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## Extension



### 4-H Newsletter

March 2020

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### Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

#### March

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

#### April

- 4 Country Clovers - YQCA
- 9 County Board Meal - Country Clovers

#### May

- 14 County Board Meal - Need Somebody!

March 1st is the last day to register to be able to show at the 2020 Fair. If you are wanting to make any changes please do so before March 1. If you need something after March 1 please contact the office!

# DEADLINE





## Get your poultry tested

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day. The rule was suspended in 2019 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to water-fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4-H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.



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!

## If you are Showing Swine.....

All 4-H'ers enrolled in Swine that are showing a Market Hog at Fair **MUST** have an Extension issued Ear Tag that can be picked up at the Extension Office. You can tag up to 5 Market Hogs but are only allowed to show 1. You're Market and Purbred hog **MUST** have an Extension issued tag in its ear to show at Fair. Please have paperwork back to the Extension office by May 1st.



We are currently working on Fairbooks. We will let your leaders know when they are done!

Also if you want to change a project after March 1st deadline please call the office first!

# 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



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!\***

## Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs & cats **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 regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. **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.

## Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

**January 1, 2020:** Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy cows, Milking goat

**April 1, 2020:** Market (meat) & Novelty Goats, Swine, Breeding Heifers, Horses

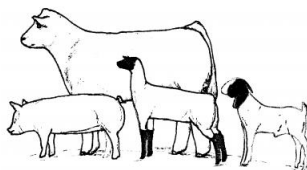
**May 1, 2020:** Bucket Calf

**May 15, 2020:** Market lambs, Breeding sheep

**June 1, 2020:** Dogs, rabbits, poultry, pygmy goats

**The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects**

**must have the animals in their possession.**



# 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!**



# Richland County 2020 4-H General Project Judging Schedule

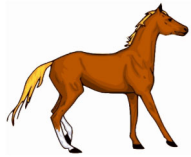
<b>Thursday, May 28, 2020</b>	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Public Presentations – Extension Office, 306 S Fair St, Olney
<b>Friday, June 12, 2020</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Dog Show – Livestock Barns, RC Fairgrounds, Olney City Park
<b>Friday, June 19, 2020</b>	
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Cat Show—Extension Office, 306 S Fair Olney, IL
<b>Wednesday, July 1, 2020</b>	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Building/Barns Set Up — Olney City Park
<b>Thursday, July 2, 2020 - Home <u>Ec</u>/ General Project Show</b>	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Registration/Sign <u>In</u> Starts — Community Building, Olney City Park
<b>2:30 PM Judging Begins</b>	<b><i>ALL GENERAL/HOME EC PROJECTS!!!!</i></b>
<b>Friday, July 10, 2020</b>	
<b>11AM-1:00 PM</b>	Pick up exhibits in Community Building. Premium checks will be mailed out later when all funding is designated.

July 4-11, 2020

## 4-H Livestock Show Schedule Richland County

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 5	9AM	4-H Horse Show	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	7:00 PM	Swine Weigh-In	
Monday, July 6	12 Noon	Bucket Calf Interviews	Community Building
	12 Noon	All Livestock exhibits must be in place	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	AM	Weighing of Animals (except swine)	
Tuesday, July 7	8:00 AM	Swine Show	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	8:30 AM	Poultry Show	
	9:00 AM	Dairy Show	
	3:00 PM	Sheep Show	
Wednesday, July 8	8:00 AM	Beef Market Show	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	9:00 AM	Beef Breeding Show	
	10:00 AM	Bucket Calf Show	
	8:30 AM	Rabbit Show	
	1:00 PM	Goat Show: Milking, Meat, Novelty	
Thursday, July 9	8:30 AM	Overall Showmanship Contest	Beef Barn Show Ring Olney City Park Fairgrounds
	3:00 PM	Youth Auction	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
Friday, July 10	9:00 AM	Tractor Driving Contest	Olney City Park Fairgrounds
Saturday, July 11	8:00 AM	Clean-Up	Olney City Park Fairgrounds

# Illinois 4-H



## 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](http://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.

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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](http://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](mailto:shafferr@missouri.edu) or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu) or 636-583-5141.







## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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](http://go.illinois.edu/4HR2020) before March 31.

Download the challenge at [go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE](http://go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE).

Watch the video at [youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8](https://youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8).



