

4-H FAMILY



ST. CLAIR COUNTY

APRIL 2023



ST. CLAIR COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATION CONTEST



Eleanor Pierson

Eleanor Pierson is a member of the Turkey Hill Busy Bee 4-H Club. She was awarded a blue ribbon and was selected for state fair. She gave her illustrated speech on how to have an Eco friendly Birthday Party.



Kevin Kapelski

Public Speaking Contest 2023

Kevin is a member of the Turkey Hill Busy Bee 4-H Club. He was awarded a blue ribbon and was selected for state fair.



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LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Record Books should be shown to/signed by your leader at your May, June or July club meeting prior to the fair. (Horses-prior to May 4-H Horse Show.)

The PDF versions of the books are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord>
They may be filled in on your computer, or you may print it off and fill it in by hand (neatly).

The Instruction Guide is found here: https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockRecord_Guide to help you through the process of filling the book out.

Record Books are due to Extension Office for County Show by June 1, 2023

Completed Books are due to the Extension office by **September 15, 2023** for evaluation.

COUNTY/STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW REQUIREMENTS



Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

Taking QAEC training is mandatory for all horse, rabbit, poultry, and companion animal projects. Please visit:

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

All county and state horse and dog exhibitors must complete QAEC via this site one time during their showing career. Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

The YQCA training is mandatory each year for all 4-H beef, dairy, goat, sheep and swine exhibitors.

Please watch your email and upcoming newsletters for upcoming YQCA training date options.

Trainings must be completed by JUNE 1.





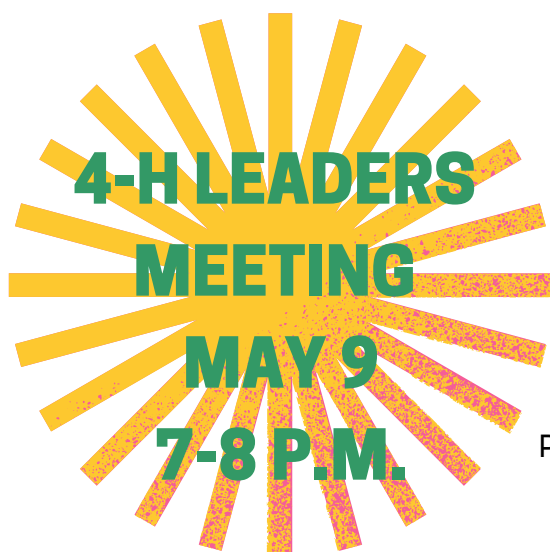
Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification (QAEC)

This training is required for all members enrolled in:
HORSE, RABBIT, POULTRY, DOG, CAT & SMALL PET
projects shown live or via an Animal Science project.

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

Certifications only need to be completed one time.
Those that have completed it in the past do not have to complete it again.

The poster features illustrations of a rabbit, a horse, a chicken, a cat, and a dog.



1606 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234

*****Bring laptops or other devices*****

Fair information

Leaders training

Fun 4-H Summer ideas

Please contact Tonya Roberts by May 1, if you
will be unable to attend.

tbmoore2@illinois.edu or 618/344-4230





4-H SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL

Disciplines offered: *Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Hunting/Outdoor Skills*

These dates are 9-hour "field days" which teach range management. An additional 3-hour on-line 4-H training will complete the certification process. Registration will be open Dec. 15, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023.

If interested, contact Tonya Roberts at tbmoore2@illinois.edu or 618-344-4230

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS: AIR RIFLE 4-H BLASTERS

FIRST MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 4 AT 1:30P.M.

O'FALLON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
1018 SCOTT TROY RD, LEBANON, IL

All youth, ages 8-18 are invited to join us. Come out and help us build some targets and meet **Ryan Stoks**, the 4-H certified shooting sports instructor.

