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FULTON COUNTY 4-H

Summer 2025 Newsletter

It's gonna be a MONSTER summer of fun, and we are HERE for it! And so are these cute little creatures we found on Pixabay by illustrator Piyapong Saydaung. We've scattered them throughout our newsletter as a fun design element. CHALLENGE—can you find all 25 of them?



Your second challenge is to read through the entire newsletter. Deadlines, events, shows and more are packed in here. Got questions? You are likely to find your answers right here.

Your questions and calls are especially important to me. I can be reached any of the following ways during regular business hours (8am-12pm & 1-4:30pm M-F). If you reach out using other communication tools, I will respond during our normal work hours. Thanks!

Krista Gray

Fulton 4-H Program Coordinator

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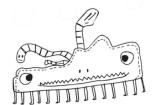
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FOR EVERYONE



CONGRATS

Aaliyah Naff of the Pleasant Spacemakers 4-H Club is the winner of the cover contest of the 2025 Fulton County 4-H Show Book. Skylar Naff of the Pleasant Spacemakers 4-H Club won



honorable mention for his artwork submission. Thank you to both Aaliyah and Skylar for your submissions!

2024 PREMIUM CHECKS

The checks for 4-H premiums will be mailed soon to each exhibitor's household! PLEASE cash these checks within 60 days, or the check will be void. Checks will not be reissued.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATIONS

Award applications are due August 25 in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Late applications will not be judged. Applications are always due on the last Monday of August. Check with your leader or the Extension Office if you have questions about these forms. A copy of the application is in the back of the 2025 Fulton County 4-H Show Book. Award Application forms may be picked up at the Extension Office at any time, or found on our website under the Resources tab, extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/2023-08/fulton_awards_manual.pdf.

REPORT YOUR SERVICE EFFORTS

We hope you will join 4-H as we pledge our hands to larger service! Share your time, talents, and resources,



Members of Smithfield Up & Coming working on their service project.

and continue to "make the best better" in 4-H. 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. Find the link here:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/community-servicereport. Thanks to Dakota Lehman-Martin for the photo of
Smithfield Up & Coming 4-H Club.

VISUAL ARTS SUPPLIES

Fulton County 4-H is fortunate to have volunteers and organizations support our program. One of our partner organizations is Fulton County Homemaker's Education Association (HEA), and they have purchased and donated art supplies for 4-H members to use as they create their Visual Arts projects. If you need art supplies to create your exhibit for the 4-H General Show, please stop by and pick some up. These are provided free of charge to all 4-H members. Thank you, Fulton County HEA members!

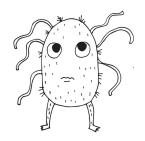
4-H MEMBERS HELPING OTHERS

4-H members Morgan Tracey of the Avondale 4-H Club and Aaliyah Naff of the Pleasant Spacemakers 4-H Club presented information about their projects to the Junior Master Naturalist 4-H Club's March meeting which focused on Pollinators. Morgan brought some of her beekeeping supplies and taught the members about the importance of bees and their role in pollination. Aaliyah brought her pollinator display and informed the members present on various butterflies and moths. Thank you to both members for taking time to share your knowledge with others!





Left: Morgan Tracey of Avondale 4-H Club Right: Aaliyah Naff of Pleasant Spacemakers 4-H





POULTRY EXHIBITOR

Requirements and Testing

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has established requirements for health inspection of poultry for exhibition at a county fair.

State certified poultry testers will be at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5-7 pm to test poultry. It is recommended exhibitors give a \$1 per bird tested as a donation to the certified testers for their services. Please attend to have birds inspected, blood tested, and obtain the VS Form 9-2. The form must be presented to the Poultry Superintendent, Sam DeCounter, at check-in.

