

Coles County 4-H *June* *News* 2019



Congratulations to Coles County 4-H Robotics team Cyborg Chickens for winning the rookie division for programming and overall Reserve Champion in their division at the State Robotics competition. Great job! Team members from left to right: Joshua Stewart, Blaine Homann, Jeremiah Stewart, Matthias Hacker.

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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

June

- 1.....DEADLINE: QAEC Training - for all members taking an animal project
- 5.....Cloverbud workshop, 4-H Center, 9:30-11am
- 8.....Illinois Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
- 13.....Cake Decorating workshop, 4-H Center, 9:30-11:30am
- 17.....Photography workshop, 4-H Center, 9-11am
- 17.....**DEADLINE: Last day to enter fair projects, FairEntry.com**
- 17.....Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
- 19.....Visual Arts workshop, 4-H Center, 9-11:30am
- 23-29.....Illini Summer Academies, Champaign
- 27.....Aerospace Show, Fairgrounds, 5:30p.m.

July

- 1.....DEADLINE: Entry deadline for Illinois State Fair Jr. Livestock Show
- 9.....Home & Family Show, Cross County Mall, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 18.....General Projects Set-up, Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
- 20.....General Projects Show, 4-H Center, 9 - 11 a.m.
- 20-21.....4-H Shooting Sports Training @ 4-H Memorial Camp
- 22-28.....Illinois State Fair Jr. Horse Show
- 25.....Fair Prep/Set-up, Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
- 28.....All livestock in place at fair 8 a.m.
- 29-Aug 24-H Fair

August

- 8-18.....Illinois State Fair
- 11.....Coles County Day at State Fair, Orr Building
- 13.....Honorary Inductees Day, State Fair, Orr Building

September

- 13-15.....Family Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp
- 14.....State 4-H Shotgun Shoot, Bunker Hill
- 21.....State 4-H Archery Shoot, Pekin

October

- 12-13.....State 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot, Bloomington

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I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

Workshops

Cake Decorating

June 13, 9:30-11:30am, 4-H Center
\$5 members, \$7 non-members
RSVP by June 7. Space is limited.
This workshop will focus on basic piping techniques for cakes and cupcakes.

Photo Fundamentals

June 17, 9-11am, 4-H Center
Free. RSVP by June 13. Space is limited.
This workshop will focus on basic photography techniques you can utilize for your project.

Visual Arts

June 19, 9-11:30am, 4-H Center
Free. RSVP by June 14. Space is limited.
Bring your visual arts projects to this workshop and get tips on how to add/change/improve upon what you are working on. Be sure to bring your materials as well.

Dog Obedience

July 1, 1:30-3:30pm, 4-H Center
Free. RSVP by June 26. Space is limited.
This workshop will focus on basic dog obedience/training and what to expect when showing at the fair.

Workshops are open to all youth ages 8-18, so be sure to bring your friends! Please remember to **pre-register** for all workshops you are interested in so we are sure to have enough supplies for everyone. If minimums are not met, workshops will not be held. Some workshops have a maximum too so sign up early.

I am always open to suggestions for workshops. Please let me know what workshops you would be interested in and the best times. I know summer can be busy, so providing workshops when you are available is important to me. Please email me and let me know.

Welcome Summer Interns

Coles County 4-H will have two summer interns helping with summer workshops, fair prep and special projects this summer.

Zach Price is from Gilman, IL and is in his tenth year in 4-H. He's been an active Federation member the last two years. Zach is interested in dog training, photography, public speaking, and geology. He is currently attending Lake Land College majoring in Ag Communications and Public Affairs.

Alex Walden was a ten year Shelby County 4-H member with five active years in Federation. Alex showed livestock and is interested in leadership, community service, and public speaking. He is currently attending Kaskaskia College with a major in Ag Science Education.

We are very excited to have them assisting us this summer! They are here to help 4-H families throughout the fair. Please make them feel welcomed!

It's about being **part** of *something* **more than** *yourself*

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Food Distribution Day

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Food Distribution Day. With your help we served 132 households and 469 individuals (176 under age 18). Thank you to Master Gardeners, Shelby County Federation, Coles County Federation, Extension SNAP Ed team, the Hood Family Band, and all the 4-H'ers and their families who helped out.



