

Cumberland County

4-H Newsletter

4-H Families & Supporters,

We are officially halfway through the year! We are only a couple months away from a new 4-H year. Do you have your projects ready? If you need tri-folds, we have some at the office donated by a 4-H parent. Make sure to check out the different sections of the newsletter so you are all prepared for the shows! I will see you Thursday, July 11! Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Sincerely,

Jaylynn Maxey, 4-H Program Coordinator

FAQ: What is the state fair show that everyone keeps talking about?

ANS: The state fair refers to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. It runs August 9-19, 2019. Anyone can show livestock at the state fair—you just had to have your entries postmarked by July 1. For General Projects, you have to be selected by a judge at the county level. You cannot take more than one project to the State Fair, so if you are nominated in three categories you would have to choose one to go in. Then you take your project on the day of judging (August 11) and exhibit it with a judge in a conference style judging similar to county level shows.

UPCOMING DATES:

- July 4—Office closed for 4th of July
- July 8—Cloverbud Meeting, 6 PM, Village Hall
- July 11—Cumberland County Miscellaneous Show, 3 PM, TCC
- July 13—Fair Clean-up, 9 AM, Coles County fairgrounds
- July 20-21—Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Monticello
- July 18-23—Livestock shows, Coles County Fairgrounds
- August 11—Cumberland County 4-H Project Judging at State Fair
- August 9 – 12—General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- September 1—New 4-H year Begins!
- September 2—Office Close for Labor Day
- September 20—End of Year Records due to office
- October 19-20—Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- November 10—Achievement Program, Time & Location TBA

**Mark
these
dates on
YOUR
calendar!**

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What's happened?

State Public Speaking Contest

Emma Light went to the State Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, June 8 at Richland Community College in Decatur where she competed with her speech on female archers. Next time you see Emma congratulate her on going to state! She went to the State Competition her first year.



Cloverbud Workshop

Sunday, June 9 was a perfect day to pick cherries as the sun shined on us from above. Five members met at Grissom's Lost Creek Orchard to attend the cherry-themed workshop led by Cloverbud leader, Megan Napier. Members got to explore the orchard, see the animals, pick cherries, make their own cherry pie in a cup, and paint their own cherry trees! It was a great time for all to learn, make new friends, and eat fresh cherries!



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What's happened?

Life Center Landscaping

After the Federation meeting on Monday, June 17, the Federation members participated in some community service by helping a couple of the Life Center Garden Club members clean out the front garden bed in front of the Life Center sign. Thank you to the members for helping! Thank you to the Life Center for joining us!



Shooting Sports

Shooting sports will not be meeting in July due to volunteer training and fair activities. The next date will be Saturday, August 3 at the Thornton's house.

9:30—Rifle
10:00—Archery
10:30—Pistol



Office Hours

The Extension Office is open 5 days a week. We have been open on Fridays since August 2018. Our hours are:

Monday-Friday
8 AM—Noon &
1 PM—4:30 PM

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We're
OPEN**

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WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

GREENUP FARMER'S MARKET—Help Needed!

On Saturday, July 6 and July 27, I will have a booth at the Farmer's Market on the Municipal Building Lawn in Greenup. I plan to do different activities with the kids while their parents shop at other booths. It is from 8:30-11:30 AM, so any amount of time is appreciated! If you are interested in helping, send me an email at jmaxey2@illinois.edu or call the office to let me know the member's name and what times they will be there to help!

CHRISTMAS IN... JULY?

This year we would like to work with Toledo businesses to create a holiday celebration the first Saturday in December. This is a plan still in the works, but if you would like to help plan and be involved... Sign up! Please keep this date in mind for the coming months as we will need many volunteers! I will keep you updated, but be looking for ways you can help celebrate the holiday season as a community.

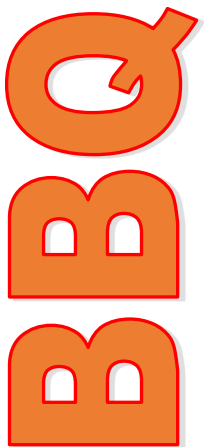
BLESSING BOXES

Vicki Marti Oakley and Michelle Roan-Repp are working on putting together Blessing Boxes in Memory of Cheryl Pitman and Andy Vincent. You can help in a couple ways:

- Volunteer to help them build the boxes, which can go down as a community service event in records
- Or bring stuff to the office to place inside them once they are made

They will be making one for each town: Greenup, Toledo, Neoga, and Jewett.