Please call the Extension office at (309) 547-3711 or email Krista (kristakg@illinois.edu) to register for the testing date. Please provide exhibitor name, contact number, and the number of birds you plan to bring. If the Illinois Department of Agriculture extends the poultry suspension past June 10, 2025, we will contact those poultry members who have registered for the testing, so it is especially important to pre-register.

Please research in advance and have the poultry breed information with you at the poultry testing, as this information must be added to the VS 9-2 form.

FFA COUNTY SHOWS

With the busy summer 4-H show season also comes FFA/ Alumni sponsored shows. Even though these are not 4-H shows, we want to share the information provided by local Agriculture instructors and community members to assist you in planning your summer show attendance. Here are the dates and links provided to our office:

- Cuba FFA Alumni Livestock Show June 13 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Contact is Addysen Stufflebeam.
 Registration link: https://forms.gle/xqX9SJkUEbLTvRon6
- Farmington Alumni Show June 14 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Contact is Mary Plumer. Registration link: https://forms.gle/nD8XXAV8Moy6nYpv7
- Canton FFA Alumni Livestock Show June 28 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Contact is Colton Downs. Registration link: https://forms.gle/xE4iKq8FkRZCPZ949
- Fairview Junior Livestock Show July 10 & 11 at the Fairview District Park. Contact is Lisa Quick - lq@quickelectric.net

FULTON COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Please submit all paper entries, exhibitor, stall, and class fees to the Extension office no later than Tuesday, July 1, 2025. These forms are in the Fulton County Fair Show Book. PLEASE do not drop them off at the Fulton County Fair office, all 4-H entries need to be made here at the Extension office, and we will take the entries to the fairgrounds when the office opens. As a general reminder, to be 4-H premium eligible, if you are exhibiting beef, dairy, goat, sheep, or swine, I need a copy of your YQCA certificate. If you are exhibiting cat, dog, horse, poultry, or rabbits, I need a copy of your QAEC certificate. If you have not already done so, please email all certificates to kristakg@illinois.edu as soon as possible.

STATE FAIR HORSE & LIVESTOCK INFO

If you are planning to exhibit your horse or livestock projects at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, please review the information as it is your responsibility to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the State Fair.

All entries — Horse and Livestock, are to be made online through ShoWorks. Please use the following link to view the events schedule, general information, animal health rules, exhibit rules, and ShoWorks entry: https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/competitive-events.html.

Deadline to register online through ShoWorks for the Illinois State Horse Show is July 1, 2025. Deadline to register for all other Illinois State Livestock Shows is July 15, 2025, also online through ShoWorks. No paper forms are available for registration. All entries and payments must be made online. Please refer to the State Fair website for more information.









LIVESTOCK & SHOW INFO



FULTON CO 4-H SUMMER SHOWS

- Small Pet Show June 11 at 6 pm at the Extension office. This show includes cats and other small pets.
 Check the 4-H Show Book for exhibit guidelines and pet show rules. No dogs at the 4-H Pet Show dogs will exhibit on Monday, July 21, at the Fulton County Fair.
- 4-H General Show June 21, at the Cuba Junior/ Senior High School. Please refer to the 4-H Show Book for all exhibit requirements.

10 am - Clothing Judging begins

Noon - Project check-in

1 pm - Conference Project Judging begins

- Official 4-H Horse & Pony Show July 12 at 9 am at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Horse Arena. Refer to the 4-H Horse Show rules and exhibit guidelines listed in the 4-H Show Book.
- Fulton County Fair

Mon 7/21—Dog Care 9 am, Dog Obedience 10 am Tues 7/22—Poultry 9 am, Rabbits follow Poultry Show, Master Showmanship – 2pm

Wed 7/23—Beef Breeding & Market Heifers 9 am, Steers following the Heifer Show; Sheep Show 9 am, Goats follow Sheep Show

Thurs 7/24—Swine Breeding Classes 9 am **Fri 7/25**—4-H/FFA Fun Horse Show – 10 am

LET'S GET MESSY!

