



# Coles County 4-H

## May 2019 News



BBQ drive-thru



Salting of the Chops



Beverage crew



BBQ drive-thru



BBQ inside crew

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## Calendar of events

*(Dates are tentative and subject to change)*

### May

- 1.....Horse Ownership/Lease papers due
- 1.....Fair entry opens, FairEntry.com
- 4.....Goat registration/Sheep weigh-in
- 4.....Healthy Foods Distribution Day, St. John's School, 8 a.m.-noon
- 4-5.....4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
- 7.....County Public Presentations, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 11.....State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
- 18.....Shred/Electronics Recycling Day

### June

- 1.....DEADLINE: QAEC Training - for all members taking an animal project
- 5.....Cloverbud workshop, TBD
- 8.....Illinois Public Speaking Contest, Decatur
- 9.....Federation meeting, Extension Office, 2-4p.m.
- 13.....Cake Decorating workshop, TBD
- 17.....DEADLINE: Last day to enter fair projects, FairEntry.com
- 17.....Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging, Champaign
- 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
- 25.....Fair Prep/Set-up, Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
- 28.....All livestock in place at fair 8 a.m.
- 29-Aug 2 ....4-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

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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.



# 4-H Pork Chop Barbecue

Thank you to all of the 4-H'ers, their families, and club leaders who helped make the 2019 BBQ a huge success! With the help of over 150 volunteers and 4-H'ers, we served 3320 meals to our hungry guests!

This year's salting went great! With over 30 people assisting with this task, we were done salting 7120 chops in about 2 hours. Thank you to all of you who helped with this very important first step!

Green beans were new this year and prepping went great! A little over 15 people assisted and prepped over 100 large cans of green beans. This being our first year serving green beans, all went pretty well.

Thank you to the hard working 4-H dads, leaders, and volunteers who cooked 7120 pork chops throughout the day. Special thanks to Scott Gossett, Stan Metzger and Rod Helton for setting up and overseeing the grilling.

Thank you to those who took on the challenge of baking over 3500 potatoes and 285 dozen brownies. The BBQ would not be possible without your baking skills.

For those clubs who helped with set-up and clean-up, thank you! These two things are very important and with all of your help, it went fast and smooth.

Thank you to all the 4-H members and their families who served meals, and manned the drive-thru, your hard work and dedication to Coles County 4-H does not go unnoticed.

Finally, thank you to our supporters and suppliers:

Card's Appliance, Coles County Sanitation & Recycling, Gail Helton, Jenny Helton, Gary Kepley, Kull Lumber/Ace Hardware, Ladies of the Moose, Mark's My Store, Neoga IGA, Paap Printing, Roc's Blackfront, VFW and WMCI. Your support is greatly appreciated!



### Top BBQ ticket sales

Congratulations to our 4-H clubs Barnstormers, Golden Spur & Southsiders for having the top BBQ ticket sales. Barnstormers sold 25%, Golden Spur 23%, & Southsiders 22% of our total sales.

All of our club members worked hard at selling tickets and many of our small clubs had some great sales!

Thank you all for your hard work in promoting this great event!

### County Activity

Haven't got your county activity completed? You have another opportunity to fulfill this requirement to show at the fair.

On May 4, U of I Extension will be holding a Healthy Foods Distribution Day at St. John's Lutheran School in Mattoon. Volunteers are need to help with set-up, assisting with shopping, and clean-up. This event will run from 10-11:30 a.m. with set-up starting at 9 a.m. Call the office if you are interesting in helping.

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### Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects—even those who exhibit posters

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area. ***This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.***

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small pets, and swine. This is a one-time requirement and must be completed prior to showing at the fair. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Visit: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gaec/> to complete your certification.

**The deadline to complete the training is June 1.**

### Summer Workshops

Plans are underway for some great workshops this summer. Who can attend workshops? Most workshops are open to all youth ages 8-18, unless otherwise stated. Workshops are open to 4-H'ers and friends of 4-H'ers. All workshops require preregistration, some will have a minimal fee to help cover the cost of materials, and some will have a limit to the number of participants.

What's being planned?

- A Cloverbud workshop will be offered to our youngest 4-H'ers.
- Food decorating
- Visual Arts
- Outdoor Adventure

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### 4-H Membership Policies for Coles County

Youth who are at least 8 years of age and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before September 1, 2018, may enroll in 4-H. Youth who are 5 through 7 years of age on or before September 1, 2018, may enroll in 4-H Cloverbud groups.

#### 4-H Exhibit Requirements:

- ➡ **4-H member MUST attend more than half of their club meetings.** (see page 22 of 2019 Fair & Policy Book for further information).
- ➡ 4-H member MUST present and talk or demonstration at their own club meeting or school **about a 4-H project**; and
- ➡ 4-H member MUST participate in a county activity.

A youth who enrolls in a 4-H club but fails to do ALL of the above will NOT be eligible to take part in county 4-H exhibitions, receive 4-H premiums or other awards and recognition. Leaders will track this information.

#### Approved County Activities

Each 4-H member is required to participate in an approved county activity in order to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. The following is a list of approved county activities:

**Fall/Winter** - 18th Street Fall Festival, Winter Craft Day, Officer Training.

**January** - Skating Party

**February** - Jr. Leadership Conference

**April** - 4-H BBQ, including chop & green bean prep

**May** - 4-H Camp, Healthy Food Distribution Day

**June** - Any workshop, Illini Summer Academies

Only one activity is required, but the hope is 4-H members will attend many of the activities and workshops so they can make their 4-H experience the best it can be.

