Upcoming Events

April
- Horse Workshop 1PM
- Shooting Sports 9AM
- Tree Planting 1PM
- Federation Meeting 2PM
- Lemonade Stand pizza party 5:30/Monicals
- Passport to the World 1PM
- State Public Speaking Contest

May
- Ownership deadlines for all animals EXCEPT Market beef
- Horse Lease/Ownership papers due
- Dog Lease/Ownership papers due
- YQCA & QAEC deadline
- Horse Workshop 1PM
- Federation Meeting 2PM
- Office Closed

Did you work the Lemonade Stand at the fair last year? Then you are invited to a Pizza Party at Monical's Pizza on April 20 starting at 5:30
General Project Day
How does this day work?
You will be assigned a time for judging that will be released in early July. It is the 4-H members responsibility to pick up their project tags at the extension office the week before the 4-H show. When you show up for the General Project show you will want to show up 10 minutes before your assigned time with your project, entry tag attached to your project and project records in hand.

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 register coming in March!
April – Crappie State 4-H Tournament
May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

January 1 - Market Steers & Market Heifers
May 1 - All Dairy Cattle, Breeding Heifer Beef Cattle, Bucket Calf, All Sheep, All Swine, Horses, Dogs, Rabbits, All Goats and Poultry

The above dates are when all 4-H'ers with these projects must have the animals in their possession.
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!

Become an IL 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

CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK CLINIC

Join us for a day of learning what it takes to get each specie ready for your county fair show. Whether you have livestock that you are preparing for the 2023 fair or you have an interest in learning more to better prepare yourself for next year, we will be able to provide you with the education that you need!

When: Saturday, May 13th
Where: Clay County Fairgrounds
Time: 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM
We welcome you to spend the whole day or half the day with us, however you have the option to come for a specific specie.
Beef- 8:15 am-9:00 am  Swine- 9:05 am-9:50 am
Sheep- 9:55-10:40  Goat- 10:45 am-11:30 am
Lunch- 11:30-12:30 (provided by the Farm Bureau)
Poultry-12:35-1:20  Rabbits- 1:25-2:10
Cat Dog- 2:15-3:00

Who Can Attend: Any youth ages 5-18, parents can stay too.
How do I register? Use this registration link https://go.illinois.edu/livestockclinic23 or call our office at 618-662-3124

QAEC will still be offered in an online format. QAEC must be completed by May 1 2023. You can access the QAEC Training at https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/
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| Friday, June 30, 2023     | 9:00 AM  Dog Show-Sheep and Goat Barn  
|                           | 2:00 PM  Cat Show at the Extension Office                                          |
| Thursday, July 20, 2023   | 6:00 PM  Barns and Community Building Set Up                                      |
| Friday, July 21, 2023     | 8:00 AM  General Projects Show                                                    |
| Sunday, July 23, 2023     | 8:00 AM  Horse Show  
|                           | 5:00 PM  Swine Weigh In                                                           |
| Monday, July 24, 2023     | 10:00 AM Sheep and Goat Weigh In  
|                           | 11:00 AM  Beef Weigh In                                                           |
|                           | 12:00 PM  ALL ANIMALS ON GROUND  
|                           | 12:00-3:00 PM  4-H Animal Check In-Beef Arena                                      |
|                           | 3:00 PM  Barnyard Olympics-Beef Wash Rack                                        |
| Tuesday, July 25, 2023    | 8:00 AM  Swine Show  
|                           | 12:00 PM  Dairy Show  
|                           | 3:00 PM  Poultry Show                                                             |
| Wednesday, July 26, 2023  | 8:00 AM  Beef Show  
|                           | 12:00 PM  Rabbit Show  
|                           | 3:00 PM  Sheep Show  
|                           | 5:00 PM  4-H Auction Sign Up Deadline                                              |
| Thursday, July 27, 2023   | 8:00 AM  Goat Show  
|                           | 3:00 PM  Auction  
|                           |  NON-JUNIOR FAIR ANIMALS RELEASED 30 MINUTES AFTER AUCTION                        |
| Friday, July 28, 2023     | 8:00 AM  Master Showmanship  
|                           | 3:00 PM  ALL ANIMALS ARE RELEASED                                                  |
| Saturday, July 29, 2023   | 8:00 AM  Fair Grounds Clean Up                                                     |
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
- June 30- July 4 (check out is at 11am this session)

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

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. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.

Explore 4-H: Child Development

May 11  6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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.