## 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



## 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.

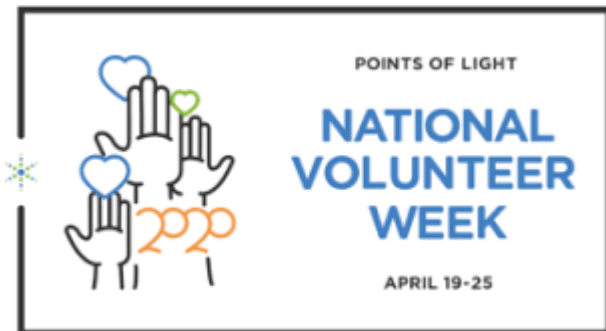
The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock](https://go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock).

<b>August 14</b>	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
<b>August 15</b>	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
<b>August 16</b>	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.

## Important Dates for 2020 Illinois State Fair Junior Show

Active 4-H members who are 8 to 18 years of age (9/1/19) are eligible to exhibit in the Illinois State Fair Junior Show. Youth older than 18 may exhibit if active FFA alumni. Below is the tentative schedule for the junior livestock show. Check the Illinois State Fair website for any updates.

### ARRIVAL TIMES

**BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf must be in place by noon on 8/11

**BEEF:** Heifers must be in place by noon on 8/11

**BEEF:** Steers must be in place by 8 PM on 8/11

**DAIRY:** must be in place by 5 PM on 8/18

**GOATS:** Meat Goats must be in place by noon on 8/12

**GOATS:** Dairy Goats must be in place by 8 AM on 8/16

**GOATS:** Pygmy Goats must be in place by 11 AM on 8/21

**SHEEP:** Market Lambs must be in place by 8 PM on 8/13

**SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep must be in place by 9 PM on 8/15

**SWINE:** Gilts must be in place by 8 AM on 8/12

**SWINE:** Barrows must be in place by 8 AM on 8/13

**POULTRY:** must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

**RABBITS:** Meat pens must be in place by 9 AM on 8/17

**RABBITS:** All others must be in place by 3 PM on 8/21

### RELEASE TIMES

**BEEF CATTLE:** released after 5 PM (or after all steer classes have shown) on 8/15

**DAIRY CATTLE:** released after 4 PM on 8/22

**MEAT GOATS:** released after the meat goat show on 8/14

**DAIRY GOATS:** released after the dairy goat show on 8/16

**PYGMY GOATS:** released after the pygmy goat show on 8/22

**MARKET SHEEP:** released after the market show on 8/15

**BREEDING SHEEP:** released after the breeding show on 8/17

**SWINE:** released after the barrow show on 8/15

**POULTRY:** released after the poultry show on 8/17

**MEAT PEN RABBITS:** release after the show on 8/17

**ALL OTHER RABBITS:** release 8/23

## SHOW TIMES

**SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE:** 7 PM on 8/12

**SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DAIRY:** 8:30 AM on 8/22

**MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:** 7:30 PM on 8/14

**BEEF:** Showmanship: 1 PM on 8/12

**BEEF:** Performance Cow/Calf: 8:30 AM on 8/13

**BEEF:** Heifers: AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Maine Anjou, Maintainer: Time TBA on 8/13

**BEEF:** Heifers: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Limousin, Short-horn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, %Simmental: on 8/14 (other breed times TBA)

**BEEF:** Steers: 8:30 AM on 8/15

**DAIRY:** Brown Swiss: 9 AM on 8/19

**DAIRY:** Holstein: 1 PM on 8/19

**DAIRY:** Guernsey: 9 AM on 8/20

**DAIRY:** Ayrshire: 1 PM on 8/20

**DAIRY:** Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM on 8/21

**DAIRY:** Jersey: 1 PM on 8/21

**GOATS:** Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM on 8/14

**GOATS:** Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show on 8/14

**GOATS:** Market Meat Does: after wether show on 8/14

**GOATS:** Dairy Goats: 9 AM on 8/16

**GOATS:** Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM on 8/22

**SHEEP:** Market Lambs: 8 AM on 8/15

**SHEEP:** Breeding Sheep: 8 AM on 8/17

**SWINE:** Showmanship: 5 PM on 8/13

**SWINE:** Gilts: 7:30 AM on 8/14

**SWINE:** Barrows: 7:30 AM on 8/15

**POULTRY:** 10 AM on 8/17

**RABBITS:** Meat Pens 10 AM on 8/17

**RABBITS:** All Others 9 AM on 8/22