Shooting Sports Volunteers Needed



Coles County 4-H Shooting Sports is looking for volunteers to help teach shotgun, rifle or archery. If you are interested in youth and their development, recreational shooting/outdoors, willing to learn how to teach shooting safely and effectively, and interested in challenges with rewards, this training is for you. The next training will be held July 20-21 at the 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello. Please contact Jenny to register for this training or if you have any questions. 345-7304

Barnyard Olympics

Federation will once again, host Barnyard Olympics on **Sunday, July 28** following the 5:30 p.m. Home & Family and General Projects awards program. We would love to see each club send a team(s) to play in the games. There will be a total of seven events this year: Bucket Stack, Duck Walk, Balloon Toss Relay, Poop Toss, Bucket Brigade, Egg Hunt, and Obstacle Course. Each event will be timed and scored. The team/club with the most points will receive a traveling trophy and a \$50 pizza gift card.

Cloverbud clubs are encouraged to support teams by displaying posters, wearing t-shirts, and cheering for their favorite team. 4-H will be providing all Cloverbud members with a hand clapper to help them cheer for their team. The Cloverbud club with the most spirit will be awarded a \$20 pizza gift card.

More 4-H Exhibit Opportunities

Innovation classes - many projects will offer an innovation class. In this class you must demonstrate skills and knowledge you have gained through the project you have studied. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit option for that particular project. See if your project offers an innovation class by looking in the fair book under your project class.

Ready4Life Challenge (Career & Entrepreneurship Exploration) - Must be enrolled in the specific Ready4Life project to exhibit and:

- Must be 11 years by September 1, 2018 or older.
- A physical representation of the career or business product such as a model, prototype or display/portfolio that includes images of accomplished work.
- Verbal or written explanations that demonstrate knowledge of the related career or business fields, potential careers, and the appropriate requirements for achievement in those fields.
- The judging criteria for this class values thoroughness of career and/or business exploration and pursuit above the workmanship of the physical specimen on display.

Maker Class - Exhibits in this category are designed to be multi-disciplinary in nature, innovative, and must not fit into any other exhibit category. To qualify for this category see pages 61-62 of the Fair & Policy book.

An exhibitor may bring only a class project, Ready4Life project, or maker project, but not more than one. Please call the office if you have questions.

Coles County 4-H Fair Dates



Tuesday, May 7 - Public Presentations, Extension office, 6 p.m.

Monday, June 17 - Fair Entry deadline

Thursday, June 27 - Aerospace Show, 4-H Center, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9 - *Home & Family Show, Cross County Mall, 4 p.m. check-in

Saturday, July 20 - ^General Projects Day, 4-H Center, 9 - 11 a.m., check-in 9-10 a.m.

Sunday, July 28 - Barnyard Olympics, 4-H Show Arena, 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 28 - Rabbit Show, 1 p.m.
Poultry Show, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 29 - Goat Show, 8 a.m.
Swine Show 8:30 a.m.
Beef ROG, 4 p.m.
Sheep Show 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30 - Beef Show 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 31 - Master Showmanship, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 1 - Livestock Awards Presentation, 5 p.m.
Livestock Auction, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 2 - Horse Show, 9 a.m.

*Home & Family Show includes: Clothing & Textiles, Food & Nutrition, Interior Design, Visual Arts Food Decorating, County Food projects.

^General Projects Show includes: Aerospace (display only), Animal Science, Bicycles, Cats, Civic Engagement, College & Career Readiness, Communications, Computer Science, Consumer Education, Crops, Electricity, Entomology, Exploratory, Forestry, Geology, Geospatial, Health, Horticulture, Intercultural, Leadership, Natural Resources, Photography, Plant & Soil Science, Robotics, Shooting Sports (display), Small Engines, Small Pets, Technologies, Theatre Arts, Tractor, Vet Science, Video/Filmmaking, Visual Arts (except food decorating), Weather, Welding, Woodworking, County Projects (except food).

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Please be sure to read your Fair & Policy book. The fair book contains all the important information you need for the 2019 fair season. You will find fair dates and times, 4-H policies and show requirements, fair exhibit rules, and sections regarding large animals, small animals, and general projects. Please be sure to **read the fair book**, especially those sections pertaining to your project area. Pick up your copy of the latest book from your leader today!

Home & Family Show

The 2019 Coles County 4-H Home & Family Show will be held **Tuesday, July 9, 4:30 p.m.** at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon. Judging will take place near the JC Penney store. Check-in will begin at 4:00 p.m. All foods, clothing, interior design, and visual arts food decorating will be exhibited. If you have any questions, feel free to contact someone at the office for assistance.