This is a great opportunity to give back to the community with time, skills, or items. If you are interested in helping build the boxes, contact me at the office for more information.



The BBQ Committee would like to thank all of the members, leaders, and families for all their hard work and effort to make the BBQ happen this year. Your help made for another successful BBQ!

- Jay Maxey, Beth Reeder, Ray & Janet Blade

POSTER WINNERS

1st Place—Emma Light, Muddy Creek
2nd Place—Jenna Flood, Springpoint Rebels

FLYER WINNERS

1st Place—Blake Reeder, Muddy Creek
2nd Place—Lainey Reeder, Muddy Creek

GENERAL PROJECT SHOW

NEED TO KNOW

GENERAL SHOW FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The main meat (Ham) will be provided for the General Project Show Family Fun Night. Families are asked to bring a covered dish that evening to share. The family fun night & dinner is scheduled to **begin at approximately 6 PM**. This is tentative and may change as the judging progresses that day.

PROJECT FORMS

Each project exhibited (except Cloverbuds) must be accompanied by a pink project sheet. If members do not have one, they may pick one up at the registration table when they check-in.

STATE FAIR DELEGATES

Members chosen to exhibit their project at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday, August 11 will receive a packet of information that day. **NOTE: The office will not be purchasing tickets for admission or parking passes. You can pay the day you attend or purchase online ahead of time. You will need to let the office know if you plan to attend the State Fair judging by no later than Tuesday, July 16 so the alternate in your class can be sent in your place if you are unable to attend.**

WHEN: Thursday, July 11

WHERE: Toledo Christian Church Gymnasium. **Enter through the main doors on the east side.**

REGISTRATION BEGINS: 2:30 PM

JUDGING BEGINS: 3:00 PM

Immediately following the conclusion of judging, everyone will be asked to leave the gym so ribbons can be placed. This should take approximately 15 minutes. Once ribbons are placed, members and the public are welcome to come back in to see the projects.

PROJECT CHAMPIONS

If selected as an Overall Project Champion—meaning you received a purple, three-ribbon rosette—you will win a free 4-H t-shirt! It will have Grand Champion on it with the area you won in! If you win in more than one area, you have the option of getting two shirts or both areas on the same shirt. You can sign up with your shirt size following the ribbon placement.



Always do your best. What you plant now,
you will harvest later

SURVEY SAYS...

This year there will be surveys for parents, judges, and members to complete for the General Show. The surveys are being completed, by our summer intern—Alex, to gather feedback on the show as a whole and a way to provide helpful suggestions for next year. We will provide paper copies during family fun night and an online link after the show if you don't get a chance to complete one that night. Filling out these surveys will help us learn what we can do to help you better!

Fair Need to Knows

DIRECTIONS TO FAIRGROUNDS

Below is the address for the fairgrounds:

603 W Madison Ave, Charleston, IL 61920

The fairgrounds is located on the corner of E Street and State Street. Always use the East Entrance next to the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum. The Main show arena will be on the right hand side of the blacktop. The livestock barns are behind it if you take the first turn back right. There will also be a tractor show that weekend on the lawn to the left where the rides and food stands are during the county fair. For the horse show on Tuesday, please bring all trailers to the East end behind the horse arena.

ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERING

We will be volunteering at the Coles County Animal Shelter the Friday of the fair. This will be on Friday, July 19 from 10AM-1PM. Members will need to find a ride there or meet at the end sheep barn at 9:30 AM. Jessi Ryder will have room for some members to ride with her. **YOU MUST WEAR CLOSED TOE SHOES.** Adults are welcome to join them! We would also like to take donation items when we attend. This includes dog/cat/kitten/puppy food, treats, snacks, litter, toys (no stuffed animals), chew toys, balls, dog houses, rabbit cages, collars, leashes, harnesses, rugs, blankets, towels, peroxide, alcohol, q-tips, bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, original pine-sol, disinfectant wipes, and paper towels. Thank you for helping!

