



Hamilton County Clover News

State Award Winning Youth to be Recognized

Locally

All youth in Unit 24 who won state awards are invited to a reception to honor their accomplishments. This year Unit 24 will host at the Big Red Barn in McLeansboro. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. This will be a gala event and refreshments will be served!

This reception will include Scholarship Winners, Experience Award Winners, and Sustaining the Future Award Winners.

Invitations will be sent and youth must RSVP with number of guests attending. You can bring your family!



Livestock Skill-a- thon and Workshop Planned

The annual Livestock Skill a thon and YQCA training will be held on Saturday, May 6 registration at 9:00 a.m. at Burnt Hill Cattle Company located at 4815 Piopolis Road, Dahlgren, IL 62828.

Logan Karcher was a presenter last year and has agreed to host at his farm this year. He has cattle, sheep, chickens and produces meat for local distribution. It should be very interesting and youth will learn a lot.

All youth in attendance will complete their YQCA training but must pre-register at YQCAprogram.org and pay \$3 online when you register. Please call the office to rsvp so enough food will be available. Lunch will be provided!



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Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting will be held Monday, April 10 at 3:45. Please plan to join us!



JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



National Day of Service



4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are True Leaders in Service, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their community while focusing on the 4th “H” and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please share your story of how you and/or your club are supporting your community by going to the Illinois 4-H website’s Community Service page, <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/4-h-community-service>. To be identified as having participated in the National 4-H Day of Service, you first must click on the “Register You 2023 Event” box and share your plan for positively impacting your community. Once you have completed your service outreach efforts, then be sure to go back to the webpage use click the “Report 2023 Community Service” box and report what you accomplished and how you and your club made a difference. The accomplishments of both individual members and clubs will be highlighted on the Illinois 4-H Website so make sure you go use the reporting link to document your positive efforts. Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.

National Day of Service Plans by club:

- Barbwire Gang—Bless Your Heart Bracelets
 - County Line Crew—Paint at swimming pool
 - Funny Farmers—Help at Dog Shelter
 - GIFT Garden—Pollinator Garden
 - Hamilton County Federation—Painting at Elk’s
 - Pioneer Country Kids—New Raised Beds from Greentree Plastics
 - Piopolis Busy Bees—Lap Robes for nursing home
- Grants have been awarded to several of these activities, and all have been registered on the National Day of Service website. Any of these activities can be completed on April 22 or any other day prior to July 1 to fulfill our National Day of Service as a national event.



Become an Illinois 4-H Influencer

Are you ready to try a social media career on for size? Applications are open for the NEW Illinois 4-H Influencers!

On this team, you will receive university-level social media management training as you get hands-on experiences and portfolio pieces for college/future careers in this awards-eligible statewide leadership team. You'll also strengthen your communications and marketing experiences ahead of college, award, and job applications. Apply here: go.illinois.edu/IL4HInfluencers



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National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22! Ready to help celebrate? Find a way to show your 4-H leaders how much they mean to you! Send them a thank you! Bake them some cookies! Just a simple thank you card means a lot. Hamilton County has some great, dedicated leaders including:

Dianna Robinson, Lauren Taylor, Elaine Miller, Sydney Lay, Chris and Glenna Maxwell, Leslie Davis, Audea Willis, Michele Lueke, Deanna and Ethan Erwin, Jewell Wilson, and Ashley Launius. Thank You!

PROUD 4-H VOLUNTEER
20 YEARS



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Unit Public Presentation Contest

New this year the Public Presentation Contest was held as a unit wide activity. This year it was held in Carmi on March 23. There were 14 talks and demonstrations. Hamilton County only had two. Shiloh Willis did a formal speech about Christmas in Poland and Lainey Davis did an illustrated speech about dogs. They both received blue ribbons and both were selected to go on to state competition.



The State Public Speaking Show will be held April 29th. The event will be held at Parkland Community College in Champaign, IL. The last day for county shows will be April 7th. Let us know if you plan to go!

General Projects Show

The date for the General Projects show and Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser has been set for Tuesday June 20.

The day will start at 8:00 a.m. with project judging. Just as in the past the judging will be alphabetical by club.