Fair Entry - Open

Coles County's Fair Entry will close **June 17**. All fair exhibits are to be entered through the FairEntry.com system. Those who wish to participate in any of the 4-H county shows must be registered, **same day registrations not be accepted**. Only projects you signed up for during open enrollment may be exhibited. To login, use the same email address and password you use for the 4-HOnline system. Instructions on how to enroll exhibits can be found on our website: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/coles4h/4589.html>

Please don't wait until June 16 to enter!

If you have questions, please contact Jenny at the office.

General Projects

General Projects Show will be held **Saturday, July 20 from 9-11:00 a.m.** at the 4-H Extension Center, Coles County Fairgrounds. All exhibits will be judged on a first-come, first-served basis. All exhibits need to arrive no later than 10:00 a.m. Proceed to the check-in table to receive your exhibit tag.

The **GP Awards Program** will be held on **Sunday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Show Arena. Come out and support our 4-H'ers who worked so hard!

Aerospace Show and Rocket Launch

The annual 4-H Aerospace Judging and Rocket launch will be held at the Coles County Fairgrounds on **Thursday, June 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** Judging will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a launch to follow. This event includes judging of model rockets and planes, poster displays will be judged during general projects. **Exhibitors, please bring a printed copy of your rocket instructions, you will be judged based on how well you followed the instructions down to the finest details including paint color and decal placement.**

Exhibitors should also be building a model worthy of their age preferably with balsa fins which require good finishing skills to be smooth and aerodynamic. **Please no RTF(ready to fly) models.** Plastic fin models should be avoided altogether. Please bring a **low power** engine if you are planning to launch to easily recover your rocket.



Cloverbud Exhibit Opportunity

Cloverbud exhibitors may display their project in the 4-H Center during the General Projects Show. Cloverbuds will have an opportunity to have **one** of their projects “judged” on Saturday, July 20 between 9-11 a.m. “Judging” isn’t required but is a great experience in learning how to talk to others about their project. This is an excellent opportunity for Cloverbuds to be introduced to conference judging so they will know what to expect when they are first-year members. Refer to page 28 in the Fair & Policy book for further details.

General Projects Set-up

Set-up for General Projects Show will be **Thursday, July 18, 5:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Center. All 4-H'ers and their families are asked to assist. We appreciate all those who are willing to give of their time and energy! If you will be joining us, please let Jenny know by contacting her at the office, 345-7034.

Fair Prep/clean-up

Fairground clean-up and set-up for the Coles County 4-H Fair will be held on **Thursday, July 25 at 5:30**. All 4-H members are asked to help. Please bring necessary working tools (rakes, hammers, cleaning supplies, etc.). Again, we appreciate all who are willing to help make our fairgrounds ready for the fair. **This is everyone's fair and we need everyone there to help!**

Attention Livestock Exhibitors

If your 4-H livestock animal is ill, do not bring it to the fair! Animals may be subject to an evaluation if showing symptoms or behaviors deemed abnormal. These animals may be excused from the show and removed from the fairgrounds. Please, do not jeopardize the health of the other animals in the barns!

GOATS - Weigh-in AND vet check will be on Sunday, July 28 following the swine and sheep weigh-ins/vet check. Please have health papers available for inspection Sunday morning.

CATTLE - Vet check will be on Monday, July 29, coinciding with the goat vet check. Please have your health papers ready for inspection.

SWINE & SHEEP - Health and registration papers must be checked by the superintendent &/or vet after the Sunday weigh-in (swine weigh-in 8:00 a.m., followed by sheep). Please do not leave the premises until after your papers have been checked and approved! Purebred animals will not be allowed to show without registration papers.

HORSE - In an effort to speed up the Horse Show, our superintendent has asked exhibitors to please bring in a copy of your mandatory Coggins Test to the Extension office prior to show day. If, for some reason, you are unable to do so, it will be required the morning of the show.

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Records!



4-H Records update—

The following are this month's records update.

May events:

- ★ Food Distribution Day - section 6 (M) 5/4
- ★ Shred Day - section 6 (L) 5/18
- ★ Public Presentations - section 2

April events:

- ★ BBQ - section 3 (C) 4/13

(If you helped salt chops or prep green beans, both count as BBQ - only one entry)

Any club activities/community service projects you may have participated in - section 3/section 6 (L) include dates.