If you are looking for a fun introduction to Federation, join Peoria County 4-H for Messy Games! Messy Games will take place at Jubilee College State Park at one of the pavilions. We will meet at 6 pm on Thursday, June 5 and will then get messy! Please do not dress to impress, as Peoria County 4-H Program Coordinator, Kristi Smith, is anticipating an extremely elevated level of messes! Bring an extra change of clothes so that your ride will not make you walk home! For more information, or if you want to attend, please contact Krista Gray at 309-547-3711 or kristakg@illinois.edu . As a reminder, 4-H Federation is for youth ages 13 – 18.

SWINE & YQCA TRAINING

If you are new to the swine project or would like to learn more about raising and exhibiting swine, join 4-H Program Coordinators Kristi Smith and Joli Pierson on Monday, June

9 from 10 am to noon for a swine workshop. YQCA will also be taught at this workshop, so if you still need to complete it, THIS is the opportunity for you. This event will be held at the Mason County Fairgrounds in Havana. Registration is open until June 4 by clicking on the following link: https://go.illinois.edu/Swine-YQCA.

STATE FAIR DAY

Fulton County's General Show Day at the State Fair in Springfield is Saturday, August 9.

STATE FAIR DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

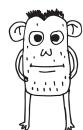
If you are selected as a delegate or alternate at the 4-H General Show on June 21, your lavender or pink slip is due at the Extension office by July 1. All lavender and pink slips need to be submitted. Please let us know, either way, whether or not you choose to exhibit your project at our county's show day at the State Fair on Saturday, August 9. If a delegate chooses not to go, the alternate will be contacted by our office after July 1.

FULTON CO FAIR QUEEN PAGEANT

Fulton County Extension is pleased to announce that three young ladies from Fulton 4-H will be competing in the 2025 Fulton County Fair Queen Pageant!

- Miss Gianna Stevens is a 6-year member of the Logan Leaders 4-H Club, and her project interests include beef, dogs, horse, goats, poultry, and rabbits. Gianna attends Canton High School and is sponsored by the Fulton County 4-H Federation.
- Miss Morgan Tracey is a 10-year member of Avondale 4-H Club and the Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. Morgan's interests include Beekeeping and Shotgun. Morgan is a recent graduate of Abingdon-Avon High School and is sponsored by Fulton County HEA.
- Miss Julia Tourtillott is a 6-year member of the Big 10 4
 -H Club and attends Cuba High School. Her project interests have included meat goats, dogs, poultry, and rabbits. The Cuba FFA sponsors Julia.

Please join us in wishing all three of these young women well as they compete in the Pageant on Monday, July 21 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Grandstand. Each of you make Fulton County 4-H proud!





Scholarship Recipients

Each year, Fulton County 4-H is pleased to offer scholarships to graduating high school 4-H members who have actively participated in 4-H events and exhibited leadership during their 4-H career. Thanks to generous financial donors, Fulton County 4-H was able to present \$6,600 in scholarships to eight area graduates in May.

Lily Anderson of the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, and graduate of Farmington Central High School, was awarded the Merle L. Jenkins Agricultural Scholarship and



funds from SEFF (Support Extension and 4-H Fund). During her 4-H career, Lily held the offices of Reporter, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President. While in 4-H, Lily has worked with younger kids and taught them how to show pigs, exercise them properly, and how to keep the barn tidy in addition to other activities to benefit them and the pigs. She states that she has always enjoyed assisting these families

her when she pursues her future goal to become an educator. Lily will attend Eastern Oklahoma State College where she plans to major in Agriculture Education.

Kaylee Grebner of the Big 10 4-H Club, and a graduate of Canton High School, has been awarded the Virginia



Barnard Memorial Scholarship and funds from SEFF. While a 4-H member, Kaylee spent several years in leadership roles as both Secretary and Club President. Kaylee credits 4-H in helping her develop leadership skills, and throughout her club experience, she has made several new friends. 4-H project interests include riding and showing horses and food decorating. Future career goals include attending Spoon River College before transferring to a four-

year University to complete her degree in Elementary Education. Kaylee would like to become an Elementary School Teacher and continue running her cupcake business, Kaylee's Country Cupcakes.