- 8:30 Barbwire Gang
- 9:00 Funny Farmers
- 9:30 Pioneer Country Kids
- 10:00 Piopolis Busy Bees
- 10:30 Walpolians

The projects will be on display from 2:00 until the conclusion of the Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser

at 7:00 p.m. You must pick up your project that night after 7! The office will not be responsible to bring projects back to the office!

Make sure your project selections are in the office by April 1—no changes can be made after that date.



Citizenship Washington Focus



Through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Illinois 4-H teens have the opportunity to experience Washington D.C. like never before. Using the nation's capital as their classroom, CWF connects youth leaders from across the nation in an opportunity to gain the skills and experiences to:

- Better understand the legislative process
- Recognize their views and opinions matter
- Develop a mindset of how important it is to be involved in decisions that will impact them both now and in the future

- Exploration into career opportunities available to them

Travel around Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area to visit and experience firsthand a living history which represents the combined efforts of the people to establish the governmental process under which the United States operates

Illinois & Indiana are teaming up for the 2023 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip and teens will be able to experience their nation's capital during one of the most amazing weeks to experience Washington D.C. as they travel July 2 – 7, 2023! The delegation will be traveling by bus, with a stop in Gettysburg, for a visit at the battlefields there. Register by March 6, 2023 to reserve your spot!

Important Details:

Target Audience 4-H members ages 14 – 18 (by May 1 the year they travel)

Estimated Cost \$2,000 (three installments; last payment could be slightly less depending on final numbers)

Space is Limited Illinois currently has 10 spots available; with a possibility of increasing that number

Contact for Registration Details

Registration opens 2/22:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/19340>

Patricia McGlaughlin, patm@illinois.edu

4-H Memorial Camp

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Summer Youth Camp dates for 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp are set!

Youth age 8-16 (actual age) can attend camp during the following sessions:

June 4-8, June 11-15, June 25-29 and/or June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

Online registration via the camp website will open for 4-H Club members on January 23rd. Registration will open for non 4-H Club members on February 6th.

The fee for camp is \$315 for 4-H Club members, \$355 for non 4-H Club members.

Links for registration and additional details will be available on the 4-H Camp website closer to the time of registration. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.



SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Spring Family Camp will be back again May 19-21. Bring the whole family to enjoy camp a weekend of camp fun! Registration will open up in late February. More details including activities and fees will be available soon! Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

CAMP CORRAL

4-H Memorial Camp will once again be holding the Camp Corral July 16-21, 2023. This 6 day youth camp is for youth age 8-15 who has one or more parents or guardians who are military veterans. The Mission of this program is "To transform the lives of children of wounded, ill, and fallen military heroes by providing camp, advocacy, and enrichment programs." To learn more about this program, please visit the Camp Corral website. Registration will open on January 18th via the Camp Corral website. You do not need to be a 4-H Member to attend this program. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu with any questions.

HIRING

4-H Memorial Camp needs you! Running a successful summer camp program takes a lot of people. We will begin accepting applications for summer employment starting January 1st. We are looking to fill the following positions.

Counselors

Dates: May 30- June 15, June 25-July 4, and July 16-21

Positions: Junior Counselors 16-17 years old,

Senior Counselors 18+ years old

Program staff: 18+ years old

Dates: May 15- July 28.

Positions: Seasonal Assistant Director, Outdoor Ed., Lifeguard, Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Creation Station, Climbing Tower

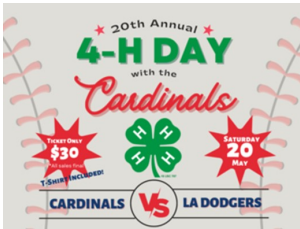
Applications and additional information will be available on our website. Please contact Andy Davis ardavis1@illinois.edu or Monika Hammerschmidt hammersc@illinois.edu



2023 Show Books ready for Pick Up!

The 2023 Hamilton County 4-H Show books are ready to be picked up in the courthouse basement. Make sure to look up each project you plan to exhibit to see if any changes have been made. Read carefully and follow project requirements! You do not want to be disqualified on show day!

