



>>> 4-H NEWSLETTER <<<



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Serving Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike and Schuyler Counties



FAIR SEASON IS ALMOST HERE! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

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**DON'T FORGET ANIMAL TRAININGS
MUST BE COMPLETED TO SHOW!**

4-H CALENDAR - ADAMS - BROWN - HANCOCK - PIKE - SCHUYLER IMPORTANT DATES



This list of dates will continuously be updated in each newsletter. Please pay attention to emails and our Facebook page for the most updated information.

May

- 5/1 - 4-H Hooks Us Together Statewide Fishing Tourney starts
- 5/1 - Horse ownership/lease papers due
- 5/3 - Fishing for Fun
- 5/3 - Dairy Cattle Evaluation
- 5/10 - Shooting Sports volunteer certification training
- 5/15 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Fair entries due in fairentry.com
- 5/15 - Pike County 4-H Fair entries due in fairentry.com
- 5/21 - Rabbit Tattooing Night
- 5/31 - Hancock County 4-H Fair entries due in fairentry.com

June

- 4-H Hooks Us Together Statewide Fishing Tourney continues
- 6/2 - 6/6 - Hancock County Cooking 101 School
- 6/4 - Electricity School
- 6/8 - Pike County Fair clean-up day
- 6/9 or 6/10 or 6/12 - Day 1 of Clay Your Way Pottery Workshop
- 6/11 - 6/13 - Brown/Schuyler 4-H Fair
- 6/16 - State Livestock Judging Contest
- 6/16 - 6/20 - Hancock County Jr. Master Naturalist
- 6/17 - 6/20 - Pike County 4-H Fair
- 6/23 - Day 2 of Clay Your Way Pottery Workshop
- 6/24 - State Poultry Contest
- 6/30 - Adams County 4-H Fair entries due in fairentry.com

July

- 7/1 - Hancock County 4-H Fair setup
- 7/2 - Cloverbud Camp
- 7/7 - 7/10 - Hancock County 4-H Fair
- 7/15 - Adams County Fair clean-up day
- 7/19 - Shooting Sports volunteer certification training
- 7/22-7/29 - Adams County Fair
- 7/31 - 4-H Hooks Us Together Statewide Fishing Tourney ends

August

- 8/8 - General project judging day at the Illinois State Fair.

SUMMER



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING - MAY 3

The Quincy Middle FFA Chapter and 4-H would like to invite you to attend the Section 11 and 4-H Dairy Judging Career Development Event on May 3rd. Check-in will begin at 9:30 am at the Udder Hill Dairy Farm in Carthage, IL. The contest will start at 10:00 am. For more information scan the QR code or visit go.illinois.edu/DairyEval.



>>> FISHING FOR FUN - MAY 3

May 3 | 9-11:30 AM | JWCC Ag Center (37803 Street, Hwy 104, Baylis, IL) | \$5 for 4-H members or \$25 for non-members | Ages 8-18

Join Illinois Extension and Illinois Department of Natural Resources to learn fishing techniques, fish identification, and lure making! Participants will rotate through five educational stations, including 45 minutes to fish! Registration has been extended!! Scan the QR code or visit go.illinois.edu/FishingForFun



>>> FAIR BOOKS ARE READY!

Each 4-H family should receive a 4-H fair book from your club leader. To access the schedule or the complete fair book digitally, scan the QR code or visit: extension.illinois.edu/abhps/4-h-youth-development



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

>>> JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE

Several local 4-H members attended the Junior Livestock Conference held in Springfield, IL January 25-26. Overall, 100 youth from 50 counties across Illinois participated in the event, which focused on education, but also created great opportunities to build camaraderie and a sense of teamwork around a shared passion for the livestock industry. Farm Credit Illinois and Illinois Pork Producers provided financial support for this event through the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

>>> MOMENTS THAT MATTER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Moments That Matter Photography Contest has announced its statewide winners, highlighting 4-H youth who used photography to tell powerful stories and showcase real-world skills. Open to 4-H members ages 8-19, the contest provided an opportunity for young photographers to develop technical expertise, creativity, and storytelling abilities. We had several local competitors and wish to send a special congratulations to Clayton Snyder of Hancock County for receiving the Best Use of Theme award.