Caleb Hartstirn of the Fairview Huskies 4-H Club recently graduated from Spoon River Valley High School. Caleb was the recipient of the Gary Eathington Memorial Scholarship

and funds from SEFF. A ten-year club member, Caleb has held the office of Treasurer and is a past Achievement Member. Community service activities include yard work clean-up for community members, making blankets for hospital patients, making gift stockings for military personnel, and placing flags on graves for Memorial Day. Caleb shared that 4-H has helped him learn responsibility and how to care for his livestock, and



to help those in need. Plans include attending Spoon River College this Fall where he has enrolled in the Ag Business Management Program.

because it has helped her to develop skills that will benefit Mallory Kotewa is a member of the Busy Bees 4-H Club, a graduate of Lewistown Community High School, and has been awarded a scholarship from the Hilda Rock Memorial Scholarship fund. Mallory is an eight-year member of 4-H and has attained the status of

Achievement Member for seven of those years. Some of the leadership positions held include Vice-President and President. Mallory has assisted at Clover Clinic, helped with setting up and cleaning up after the 4-H General Show, and been instrumental in working with her fellow club members in deep cleaning the 4-H Food Stand, assembling and painting picnic tables, and working extra Food Stand



shifts during the Fulton County Fair. Mallory shared that 4 -H has taught her time management, confidence, and leadership. This Fall, Mallory will attend Luther College where she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in music education, and eventually teach in a rural school.



Scholarship Recipients, continued

Kelsey Patterson is a recent graduate of Farmington Central High School and a ten-year member of the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. Kelsey has been awarded the Hilda Rock Memorial Scholarship, Roberta Mahr Memorial Scholarship, and funds from SEFF. Throughout her 4-H career, Kelsey has held the offices of Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President in



addition to serving as community service chairperson. Kelsey shares that through 4-H she has learned to connect with and mentor younger members at both club meetings and at the county fair. Kelsey went on to state that she had help from some amazing older kids and looked up to them when she started showing sheep and hopes that

she has been able to do the same for the kids who have followed. Kelsey's project interests include sheep and photography, particularly livestock. Plans include attending Eastern Oklahoma State College where she will join the livestock judging team, then transfer to Oklahoma State University where she will major in Agricultural Communications.

Aubrianna Putman of the Canton Luckettes 4-H Club and a graduate of Canton High School has been awarded a scholarship from 4-H Federation and funds from SEFF. While in 4-H, Aubrianna has held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and President. Throughout her 4-H career, Aubrianna has raised and exhibited rabbits for her own project in addition to mentoring new 4-H members in the same project area. Helping other members with their rabbits include teaching the kids how to care for them, which includes feeding rations and schedules, and preparing them for show. Aubrianna credits 4-H with helping her with her communications skills through talks and demonstrations during club meetings. Aubrianna will attend Illinois State University where she plans to major in Biology with future aspirations of becoming a physician.

Morgan Tracey of both Avondale and Fulton County 4-H
Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs recently graduated from
Abingdon-Avon High School. Morgan is the recipient of the
Phillips Scholarship and funds from SEFF. During her time
in the Avondale 4-H club,

Morgan has held the offices of Vice-President and President, and has been an Achievement Member for nine years. Morgan enjoys helping others through community service efforts of her club's "Giving Thanks" meal that they prepare, cook, and deliver to shut-ins, and tornado cleanup in the Avon area. Morgan also shares her beekeeping project knowledge with other 4-



H members and is a mentor to younger members in the 4-H Shooting Sports Club. Morgan shares that 4-H has taught her to get involved, which eventually led her to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Shotgun Championship in Grand Island, Nebraska. Morgan will attend Illinois College this Fall where she will major in Nursing.

