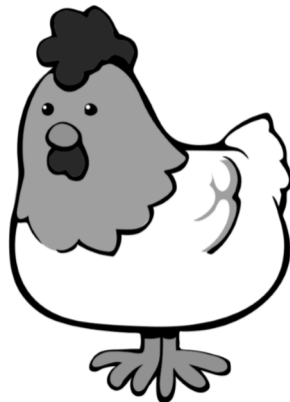
Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done 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.

Don't be chicken; hop on over

February 8 | 9 to 11 AM | Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont

Register by February 7 @ go.illinois.edu/LATclinic

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.



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.



Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp. Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Andy Davis @ Ardavis1@illinois.edu or call (217) 762-2741.



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 Saturday, Aug. 22.

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

August 14	Bureau, Carroll, Champaign, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Ford, Fulton, Henry, Iroquois, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Macon, Marshall-Putnam, Mason, Mercer, Moultrie-Douglas, Peoria, Piatt, Rock Island, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Whiteside, Winnebago
August 15	Christian, Clark, Clay, Cook, Crawford, DeKalb, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kendall, Livingston, Logan, Macoupin, Massac, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski-Alexander, Randolph, Sangamon, Union, Williamson, Woodford
August 16	Adams, Bond, Boone, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Edwards, Gallatin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Henderson, Jefferson, Kankakee, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, McDonough, McHenry, Monroe, Morgan, Pike, Pope-Hardin, Richland, Saline, Schuyler, Scott, St. Clair, Wabash, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White, Will

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.

In Richland County, there are 40 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

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