>>> SUPER SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Fifty four 4-H members from Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler counties attended Super Saturday on March 22, at the Adams County Extension Office. Members chose three, 50-minute sessions to attend. Sessions included Cloverbuds, From Scratch to Scrumptious, Green Thumbs, Blast Off Basics, Knots of Fun, Picture Perfect, Gears and Gadgets, Rocks Rule, Buzzing Bees, and Leather Impressions. During each session, members learned general information about the project area as well as new skills to enhance the project they bring to the fair from Extension staff and volunteers. Super Saturday is hosted each year in the spring, so be sure to register next spring!

STATE NEWS AND EVENTS

>>> LOCAL 4-H MEMBERS EARN STATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The career achievements of Illinois 4-H members are being celebrated with \$45,000 in scholarships awarded by the Illinois 4-H Foundation. The scholarships are awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in nine focus categories and are based on merit and a demonstrated standard of 4-H excellence. Congratulations to Adams County 4-H members Andrea Schaffnit, Ashley Walbring, Lydia Zanger, and Lance Woolam.

>>> 4-H LOGO - USE GUIDELINES

Use of the 4-H Clover: Chartered 4-H clubs and enrolled 4-H members are authorized to use the 4-H Name and Emblem. This includes permission for an enrolled 4-H member to use the 4-H name and emblem in exhibits created for personal use and as part of 4-H sponsored events. This includes 4-H decorated cookies, a 4-H clover printed for use in a scrapbook or included as part of any other 4-H exhibit. Use of the green clover shaped image is not protected. The 4-H "emblem" is distinguished by the four H's that signify Head, Heart, Hands and Health. No creative rendering, changes in color or shape of the official 4-H emblem is allowed.

>>> 4-H HOOKS US TOGETHER - FISHING TOURNAMENT

The statewide fishing tournament (open to all youth) runs from May 1 to July 31, 2025. All species are eligible, and every entry is eligible for prizes at random drawings. Special prizes are awarded for the longest largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. It's free and easy to enter—just submit your catch at go.illinois.edu/fishing-hooks-us-together. Show off your catch and join the fun!

>>> 4-H SUMMER CAMP - SOME SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

There are still spots open for various camps this summer! Find more information at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/event/4-h-memorial-camp.

>>> ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

June 16 | 10:00 AM Start | U of I Livestock Pavillion

4-H members are invited to participate in the state livestock judging contest on June 16. Registration opens at 8:30 AM, participants must check in by 9:30 AM, and the contest begins at 10:00 AM. Junior participants will finish before lunch and do not have a registration fee, while senior participants will be provided lunch and have a registration fee of \$10. Contestants must be 4-H club members enrolled in ZSuite before coaches can register them. Coaches must register and pay online for all senior participants. This year, Scantron scoring will replace traditional judging cards. Limited metered street parking is available in front of the Stock Pavilion.

>>> STATE FAIR GENERAL PROJECTS DAY

Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, and Schuyler general project exhibit day at the Illinois State Fair will be **Friday, August 8**. We hope to see many of you there with your projects!



GETTING FAIR TIME READY!

>>> FAIR CLEAN-UP!

Believe it or not, fair time is almost here! We will have a 4-H fair clean up on July 15th at 8:00 AM. Meet at the general projects area of the Adams County Fairgrounds. Please bring brooms, shovels, cleaning supplies and wear old clothes.

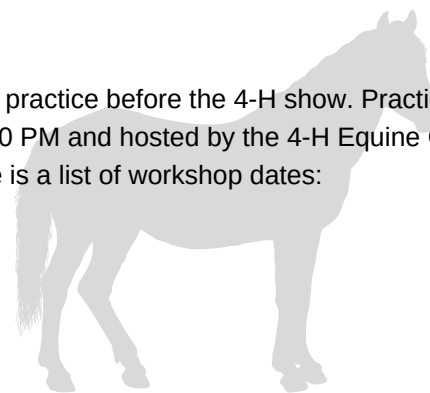
>>> WINNING FAIR BOOK COVER ENTRY

Congratulations to Heidi Zanger from the Holy Heroes 4-H Club on being selected as the winning entry for the 2025 Adams County 4-H Fair Book!

>>> EQUINE PRACTICES

Equine exhibitors are highly encouraged to attend at least one practice before the 4-H show. Practices will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and hosted by the 4-H Equine Club. Members should bring their horse and a positive attitude! Here is a list of workshop dates:

- May 4
- May 18
- June 1
- June 8
- June 22 (patterns will be handed out)
- July 13
- July 20



>>> RABBIT TATTOO NIGHT

Do your rabbits need tattooed before the fair? Bring your rabbits to the Adams County Extension Office on May 21 at 6 PM for tattooing. Please RSVP to Siera if you plan to attend at snthomps@illinois.edu.