Kinslee Wickert of the Jolly Workers 4-H Club has recently completed her Homeschool High School degree. Kinslee has been awarded a scholarship from the Hilda Rock Memorial Scholarship fund. While in 4-H, Kinslee has held the offices of Secretary and Vice-President, and was a previous Achievement Member. Community service has

been an integral part of Kinslee's 4-H career as her club takes care of planting and maintaining the flowerpots at the 4-H Food Stand, cleaning and raking the yard of the Farm Bureau Building each spring and purchasing gifts for children in need during the holiday season. Kinslee has been an active participant and crew leader during Farm Safety Day and Clover Clinic, as well as assisting with



set-up of the 4-H General Show. Cooking, sewing, and raising sheep and goats are some of Kinslee's 4-H project interests. Kinslee's plans include attending either Parkland College or Blackhawk College studying Veterinary Technology.

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports Late Summer/Fall 2025 Session





Disciplines:	Age	Cost	Location	Instructors	Dates	Times
Air Rifle Limit of 6 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/25	\$20 4-H pro- gram fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Ave- nue H, Lewis- town	Craig Hand, Ellie Nolan, Jaysen Del- pierre, & Terry Cremer	August 17, 24; & September 7, 14, 21, & 28 (six sessions)	1 p.m. Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol Limit of 5 participants	12-18 as of 9/1/25	\$20 4-H pro- gram fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knup- pel farm, 25676 E Coun- ty Hwy 27, Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	August 17, 24; & September 7, 14, 21, & 28 (six sessions)	1 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/25	\$20 4-H pro- gram fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knup- pel farm, 25676 E Coun- ty Hwy 27, Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	August 17, 24; & September 7, 14, 21, & 28 (six sessions)	2 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/25	\$20 4-H pro- gram fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Jacob's Field, 20516 E Coun- ty Hwy 22, Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt, Lee Roy Knuppel, and Ellie Nolan	August 17, 24; & September 7, 14, 21, & 28 (six sessions)	4 p.m. Lasts a little over an hour
Archery Limit of 20 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/25	\$20 4-H pro- gram fee* plus \$15 supply fee	16128 N Pea- nut Ridge Road, Lewis- town	Brad Robin- son, Ellie No- lan, and Jay- sen Delpierre	August 17, 24; & September 7, 14, 21, & 28 (six sessions)	3 p.m. Lasts about one hour

*4-H program fees are paid annually and cover involvement in all 4-H clubs. Shooting Sports supply fees are paid for each discipline and each spring/fall session. 4 -H Program Fees paid to University of Illinois. Supply Fees paid to Fulton 4-H Shooting Sports club.

Mandatory Safety Meeting – August 13, 6:30 p.m. at U of I Extension office in Lewistown. Those who attended a Safety meeting in a previous session for the same discipline are not required to attend. If you are enrolling in a new discipline this session, you must attend the Safety meeting.

How to register – Enrollment is through ZSuite, and medical form will be available on our website, or you may call to have one emailed to you (547-3711) or pick one up in person at the U of I Extension office in Lewistown. Signed forms and payment are required prior to participating in any 4-H shooting sports disciplines.

Deadline to register – Space is limited and filled on first come, first served basis. Final deadline is August 11. You may sign up for multiple disciplines, as long as they are not at the same time. **Payment and signed medical form must be submitted to reserve a spot**. For assistance with the fee, contact the Extension office at 547-3711.

All firearms are provided. The only participants who are allowed to bring their own are the advanced members

who have permission from the instructors. Participants will be given eye and ear protection, which they will be responsible for bringing each time to use. If weather causes cancellations, additional dates will be set. Call the Extension office at 547-3711 for contact information.