In this club, you will have an opportunity to learn the following:

- the components of rifles and equipment
- rifle safety
- how to use an air rifle
- how to get involved in shooting sports competitions

SAFETY TRAINING for new members will be **April 8 at 12:30 P.M.**

For more information please contact Ryan Stoks at ryan.stoks@us.af.mil





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THE ACTIVITIES

Guest Speakers
Fitting Demonstration
Showmanship
Q&A
PIZZA

AGES 8-18

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Website: <https://www.facebook.com/hamelcoop>

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Show Clinic Agenda

Hamel Cooperative Grain Co. & Purina Animal Nutrition Welcome You!

Check Out the Schedule For the Day

May 6th
9:00 AM

Welcome & Purina - "Feeding Your Show Animals"

We are so excited to have you! Let's talk a little bit about how you should be feeding your show animals!

May 6th
9:40 AM

WIU Livestock Judging Team - "Collegiate Judging" & "Careers After 4-H"

Are you interested in livestock judging? Hear from the Western Illinois University Livestock Judging team, coached by Dr. Mark Hoge!

May 6th
10:00 AM

Mackenzie Landmann - "Showmanship"

Hear some tips and tricks in the ring from Mackenzie Landmann, a Madison County 4-H Alumna and Showmanship Winner!

May 6th
10:45 AM

Fitting Demonstrations by Species

Don't forget to fill out the RSVP Form so that we know which species you want to learn about! We will break into species groups and learn about how to fit your livestock to be ready for the ring!

May 6th
11:45 AM

Q&A and Lunch

If you have any questions that we didn't get to answer, now is the time! We will also enjoy some Pizza and get to meet other students from surrounding counties. Again, make sure to fill out the RSVP Form so we know what kind of pizza you want!



PURINA



For detailed information: <https://www.facebook.com/hamelcoop>

Contact Maribeth Patterson: (309) 313-4856 or mpatterson@landolakes.com



SCAN ME

4-H JUNIOR MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM AT ATKINS' ACRES

The mission of the University of Illinois Junior Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resource specialists and young people to foster an understanding of Illinois's plants, water, soils, and wildlife. This program will give local youth the opportunity to discover the outdoor world through hands-on activities and outdoor investigation. The classes will be held at Atkins' Acres Educational Farm in Millstadt, IL.

The Junior Master Naturalist program will engage children in experiences exploring the environment, geology and soils, ornithology, pollinators, an Earth Day field trip, and how to enjoy hiking trails.

The program is open to youth ages 8 – 12.

Time and date: 8:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m. | March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact
Kimberly Atkins: atkinacres7@gmail.com

Illinois
Master
Naturalist



**Plant a tree.
save the planet.**
**Find out what you can
do in St. Clair County!**

Please contact **Diane Crook** with
St. Clair County Soil & Water
for more information about planting dates
and times.

stclaircountyswcd@att.net

2031 Mascoutah Ave.
Belleville IL 62220
618-744-3158

Tree Planting Location:
Foley Park in Smithton, IL





4-H & Junior Rabbit Fun Show & Workshop

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

Saturday, April 22, 2023

→
Agriculture Building in Scheve Park
Harnett St & Harper Road, Mascoutah, IL 62258
←

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entries at 8 a.m. with a start time of 9 a.m.

Entries are \$2.00 per rabbit

Snacks and Drinks available for purchase.

Awards

Awards donated by:

Midwest Bird and Animal Breeders Association and
the Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County

CONTACT: Stephanie Lowrance at 618-977-1145 or
email at grtpt1@gmail.com.

Classes:

Cloverbud class:

5 years to 7 years

Youth class:

8 years to 18 years

Workshop Information:

Showmanship

Grooming

Tattooing

Picking Meat Pens

and Single Fryers

All are welcome to attend!

If you do not own a rabbit but
are interested in learning more
please join us on April 22!

Rabbits will be available for
trial usage the day of the
workshop.

Sponsored by:

Livestock Boosters of St. Clair County
St. Clair, Monroe, and Madison County 4-H
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If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, contact the Extension office at
618-344-4230.