>>> YQCA AND QAEC REMINDER

All animal trainings must be completed with certificates sent to Siera by 6/30/25. Her email is snthomps@illinois.edu. For more info about the trainings, check out the back page of the newsletter!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

>>> CLAY YOUR WAY - POTTERY WORKSHOP - FULL!

The Clay Your Way pottery workshop filled up quickly! We are excited about your involvement and interest in this topic. For reminders and dates, please visit go.illinois.edu/ClayYourWay and we can't wait to see you throwing some clay in June!

>>> CLOVERBUD CAMP

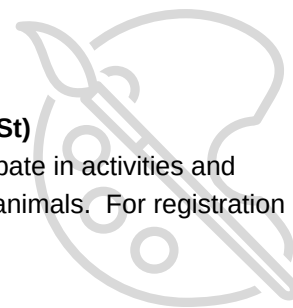
July 2 | 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM | Adams County Extension Office (330 S 36th St)

Cloverbud Camp is a one-day event where 4-H Cloverbud members can participate in activities and learn about different topics. This camp's topics include art, food, weather, and animals. For registration information, visit go.illinois.edu/Cloverbud-Camp

>>> ELECTRICITY SCHOOL

June 4 | 8:30 to 11:00 AM | John Wood Workforce Development Center | 2710 N. 42nd St, Quincy

Illinois Extension and Adams Electric Cooperative are excited to partner with John Wood Community College and Ameren to host the annual electricity school. This event is free for youth ages 8-18 and 4-H membership is not required, so invite a friend! For many more details and event information, visit go.illinois.edu/ElectricitySchool2025 or scan the QR code.



GETTING FAIR TIME READY!

>>> WINNING FAIR BOOK COVER ENTRY

Fair book cover winner: Congratulations to Addie Icenogle of Crystal Clovers 4-H Club for creating the winning fair book cover design! Addie will be recognized during the General Projects Awards on Wednesday, June 11 of the fair. Thank you everyone for participating!

>>> FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE - MAY 15

All projects need to be selected by 5/15 to exhibit at the 4-H show. ZSuite project selection does not transfer to Fair Entry, so each 4-H member must login to Fair Entry and choose which projects they actually plan to bring to the fair. You should have received an email with instructions on how to register.

>>> YQCA AND QAEC REMINDER

All animal trainings must be completed with certificates sent to Jennifer by 5/31 (jshelts@illinois.edu). Find more info about the trainings on the back page of the newsletter!

>>> CONDENSED SHOW SCHEDULE

Save these dates for Fair Week! Times and other details can be found in the fair book!

- June 11: General Project and small animal shows
- June 12: Livestock Weigh-in and Weiner Roast
- June 13: Livestock Show – Awards - Auction

PREVIOUS EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



>>> TREE PLANTING - GREAT JOB HENRY!

Thank you to Henry Cox for coming out to the Versailles City Hall to help plant the oak trees for the 2025 4-H Green Communities Tree Program. The City received 25 trees through this community program.

GETTING FAIR TIME READY!

>>> FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE - MAY 31

All projects and classes must be selected by 5/31 to exhibit at the fair. ZSuite project selection does not transfer to Fair Entry, so each 4-H member needs to login to Fair Entry and choose projects again!

>>> YQCA AND QAEC REMINDER

All animal trainings must be completed with certificates sent to Madeline by 5/31 (mdavis13@illinois.edu). For more info about the trainings, check out the back page of the newsletter!

>>> FAIR CLEAN UP

July 1 beginning at 9 AM. If you cannot set up your stalls/pens at this time, contact Madeline to make other arrangements before fair week!

>>> WINNING FAIR BOOK COVER ENTRY

Congratulations to Darby Edmunds of Basco Firecrackers 4-H Club for creating the winning fair book cover design! Darby will be recognized during the awards ceremony on Wednesday, July 9. Other fair book cover design entries can be found at the back of the fair book. Thank you everyone for participating!

>>> CONDENSED FAIR SCHEDULE

Save these dates for Fair Week and other activities! Times and other details can be found in the fair book!