BIKE RULES

Members are allowed to bring their bikes as long as they follow the following rules:

1. Do not touch the bike if it is not yours.
2. No riding the bikes during the auction or the weigh-in.
3. Do not go on the track during the day when the tractor pull is happening or when horse people are out with their horses.

Anyone caught disobeying these rules could lose their privilege to ride their bike during the fair. These rules are set to keep all members safe.

AUCTION NIGHT AWARD CHANGES

This year all awards will be given out before the auction starts. This includes Rate of Gain, Helping Hand, and Cleanest Pen. This means all exhibitors should plan to be in the main show arena at 5:30 PM. Rural King will also be giving out gift cards, so be present to get a gift card!

READ ME!

FAIR CLEAN-UP

Fair clean-up will be on Saturday, July 13 at the Coles County Fairgrounds. It will begin at 9 AM. We will clean all of the barns and the main show arena. If you show any type of animal, you should try to attend the clean-up at the fairgrounds. When you attend, please bring wheel barrows, rakes, scoop shovels, lots of baling wire, pitchforks, leaf blowers, pressure washers, and anything else you think would help clean up the barns. Any and all help is appreciated!

Fair continued

THANK YOU BOOTH

This year we will have a thank you booth set up all the time for members to get thank you cards from! After a show or the auction, you can head to the booth and make out your thank you cards to be mailed! Maybe you are thanking someone who sponsored a trophy, bought your animal, or helped you when you really needed it. Saying thank you is very important! The booth will have cards and pens for you to use. Everyone will be using this booth. This means be respectful and clean up after yourself once you finish. We will not be mailing these cards, so make sure to get them to a responsible adult to mail them. If anyone has a small plastic deck table and chairs we could borrow, let me know!

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN TIMES

Exhibitors will need to have their animals moved in by the following times. At that time we will begin weighing that specie ONLY. There will not be multiple species weighed at one time.

Beef—Moved in by 6:30 PM

Goats—Moved in by 7:00 PM

Sheep, Llama, Alpaca—Moved in by 7:30 PM

Swine—Moved in by 8:00 PM

SWINE WEIGH-IN FORMS

All swine exhibitors that have animals to weigh-in will need to fill out a weigh-in form for each pig they bring up to be weighed in. All swine exhibitors should be receiving a letter in the mail with more details soon. These forms can be picked up ahead of time at the office up until Wednesday, July 17. After that, you will not be able to pick them up until the night of weigh-in. If you have questions, give me a call at the office at 217-849-3931.

FAIR FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family fun night will take place on Saturday night of the fair—July 20. It will begin at approximately 6:15 PM on the East end of the fairgrounds near the campers. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share with everyone. I will bring silverware and plates for that evening. Following the food, we will begin the games for the evening. This is out on the lawn behind the Debate museum. There is always water games, so make sure to bring extra clothes or towels for your member. Get ready for a night of fun, new memories, and new friends!

CAT SHOW MOVED

This is a notice the cat show moved to Friday, July 19 at 4 PM at the Main Show arena.

FACILITIES

The bathrooms on the west end of the grounds near the tracks are open for our fair. The men and women's restrooms each contain two showers that can be used. There will also be a porta potty and handwashing station on the East End.

NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO SHOW

1. Livestock records for all large species
2. Project forms for cats/dogs
3. Proof of rabies shots for cats/dogs
4. Health papers for ALL swine, sheep, & goats; breeding beef
5. Horses need proof of a negative Coggins test the day of show
6. Registration papers for purebred animals

SENIOR "SENIOR" SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

We will once again be doing the adult showmanship class following the conclusion of each show. Anyone is welcome to see if they still have what it takes! Come out for some fun and competition!

Find your place in Federation!