4-H Day with the Cardinals



We are pleased to announce that the registration for the 20th annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals is now open and will run through 11:59 p.m. March 31.

Game day is May 20 at 6:15 p.m. against the LA Dodgers.

Tickets are \$30.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt. Raffle chances are \$1.00 each for the chance to throw out the first pitch (must be a 4-H member), all others can win autographed baseballs and tickets to future games. **New – option to purchase a ball cap for \$10.00 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of this event (limit one per order). A shipping and handling fee will be added to each order.

Everyone will have the chance to participate in a parade around the field. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed May 4 with more instructions for the day.

Please note – groups that wish to sit together, must submit one order. Get tickets here:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2023>

Illini Summer Academies

Save the date! Illinois Summer Academies will be back June 25-29 on the UIUC campus!

Participants attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of engaging activities that provide a taste of just how cool college life can be. Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine spending four days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it! This program offers teens the opportunity to explore various degree programs of University of Illinois and learn of potential careers associated with those degrees. Registration is open now through April 15.



Club Enrollments Needed

Please get your completed enrollment papers, project selection and program fees turned into the office as soon as possible. We cannot begin to set up fair entry until everyone is completely enrolled. YOU may be holding up the entire county!

Regional 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology

The Regional 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology contest was held Saturday, March 25 at SIUC. Congratulations to all that competed!



In junior Horse Bowl, Gracie Walker teamed up with the Monroe County team. They won first place and qualified for state.



Gracie also won high point individual.



In Intermediate Hippology, Gracie Walker was 2nd and qualified for state.

Way to Go Gracie!

GIFT Garden Classes Planned

Once again this year we plan to hold weekly GIFT Garden classes at the Hamilton County 4-H Gift Garden.

We will need any available junior high or older youth to serve as Teen Teachers. If you are interested please contact the office so we can schedule a Teen Teacher training. Once you are trained you can assist with summer classes, workshops and other county or club events.



Tell Your 4-H Story – Join the Speaking for Illinois 4-H Team

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 a virtual training offered on Monday, April 10.



This virtual 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, put that story into words, and 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.

Registration is open NOW at <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/20152>. Registration will close April 7.

Save the Date for Explore 4-H: Child Development

Are you ready to help shape the next generation? Learn about careers in the child development field while you learn best practices for caring and working with children in our upcoming virtual webinar on May 11 from 6pm-7pm. In just an hour you can grow your understanding on how kids grow while you learn safe ways to care for children, including making appropriate games and toys to engage youth of different ages.

Ready to start exploring? Watch for registration info coming soon!



This webinar is part of the Explore 4-H series which consists of virtual statewide experiences for 4-H members to learn more about different areas of interest.

4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers Wanted!

4-H Shooting Sports Adult Leaders Wanted! Certification Day is 9am-5pm, Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL. Disciplines offered: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills. Contact your local Extension office for registration details! Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu

4-H Shooting Sports State Events Update: Intermediate Level 4-H Rifle Coaching Clinic! 9am-5pm, Sat., June 17, 2023 at River Valley Sharpshooters 4-H Rifle Club, Kankakee, IL. Advance your rifle club to the next level! Contact Tina Odle at 815-450-7162 or 200target@gmail.com for details!

Fall, 2023 State Shoots dates here: <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/state-events/state-shoots>



Get Your Tackle Ready!

The 2023 4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to participate are here:

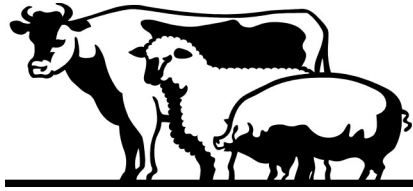


<https://go.illinois.edu/4HFishingTourney2023>

April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

4-H Exhibit Dates Set

The dates and times for the 4-H Animal exhibits have been set and plans are underway! Just as in the past 4-H members will be asked to help with fair clean up on



Tuesday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring brooms, shovels, wheelbarrows and other cleaning supplies. The show schedule is as follows:

- June 29 Rabbits and Poultry Show 9 a.m.
- June 29 Small Pets, Dogs and Cats Show 10:30 a.m.
- June 29 Weigh In 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- June 29 Farm Follies 7:00 p.m.
- June 29 Pizza 8:30 p.m.
- June 30 Livestock Show 8:00 a.m.
- June 30 Hospitality Tent 1:00 p.m.
- June 30 Awards 1:30 p.m.
- June 30 4-H Livestock Auction 2:00 p.m.