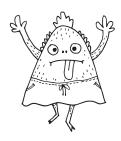


2025 4-H Food Stand Club Schedule



E	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
7 am to 11 am						
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11 am to 3 pm						
	xxxxx	Avondale	Checkrow	Pleasant Spacemakers	Extension Staff	
		Robyn Hendel plus 1	Matt & Halee Spangler, Wes Strode	Cindy Chaffin Phil Naff		
3 pm to 7 pm						
	Big Ten Astoria Pirates	Fairview Huskies	Smithfield Up & Coming	Logan Leaders	Busy Bees	
	JC Staggs, Travis Grebner	Ryan B, Doug T, Eric S		Michelle Franzoni, Jeff Janssen	Josh Henderson, Josh Miller	
7 pm to closing (approximately 10:30 pm)						
	Farmington Lucky Clovers	Jolly Workers	Smithfield Up & Coming	Canton Luckettes	Busy Bees	
	Steve Kiesewtter, Andy Mench	Brian Wickert, Brian Postin, Curtis Postin, Rick Nolan		Grant S, Ken L, Bill S	Declan K, Erik K, Ellen Fahnstrom	

Your club is responsible for bringing an adequate number of workers, including enough adults. 10 - 12 people at one-time is about right. Please arrive on time. Food stand workers should be 6 years old and older.



IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



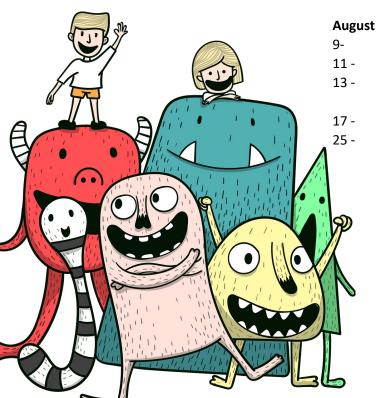
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June

- 2- Fair Entry closes for ALL PROJECTS (Pet, General Show, Horse, & Livestock)
- 9 Beginner Swine Workshop and YQCA training 10 a.m. to noon Mason County Fairgrounds
- 11- Small Pet Show at 6 p.m. at Extension office; see details page 4
- 13 Farm Safety Day Mason County Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m. 1 p.m.
- 18 Poultry testing 5 7 p.m. at Fulton County Fairgrounds
- 19 Juneteenth Day holiday—Extension office closed
- 21- Sewing/Clothing Show at 10 a.m. at Cuba High School, 20325 N State Rte. 97, Cuba; see details page 4
- 21- General Show at Cuba High School noon project check-in starts, Judging at 1 p.m.; see details page 4

July

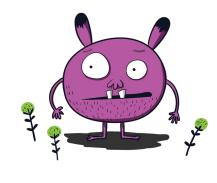
- 1- Fulton County Fair entries due to Extension office
- 1 State Fair Horse Entries due online ShoWorks
- 1 General Show State Fair delegate and alternate sheets due to Extension office
- 4- Independence Day Extension Office closed
- 12- 4-H Official Horse & Pony Show Fulton County Fairgrounds Horse arena; see details page 4
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries due online ShoWorks
- 21 Fulton Co Fair—Dog Care 9am, Dog Obedience 10am
- 22 Fulton Co Fair—Poultry 9am, Rabbits to follow Poultry; Master Showmanship 2pm
- 23 Fulton Co Fair—Beef Breeding & Market Heifers 9am, Steers to follow Heifers; Sheep Show 9am, Goats follow Sheep
- 24 Fulton Co Fair—Swine Breeding Classes 9am
- 25 Fulton Co Fair—4-H/FFA Fun Horse Show 10am
- 21-26 4-H Food Stand at the Fulton County Fair see details page 8



- Fulton County General Project exhibit day at the State Fair
- 4-H Shooting Sports medical forms and supply fees due
- Mandatory 4-H Shooting Sports Safety meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - at Extension Office
- 7 4-H Shooting Sports sessions begin various locations
 - Achievement Award applications due at the Extension office

September

1 – New 4-H Year begins





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FARM SAFETY DAY



Friday, June 13, 2025

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

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