Did you know each club is to be represented in Federation? Clubs should nominate 1-2 Federation representatives that will speak for them at Federation meetings and deliver a report back following meetings. The next Federation meeting will be announced in the coming weeks. Want to know more about how you can take part in fun activities like the one pictured? Call the office! Federation is an awesome opportunity to be involved at a county level. It also provides a means

of communication between your club and the Federation members so that your club is always up-to-date on what activity will happen next. Not only does Federation plan county events, they participate in community service activities and go on a trip at the end of the year. Call the Extension Office (217/849-3931) to find out how you can get involved!



2019 Livestock Fair Schedule

July 11, Thursday

3:00 PM – Foods & General
Projects Show, Toledo
Christian Church

July 13, Saturday

9:00 AM—Fair Clean up at the
Coles County Fairgrounds

*The following shows will be on the Coles County
Fairgrounds unless otherwise stated.*

July 18, Thursday

6:00 – 8:00 pm Livestock
weigh-in

July 19, Friday

4:00 pm Cat Show
5:00 pm Rabbit Show
7:00 pm Poultry Show

July 20, Saturday

8:00 am Swine Show
11:00 am Sheep Show
3:00 pm Beef Show
6:00 pm Rocket Launch
6:30 pm Family Fun Night



July 21, Sunday

12:00 pm Goat Show
5:00 pm Small Pet Showcase
6:00 pm Master Showmanship

July 22, Monday

10:00 am Dog Show
2:00 pm Llama Show
6:00 pm Carcass Show,
Hartrichs – St. Marie

July 23, Tuesday

9:00am Horse Show
5:30 pm—Awards given out
6:00 pm Auction

CAMPER FEES

If you are bringing a camper to the fair, you will need to pay for each day your camper is plugged in. It is \$100 for all week or \$20/ night if staying less than 5 days. I will be collecting the camper fees and taking them as a group to the fair office. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE COLES COUNTY FAIR.**



Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.

Your video should relate to one of these topics:

Through 4-H, I've been able to ...

In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned

4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...

4-H has helped me feel welcomed by

I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...

In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped



...

- Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I
Thanks for helping me grow!"
- There are divisions for 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Alumni!!!!!!
- Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.
- Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.
- A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.
- It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.
- Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.
- Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.

Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.

New awards, new scoresheets at Illinois State Fair

4-H members selected at their county to exhibit at the state fair will see some changes in the way exhibits are judged and prizes awarded. Judges at the state fair will use a 10-point scale and give members a score for each element of their exhibit:

Their knowledge about the project

Their conference presentation of the project

The presentation of the exhibit

The new scoresheets are all posted online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hstatefair . For each EXHIBIT CLASS, a champion and reserve champion will be awarded based on points received.

In addition, INSPIRE AWARDS will be given at the judges' discretion for work they wish to highlight or acknowledge. Awards will vary in quantity, description, and type between project areas. These awards will not be based solely on scores. Check back soon for more on the new judging and award systems.

End of year award time is approaching



Whether you are a first-year 4-H member or a longtime member, it's time to focus on pulling together information for your 4-H award applications. Even younger members can submit the 4-H Experience Application and be eligible for 4-H recognition. Older members can submit both the 4-H Experience Application and the Illinois 4-H Award Application to be eligible for state recognition, scholarships, and/or trips.

The Illinois 4-H Experience Award Application focuses on all of those events and activities that you have experienced during the 4-H year in four areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. Depending upon the type and number of experiences you can report on, members can receive recognition on the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Emerald Clover Award level. Your family calendar, 4-H notes or county summary, checkmarks, and a few written details are all that's needed for even the youngest members to submit this application. This application can be found @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/members/awards>.

Each 4-H member has a story to tell and are eligible for our 4-H awards program – tell YOUR stories and see where they take you!

You decide the theme!

We want your help in creating the 2019 National 4-H Week Theme! Submit your ideas for a theme to illinois4H@illinois.edu by July 15. The winner will receive 4-H prizes for themselves and their club! We hope that the theme includes the word or the concept of “inspire” so we can be similar to the national theme, but we will take all suggestions under consideration.

NEW IN 2019-2020—4-H Projects!

Look for these new projects September 2020. Returning are Child Development and Sports Nutrition projects with NEW manuals to help you learn. GSI will no longer be offered as a project.

Understanding 4-H Premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.

