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Coles County

Newsletter

Keeping You Informed

March 2023



Calendar

March

- 18 – Rabbit & Poultry Workshop
@ Coles Fairgrounds
- 25 – Metal Workshop with
Diligent Hands Metal
- 31 – Update your 4-H Records Day

April

- 1 – 4-H Fair Participation Deadline
- 16 – Showstoppers Cleaning
4-H Center for BBQ
- 22 – 4-H BBQ
- 30 – Update your 4-H Records Day

May

- 1 – 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 1 – Horse Ownership & Lease Papers Due
- 6 – Goat Check-In & Sheep Weigh-
@ Coles County Fairground
- 31 – Update your 4-H Records Day

FarmBot

Coles County All-Starts harvested our first produce from FarmBot on February 17. Feel free to stop buy the Cross County Mall to see the fruits of their labor drying in the windows around FarmBot. If you would like to participate in the horticulture or technology side of FarmBot let us know by calling 217-345-7034.





YQCA is required **yearly** for all 4-H members exhibiting beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and swine. YQCA training must be completed in order to exhibit at the 2023 Coles County 4-H Fair.

Online Training (\$12)
In-Person Training (\$3)

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>
Complete by June 1, 2023

Next In-Person Training

May 2, 2023
Coles Extension
Office
5:00pm - 6:30 pm

Find log-in instructions by going to

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

Go to the YQCA Folder

This Box link requires no account.

Public Speaking Contest

We had three participants at the 2023 4-H Public Speaking Contest. All three participants did a fibulas job and all received an A rating.

Awards:

- Champion: Kuyler Miller
- Reserve Champion: Keshan Miller
- Grand Champion: Kuyler Miller
- State Fair Delegate: Kuyler Miller



QAEC

Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification

Required **ONCE** for anyone showing cats, dogs, horses, poultry, & rabbits

All members who do not have this on file have been notified by email on 3/1/23. See email with "QAEC: MUST READ" in the subject line.



Failing to complete this training & submitting the certificate to Jessica by June 1, 2023, will disqualify you from participating in the 2023 4-H Fair.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

4-H Seniors

Are you a 4-H Senior? We want to give you a shout-out on our Facebook page Email the following information to Jess at JNHays@illinois.edu.

- 4-H Members name
- 4-H Club
- Years in 4-H
- Favorite Project:
- Favorite 4-H Memory
- Future Plans



SCHOLARSHIP

We have a few scholarship opportunities for you! Both forms must be completed and submitted to Coles County Extension Foundation, 809 Broadway Ave, Mattoon, IL, by **March 31, 2023**. Contact the Extension office at 217- 345-7034 with any questions.

Find Scholarships at

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

2023 Horse Show

This year we are combining the Horse Show in Coles, Cumberland, and Moultrie-Douglas Counties. The Horse Show will be on June 17, 2023. The show will be held in Cumberland this year, at the new fairgrounds in Toledo (205 S New York St. Toledo, IL 62468). This show will be hosted each year by one of the participating counties.



Horse Papers

All 4-H members participating in the Livestock horse project must have County ownership or lease papers on file at the Extension Office.

If you plan to participate in the 2023 IL State Fair, you must submit Ownership or Lease papers as well.

All County and State ownership and lease papers are due on May 1, 2023. Submit forms to the Coles County Extension office.

Find horse papers by going to

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

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SPIN Club Meetings

All Things PAW-sitive

Meeting at 6:00 pm

- March- 23
- April-13
- May-18
- June-22
- July- 20

Don't forget to bring treats for your dog.

Shooting Sports: Air Rifle

Meeting at 1:30 pm

- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12

Shooting Sports: Archery

Meeting at 1:30 pm

- March 26
- April 23
- May 28
- June 25
- July 23
- August 27



New Cloverbud Club!

The Cloverbud Oakleaves are now accepting members!

Participation Requirements

- 5-7 years old by September 1 2022
- \$20 Club Fee
- Must be Enrolled on ZSuite

Call the Extension Office with any questions
217-345-7034



ZSuite

There is still time to enroll!! To participate in the 2023 4-H Fair enroll by April 1.

Enroll at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/ZSuiteHelp>

Need help? Go to

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

4-H Green Community Tree Program

Planting Date/ Time

April 3 @ 5:30 pm

Planting Location

Water Tower Park Oakland, IL

Let Us know you are coming:

Call 217-345-7034

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

**WE NEED
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BE A
VOLUNTEER!**

All children ages 5- 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will need to bring shovels and gloves with them. If there is rain on April 3, we will move planting to April 5.

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**THANK YOU TO ALL
THE VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELP MAKE
4-H A GREAT
EXPERIENCE FOR
ALL!**



Records Corner

Start working on your 2022-2023 4-H member records now! Find a list of all our workshops, contests, Record books, and more by going to:

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

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Member and Livestock Records can be found in the Member Records Folder



The Records List for workshops and contests can be found in the Member Record file under Records List



Feel free to contact the Extension Office at 217-345-7034 if you need a copy of the Record book or the Record List.

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4-H BBQ



Baking Cookies

What to do:

- 1) Sign up to let us know you are making cookies and how many dozen!
<https://go.illinois.edu/Cookies4BBQ>
- 2) Download your cookie Recipes
<https://go.illinois.edu/4-HMembersBoxFile>
- 3) Gather your ingredients and supplies (Don't forget zip lock bags)
- 4) Make and bake your cookies. Then let them cool.
- 5) Once cookies are completely cooled. You will place 2 cookies (Same cookie) in a zip lock bag.
- 6) Deliver cookies to the 4-H Center by
Friday, April 21. 5 pm -6 pm
- 7) Don't forget to put 4-H BBQ in your 4-H Records.

BBQ Calendar:

March – Sell and sell more tickets!!

31 – Money, Club ticket form, & unsold tickets Due

April – Showtime!

16 – 5:30 p.m. – Deep Clean buildings – Showstoppers Club

20- Food Prep: Set up – SouthSiders

20- Food Prep: Wash – CC All-Stars

21- Food Prep: Oil & Foil – Oakland Oakleaves

21- Salting Chops – 5:30pm at The Butcher Shop – Federation Club & Stock Show Kids

22 – 4- H BBQ Day!

BBQ Clean up: After 6:30 pm

Cooler Pick up