- June 25: Horse Show at Hancock County Saddle Club (rain date 7/2)
- July 1: Fair Cleanup & Stall Setup
- July 7: Dog Show
- July 8: General Project Judging, Family Night (Federation Cookout & Olympics), Beef/Goat/Sheep Check-in
- July 9: Goat/Sheep/Beef Shows, Swine Check-in, Celebrity Showmanship, BBQ & Foundation Auction, Awards Ceremony
- July 10: Swine Show, Master Showmanship, Fair Cleanup
- July 25: Dairy Show at Adams County Fairgrounds



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> COOKING 101 SCHOOL

June 2-6 | 9-11 AM | Memorial Hospital Teaching Kitchen | \$30 | Register by May 23 |
Open to youth entering 4th or 5th grade

We are excited to partner with Memorial Hospital to host Cooking 101 School for the 3rd year! 4-H Cooking 101 will include five hands-on sessions, where students will develop basic food preparation skills while learning about nutrition and healthy eating from Memorial Hospital's Health and Wellness Team. All ingredients and supplies will be provided. 4-H membership is not a requirement to attend; participants should be entering 4th or 5th grade for the 2025-2026 school year and should not have attended the program before. Learn more and register at go.illinois.edu/2025cooking101.



>>> JUNIOR MASTER NATURALIST

June 16-20 | 9 AM-12 PM | Open to youth ages 9-12 | Register by June 9 | Cost \$30|

West Central Illinois Master Naturalists, Illinois Extension, and Hancock County 4-H are excited to host a Junior Master Naturalist program this summer! Participants will travel throughout Hancock County to learn more about our natural resources including geology, wildlife, entomology, sportfishing, and forestry! Spots are limited so register by scanning the QR code or visiting go.illinois.edu/Jr-MN-Hancock



>>> CLOVERBUD CAMP

Attention Cloverbud 4-H members! Planning for our annual Cloverbud Camp is underway. Be on the lookout for more information through email in the coming weeks!

PREVIOUS EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

>>> BABYSITTING BOOTCAMP

On April 21, 15 youth participated in our first Babysitting Bootcamp at Memorial Hospital, hosted by Hancock County 4-H, Memorial Hospital, and Willow Grove! Topics included basic first aid, recognizing and avoiding choking hazards, engaging activities for children, providing healthy snacks, general safety, and even tips on how to grow their own babysitting business. If this workshop interests you, be on the lookout next year!



>>> 4-H GREEN COMMUNITIES

Thank you to all 4-H members and families who helped plant 25 oak trees at Nauvoo State Park on Sunday, April 27! The group of 25 oak trees, called a savanna, will bring new life to oak-hickory forests currently under threat in Illinois. In addition to planting the oak trees, participants learned the importance of oak trees and the difference between oak species from Master Naturalist volunteers. Thank you!

GETTING FAIR TIME READY!

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>>> PEN SET UP AT THE FAIR

Pens can be set up on June 8 beginning at 4 PM. If you cannot set up your stalls/pens at this time, contact Jennifer to make other arrangements before fair week!

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- June 8: Livestock Clean-up/set-up
- June 18: Small Animal Show – Livestock Weigh-in – Showmanship Clinic
- June 19: Livestock Show – Master Showmanship contest
- June 20: Animal Science skill-a-thon – Pizza and Ice Cream Bar – Livestock Auction

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Attention Cloverbud 4-H members! Planning for our Cloverbud Camp is underway. Be on the lookout for more information through email in the coming weeks!

PREVIOUS EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



>>> TREE PLANTING

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We hope you enjoyed this copy of the printed newsletter! Please remember to check your emails, our website, and Facebook page, for all your latest 4-H news!



ATTENTION ALL COUNTIES!

>>> EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YQCA AND QAEC

- **QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ETHICS TRAINING (QAEC):**
 - Required for all youth that enroll in horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, and poultry. 4-H members must complete this training once in their 4-H career. The online training can be accessed on ZSuite.
- **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA):**
 - Must be taken annually by all 4-H members enrolled in Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats.
 - Members need to complete the YQCA training online at <https://yqcaprogram.org> (if they did not attend an in-person training). There is a \$12 fee for the online certification.
 - Once the member completes the training, they will need to print off their certificate and present it to the Extension Office in order to exhibit at the fair. Entries will NOT be approved in Fair Entry until we have your certificate in hand.
 - We know this can be a confusing process! If you have trouble with the training, no worries, just call the local Extension office or contact your 4-H Program Coordinator. Staff will be available to assist members with signing in and printing certificates.