### 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.

**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).



The 2019 Fair and Policy Book has been printed! Check out this year's cover created by Kennedy Douglas! 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!

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### Public Presentations

Are you planning on participating in our county Public Presentations on May 7? If so, you will need to register in the online FairEntry system. This is the same system utilized last year for Coles County Fair. Instructions can be found on our website: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/coles4h/4589.html>

Public Presentations will no longer be offered at the State Fair, instead a contest will be held on June 8 in Decatur. Therefore, we must offer our local Public Presentations early and we will no longer have presentations during general projects day. You may register now through May 5. If you have questions, please call 345-7034.

### Fair Entry - Open

Coles County's Fair Entry will be open starting **May 1** and 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 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.

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### 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. Judging will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a launch to follow. This event includes judging of model rockets. Poster displays will be judged during general projects day. Come watch as 4-H'ers launch their rockets high into the air! This really is an exciting event to watch!

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### Home & Family, General Projects

The 2019 Coles County Home & Family Show will be held Tuesday, July 9, 4:30 p.m. at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon. General Projects Show will be Saturday, July 20 from 9-11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Extension Center, Coles County Fairgrounds. Watch for further details in next month's newsletter.

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about being Perfect;  
It's about being your  
Personal Best.*





### Changes You Should Know for 2019 Fair Exhibits - Repeat info

The state 4-H office has made some changes to our exhibit guidelines for the 2019 fair. These changes will be reflected in the 2019 Fair & Policy Book. Here is a sneak peak:

**Citizenship** has been changed to Civic Engagement - only a name change.

**Communications, Creative Writing, & Journalism** are now state fair eligible.

**Computer Science** major changes: beginning visual programming level in NOT eligible for state fair. An open source class was added and class names were changed to Visual-based & Text-based programming.

**Foods** exhibits major changes in 101- 401. Each class will now need to complete an experiment/activity in the project manual and bring a document with a printed picture of your experiment/activity with your project. Sources for **Food Preservation** have changed, added are Ball/Kerr after 1985, & Mrs. Wages. **Food Innovation** class added.

**Photography** ALL photos must include details of the camera settings, minimum image size 5X7, maximum 8X10. Photography 1 exhibit one framed photo demonstrating a technique you learned from the project manual. Be prepared to show the page in the manual of the technique. Photography 2, 3 - one 8X10.

**Robotics** major changes: Robotics 1 Beginning and Junk Drawer Robotics 1 are NO LONGER eligible for state fair.

**3-D Print & Design** NO LONGER eligible for state fair. **UAV Drones** NO LONGER eligible for state fair.

**360 Video and Technology** classes have been eliminated.

**Visual Arts changes:** Exhibitors MUST be enrolled in a specific project directly tied to their exhibit class. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment has two unique classes depending on the material on which the art was created. Division A - canvas, paper, or glass. Division B wood, metal or textiles. Clarification between Fiber Arts and Heritage arts was added, as well as for wood.

**Weather** - new class

**Maker class** - new to all project areas (see specifics in the 2019 Fair & Policy book)

**Be sure to read the 2019 Fair & Policy book for all of the changes. Always read the rules for your project area so you know what is expected at the fair.**

**Sheep:** if going to state fair there is a self-nomination procedure, call the office for details.

**Goats:** if going to state fair there is a self-nomination procedure, call the office for details. **Horned goats** will now be staying at the county fair in the dairy cattle barn. **Fair board will not be providing pens.** Extension and Foundation will provide materials needed to build the proper pens/gates. We hope those families with horned goats will help with the construction. More details to come.

## Coles County 4-H - May 2019



### 4-H Records update—

The following are this month's records update.

#### April events:

- ★ BBQ - section 3 (C) 4/13  
(If you helped salt chops or prep green beans, both count as BBQ - only one entry)

#### March events:

- ★ Sewing Workshop - section 3 (C) 3/2
- ★ Winter Fishing Clinic.- section 3 (C) 3/9

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

### Leader's Digest

- Remember to send in photos of your club's activities.
- 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

- April 27 - Healthy Kids Day, YMCA 9-noon
- April 28 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.
- May 19 - Meeting, Extension Office, 4-6 p.m.
- June 9 - Meeting, Extension Office, 2-4 p.m.
- June 5 - Holiday World Trip
- June 11- Cloverbud Workshop
- June - Host various workshops - TBD



### Federation

Thank you goes out to Federation members for helping at the BBQ. I really appreciate all of the hard work you all do throughout the year, especially with BBQ! Thanks everyone for all you do! You guys are awesome!

### 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 May 19 at the Extension Office from 4-6 p.m. If you have questions contact Jenny Lee @ 345-7034.



# State 4-H News



## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu).



## We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

- **Eligibility:** Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.
- **Length of service:** Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
- **Apply online:** [go.illinois.edu/4HYLT](http://go.illinois.edu/4HYLT). Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."
- **Deadline:** June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.



## 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
<b>August 11</b>	<b>State Fair Exhibit Day for Coles</b>
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

## Check out the masters at this year's state fair

Each county may send one entry into the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The contest begins at 7:30 PM Friday, Aug. 9. Exhibitors must be at least 14 and no older than 18 (as of 9/1/18). You need to supply your own animals for the contest, but may make arrangements to borrow animals from exhibitors at the fair. Top prize is \$500. The contest is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and RFD Radio.

## Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

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