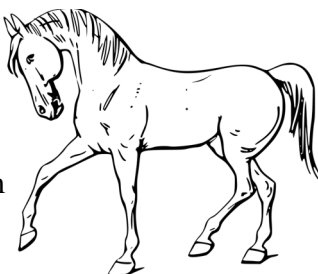
Just a reminder that all 4-H members wanting to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction must attend at least 6 meetings or events prior to the show day. This year 4-H members will be able to sell more than one animal, as long as it is a different species and the maximum pay out will not exceed \$599.

* Remember to check your show book for specific regulations on health papers.

Multi County Horse Show Planned

With the decreased number of horse exhibitors in each county, we will once again be holding a multi county horse show this year. It will be held on Monday, July 10 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Ridge-way. This is the same location as last year. Some classes have been modified so make sure you read and understand all the classes.

A complete list of classes will be in the 2023 show book that will be ready for pick up on March 20. Please call the office with any questions.



4-H Outdoor Skills Challenge returns for 2023!

Ready to challenge yourself and then prove it to your 4-H Leader or another trusted adult? You could teach them a thing or two! Learn these skill levels and compete for some great prizes that will help you enjoy the outdoors!



<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HOutdoorSkillsChallenge>

You're Invited!

Celebrate AG DAY at the Illinois State Fair

From corndogs and champions to fellowship and funnel cakes, the Illinois Department of Agriculture invites all active Illinois 4-H and FFA members to celebrate agriculture with us. This year, Agriculture Day will be held on Friday, August 11. This move allows more of our youth exhibitors and their families to join us for this annual celebration on the state fairgrounds in Springfield.

This year's Ag Day concert will feature award-winning country music superstars OLD DOMINION.

If you plan to be in Springfield on Friday August 11 you can plan to attend this AG Day Concert.

You can get your tickets as Ticketmaster website

Promo Code:



Premium Checks

If you exhibited a project last year you should have received a premium check this past week. Cash or deposit them ASAP! This year we will **NOT REISSUE CHECKS** that are past the 60 days. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Upcoming Dates

April 16	Multi Unit Awards 3:00 p.m.
May 6	Livestock Skill a thon and YQCA 9:00 a.m.
June 7, 14, 21, 28	GIFT Garden Class 9:00 a.m.
June 1, 8, 15,22, 29	Cooking Class 9:00 a.m.
June 20	General Projects Show
June 29	Rabbits and Poultry Show 9 a.m.
June 29	Small Pets, Dogs and Cats Show 10:30 a.m.
June 29	Weigh In 4:00-6:00 p.m.
June 29	Farm Follies 7:00 p.m.
June 29	Pizza 8:30 p.m.
June 30	Livestock Show 8:00 a.m.
June 30	Hospitality Tent 1:00 p.m.
June 30	Awards 1:30 p.m.
June 30	4-H Livestock Auction 2:00 p.m.
July 1	Ageless Iron Tractor Show (food stand)
July 10	Unit 24 Horse Show 5:00 p.m. Ridgeway
August 12	Hamilton County Day at Illinois State Fair

4-H is Online 24/7

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global>



Be the first to email Paula with the correct answer and win a prize!

Riddle: Give me a drink, and I will die. Feed me, and I'll get bigger. What am I?

Last months answer

I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I?

A coin



State Events

- April 14-19 National 4-H Conference
- April 29 State Public Speaking Competition
- May 13 State Robotics Competition
- June 4-8, June 11-15, June 25-29, June 30- July 4 4-H Camp
- June 25-29 4-H Illini Summer Academies
- July 2-7 Citizenship Washington Focus
- July 6-8 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
- July 10-13 True Leaders in Equity Institute
- July 24-August 4 Digital Agriculture Training Course
- August 11-13 General Projects days at State Fair



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