4-H SHOW REQUIREMENTS

As we begin the new 4-H year, please remember that in order to show projects at the County and State levels at the end of the year, you must meet the following requirements:

- Attend at least 4 meetings during the year
- Give a talk or demonstration
- Enroll in ZSuites by **February 17, 2023**.
- All livestock project members must show an in-progress Livestock Record Book to their Leader at their May, June or July Club meeting prior to the county fair.

RECORD KEEPING & AWARD APPLICATIONS

The 2023 Award Applications will be provided to members soon!

In the meantime, please keep track of your 4-H activities with the 4-H Experience log:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MyExperienceLog>



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

[HTTPS://WWW.FARMCREDITIL.COM/ABOUT/COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT/IMPROVEMENT-GRANTS](https://www.farmcreditil.com/about/community-engagement/improvement-grants)

Fifty \$500 grants are available to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters implementing valuable community improvement projects. Funds will be awarded to assist club and chapter members in bringing positive change by establishing projects that make local communities better places to live.



4-H Volunteers Make A

DIFFERENCE

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 16-22

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H!

Celebrate our volunteers all week long April 16-22 (and all year long)!

Need ideas on how to show your support and appreciation to 4-H leaders and 4-H volunteers? Please go to more resources: go.illinois.edu/4HVolWeek.



4-H CLUB NEWS

Creative Critters 4-H Club journeyed to Central Print in St. Louis on March 10 for a workshop to learn about letterpress printing and experience how newspapers were originally printed.

Central Print is a non-for-profit arts organization with a mission to promote the art of letterpress printmaking. BIG thank you to Marie Oberkirsch, Director of Central Print, for making the workshop such a wonderful experience and learning opportunity. More info on Central Print can be found here:

<https://www.centralprint.org/>



Creative Critters 4-H members featured behind the printing table at Central Print, L-R: Abigail Odunfa-Jones, Julie Erickson, Daniel McComb, Calli Lowrance, and Quinn Dickerson.