Leader's Digest

- Leader's Meeting Thursday, June 6 @ 6p.m.
- Encourage members to participate in 4-H State events. Scholarships are available for many of the State sponsored events.
- **Be sure your members have paid their dues.**
- Encourage members to read the newsletter for important deadlines and activities.
- **Remind members to read their Fair & Policy Book.**
- Members should be entering their projects on **FairEntry** starting May 1. Deadline is June 17.



Federation News

Upcoming Federation Events

June 5 - Cloverbud Workshop

June 17 - Meeting 2pm

June 25 - Holiday World Trip

June - Host various workshops

July 9 - Home & Family Show

July 20 - General Projects Day

July 28 - Awards & Barnyard Olympics

Federation Trip

Holiday World trip details. Meet at the office on June 25 @ 7 a.m. We will leave Holiday World around 6 p.m., stop to eat and return to the office around 10 p.m. Please bring cash for any extras you want to purchase.

Interested in Joining Federation?

Federation is a youth-driven team of the local 4-H clubs that band together for the improvement of the 4-H program. Federation members make recommendations regarding the 4-H program and assists with fun 4-H activities and events. Any 4-H member age 13 and up may join.

We look forward to welcoming you at our next Federation meeting on June 17 at the Extension Office from 2-4 p.m. If you have questions contact Jenny Lee @ 345-7034.

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4-H Storytellers Be authentic | Share truth | Build connections

In July, 4-H members will be invited to become a 4-H Storyteller. In the fall, 20 youth selected from the applicants will be trained by some of Illinois's finest storytellers. The stories may take the form of written word: blogs, poetry, letters. They may take the form of art: photography, art, comics. They may take the form of sound: video, song, podcast. 4-H Storytellers will tell their personal stories, and in doing so, we will see 4-H in action in their lives. Look for more in the July newsletter. This opportunity is open to youth who will be in grades 8 to 11 this fall.

Applicants will be asked to submit two original examples of any of the following things: blogs, poetry, letters, photography, art, comics, video, song, podcast, or other form not listed. The two examples may be of the same form or different forms. Applicants must also answer the following question using whatever medium they want: **What story do you have to tell and why is that topic important to be shared?** The program is sponsored in full by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

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!



Upcoming 4-H events:

August 7	POULTRY: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 7	Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Springfield
August 7	BEEF Showmanship, 1 PM, Springfield
August 7	Superior Young Producer Beef/Sheep/Swine Contest, 6 PM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF Performance Cow/Calf Show: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 8	BEEF: Heifer Show: AOB, Charolais, %Simmental, Chianina, Maine Anjou, Limousin, Maintainer, Shorthorn Plus, Springfield
August 8	SWINE: Showmanship: 5 PM, Springfield
August 9	BEEF: Heifer Show: Angus (at 8:30 AM), Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, and Simmental, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Breeding Meat Goats: 8 AM, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Wether Meat Goats: after breeding show, Springfield
August 9	GOATS: Market Meat Does: after wether show, Springfield
August 9	SWINE: Gilts: 7:30 AM, Springfield
August 9	Master Showmanship at the State Fair, 7:30 PM, Springfield
August 11	GOATS: Dairy Goats: 9 AM, Springfield
August 11	State Fair Exhibit Day for Coles
August 12	SHEEP: Breeding Sheep: 8 AM, Springfield
August 12	RABBITS: 9:30 AM, Springfield
August 13	Illinois 4-H Foundation Celebration Event, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show, 9 AM; Holstein, 1 PM, Springfield
August 14	DAIRY: Brown Swiss Show: 9 AM; Holstein: 1 PM, Springfield
August 15	DAIRY: Guernsey: 9 AM; Ayrshire: 1 PM, Springfield
August 16	DAIRY: Milking Shorthorns: 9 AM; Jersey: 1 PM, Springfield
August 17	DAIRY: Overall Showmanship: 1:30 PM, Springfield
August 17	Superior Young Producer Dairy Contest, 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 17	GOATS: Pygmy Goats: 8:30 AM, Springfield
August 24	Illinois 4-H State Dog Show, Dixon

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.

Poultry test waived

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has announced that the antigen required to do the poultry pullorum test is currently unavailable and will not be required at the state fair.

Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show

Celebrating volunteers at the fair

If you are a volunteer leader, be sure to check in at the volunteer booth at the Illinois State Fair General Project Show to receive your special gift.

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