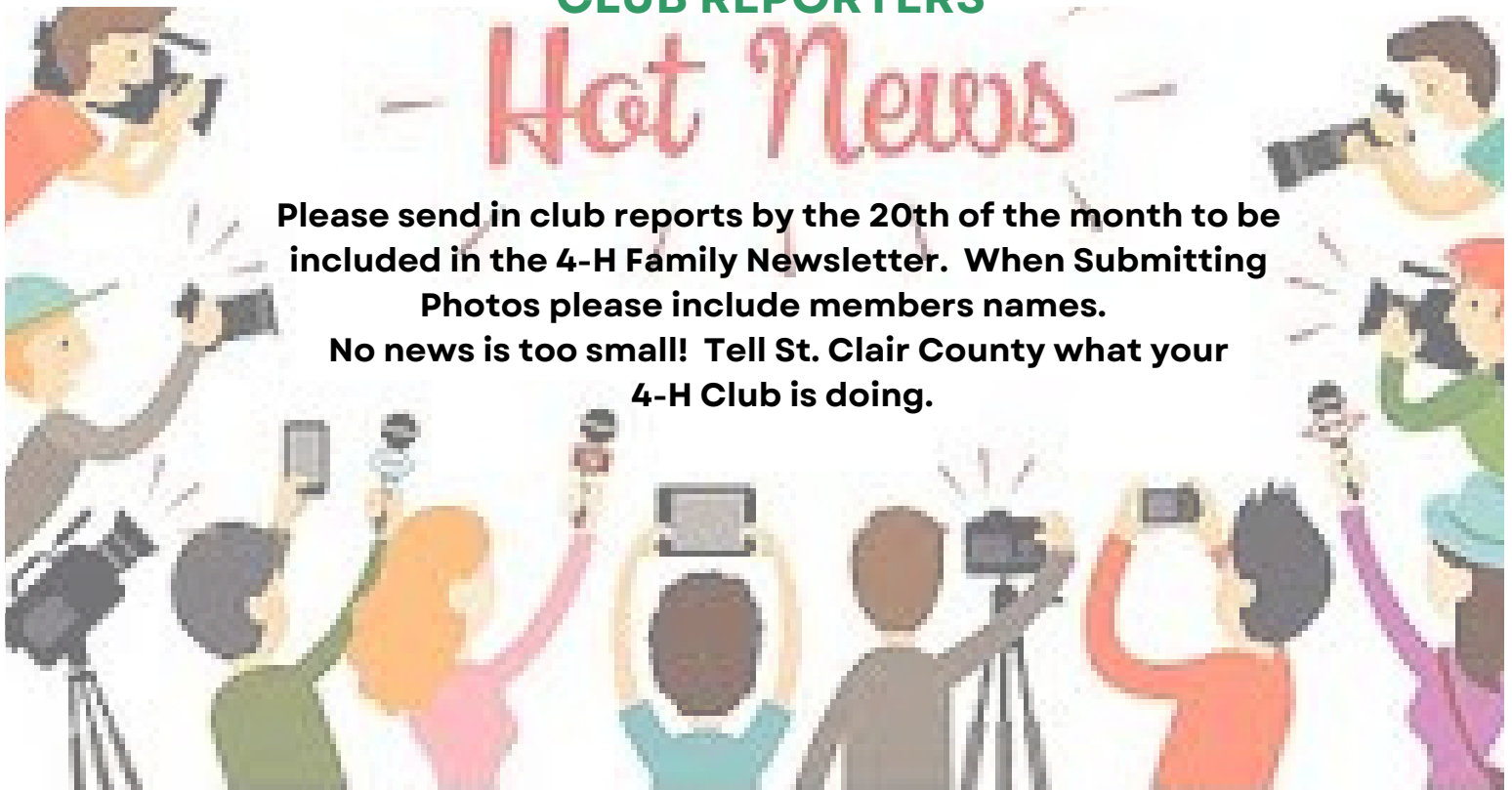


CLUB REPORTERS

Hot News

Please send in club reports by the 20th of the month to be included in the 4-H Family Newsletter. When Submitting Photos please include members names.

No news is too small! Tell St. Clair County what your 4-H Club is doing.



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STATE 4-H FISHING TOURNAMENTS READY TO GO!



EVENT DATE(S)

MAY 1, 2023 - MAY 31, 2023

**LOCATION
VIRTUAL**

Youth from across Illinois can head into the great outdoors to participate in the statewide 4-H Hooks Us Together Virtual Fishing Challenge this spring and May is the Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament! While competition is the focus, participating youth take away much more from the experience. The intention of this contest is to advance the interest, or spark, of fishing passions to a higher level. There are over 100,000 less fishing licenses sold now than 20 years ago and we hope these contests will help show more youth the benefits of the sport.

Youth take pictures of the measurements of their catches and can enter catches virtually as many times as they wish. While the competition takes place virtually, the competition gets youth outdoors and learning about the environment through a fun activity. The tournament takes place April to June, with competition focusing on a different species of fish each month. Details on how to participate are here:

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

Stay tuned for the final competition:

June - Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

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.



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)

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.



CAMP EMPLOYMENT

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

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. Stay tuned for registration in the spring of 2023.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 16-22 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 22 Rabbit Fun Show
- April 29 4-H State Speaking Contest
- May 6 Livestock Workshop *sponsored by Hamel Food Co-Op and Purina*
- May 9 St. Clair County 4-H Leaders Meeting
- May 9 Dine and Shop Eckert's Fundraising Event St. Clair county Foundation
- May 20 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- June 1 YQCA and QAEC must be completed
- June 1 Record books due
- June 12-15 Youth Cooking School
- August 3 St. Clair County Show-A-Rama
- August 4-6 St. Clair County Livestock Shows
- August 12 St. Clair County Day at State Fair



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