



Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter



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April 2019

April

- 9 Bone Gap Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Federation Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Extension Office
- 17 Blue Ribbon 4-H Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau
- 17 Yankee 4-H Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church West Salem
- 17 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. Ebenezer Church 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Dog Obedience Class, 5:30 p.m. 4-H Arena
- 24 Ellery Panthers 4-H Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church
- 27 Shooting Sports Meeting/Shoot 6 p.m. at the Sportsmen's Club

May

- 1 Illini Summer Academies Deadline
- 24 Horse Ownership Deadline for anyone interested in State Show. (due at local office today)

June

- 1 Deadline to register your projects online for the Fair!
- 1 QAEC Deadline-this must be completed by this date!
- 1 Lease Papers Due
- 1 Off Premise Forms Due



Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

In Edwards County, there are numerous volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farm fluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Let's go fishing

With the lake fully stocked, 4-H Fish Camp is back at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Learn how to catch largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish. Learn about fishing tips, lures, bait, equipment, knots, fish behavior, fish management, and fish cleaning. Each group registered will be assigned their own log cabin for lodging with single bunks. Participants must bring their own bedding and toiletries.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. Register @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp or contact Curt Sinclair at (217) 762-2741. You can email Curt at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

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Another opportunity to see the world

Imagine being involved in rice harvesting in Thailand, experiencing advances in dairy farming in Switzerland, cattle ranching in Argentina, or opportunities in more than 15 other countries. An experience with IFYE can bring you this and more. The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2019 international exchange programs.

The initial application is available on the IFYE Association website @ ifyeusa.org. It takes less than 30 minutes to complete and submit. The IFYE national program director will then follow up with you to begin your international experience. Look under the Foreign Exchange tab for USA outbound participation application to get started. Those who complete the written applications will be interviewed for the limited number of 2019 international exchange opportunities.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. provides cultural exchange programming that places participants with multiple host families during a three- or six-month period in countries around the world. The IFYE vision of "Peace through Understanding" continues to touch the lives of people around the world.



See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact>. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!

Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.



All Fair Entries will be done On-Line Again This Year

4-H Fair entries will be done online by the 4-H Families.

Starting May 1st you can go online to:

<http://edwards4-hfair.fairentry.com>

All entries must be complete by June 1st. All 4-H members will receive a cheat sheet in the mail soon!



Take Note in your 4-H Project and Activity Handbook!

Many of the projects have changes this year! Communication, Creative Writing and Journalism have been added back to the state fair. Citizenship name has been changed to Civic Engagement. Computer Science has major changes: the beginning visual programming is NOT eligible for state fair. An open source class was added. Food exhibits have major changes in 101-104. Read carefully. A Foods Innovation class was added. Horticulture has a couple of wording changes, a change of quantity in Vegetable displays to “6 or more” instead of 6 to 12. Changed the Wildlife Titles to match the new curriculum names and added Wildlife 3. Major change to Photography exhibits. Read all carefully. Changes to Robotics. Robotics I Beginning and Junk Drawer Robotics I are NO LONGER eligible for state fair. 3-D Print and Design is no longer state fair eligible. UAV Drones are no longer eligible for state fair. 360 Video and Technology exhibit classes have been eliminated. Youth exhibiting visual arts MUST NOW be enrolled in the correct project directly tied to their exhibit class. Chalk/Carbon/Pigment has 2 unique classes depending on the material on which they were created. Division A is for work done on canvas, paper, or glass. Division B is for work done on wood, metal or textiles. New clarification for Heritage Arts and slight revision for fiber and wood. A new WEATHER class has been added.



So much to see and do!

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.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



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.



JOANN



Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.



Let's support Unit 25 and The Guardians of the STEMbots from Lawrence County as they compete in the Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu

Solar Jar/Canvas Painting Workshops

Plan to attend, one or both, the Solar Jar or the Canvas Painting Workshops! The Solar Jar workshop will be held Thursday, April 18th, from 1:30-3:30. Canvas Painting will be on Friday, April 19th at 1:30. Both will be held at the Extension office. Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww> or call the office at 618-445-2934.

Off-Premise Forms

If you are housing livestock off of your own premises, remember you must fill out an off-premise form and turn it in to the Extension office by June 1. You can find this form on our website or contact the office. This rule applies to animals that are even on grandparents property! If it is not legally your property, you need to have an off premise form.

Local County Fair Dates

Richland-July 5-13th

Wayne-July 6-13th

Wabash - July 13-19th

Edwards -July 17-27th

Lawrence - July 27-Aug. 3rd

Local and State Equine Show

ALL youth that are mounted on a horse must be wearing a helmet. This is for your safety and we are required to go by this State rule.

Be sure to also have your coggins testing up to date for the county show. These papers are checked the day of the show. Thanks!

State Fair

- **QAEC** is mandatory for livestock projects.
- **Jr. Show entries** will need to be signed by County Extension Staff before the exhibitor mails entry forms to State Fair Entry Office.
- **Horses**-Ownership, Lease papers, & pictures are due to the State by June 1, 2019. **The County office needs this information by May 24th!!** July 1 for all other livestock.

More State Fair...Important!

Registration papers (pedigrees) will be required in all purebred classes. Registration papers must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor. Certificates from breed association representatives will not be accepted in lieu of registration papers. The entry form itself still has to be in the individual exhibitors name.

Congratulations to the Ellery Panthers

4-H Club for receiving the Community Service Farm Credit Grant worth \$500!!



Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs, cats & all other small animals. **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. **This rule applies to 4-H Members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** This is a one time certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. **All members needing to take QAEC have been sent a notice in the mail and your leader has been notified.**

This is your responsibility to complete.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

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

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension Office.

Animal Livestock Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

All market barrows, goats, wethers and ewe lambs must be in member's possession at least 60 days prior to show. Market goats will need to be between 4-8 months old at the time of the show. Gilts and all swine breeding stock and beef or dairy yearling heifers must be in the member's possession by April 1. Bucket Calves must be born between February 1 and April 1. They must be in member's possession within 2 weeks of birth and must be at least 90 days old when shown. Steers must be in members possession by January 1.

These rules are on page 5 rule # 6 of Project & Activity Book.

Lamb & Goat-Illinois State Fair

Tattoo & Weigh-In Locations-

Anyone needing information contact the office ASAP for details!



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

Search "Edwards County 4-H" and be sure to LIKE the page!

Dog Obedience to Begin

The beginning date for Dog Obedience will be April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H arena. You do not have to be an enrolled 4-H member to attend. Young and Old are welcome!

Animal Leases

Don't forget!! If you are leasing an animal you need to fill out a lease form and have it turned in to the Extension office by June 1st.

Upcoming Fair Shows and Events

Soon it will be time for fair shows and events. Everyone is welcome to attend the shows and watch all that is happening in the Edwards Co. 4-H program. Help spread the word and bring your family and friends out to the fair this year!

Are you raising Sheep or Goats??

If you raise your own sheep and goats you will need to get tags for scrapi for your animals. Do not wait till the last minute to order these. Local vets do not supply tags, they need to be ordered by you for you at your farm. If you have questions about this procedure, contact the office. Thank You!

Very Important!

Around the first of May you will receive an envelope in the mail about how to register your 4-H projects online for the upcoming fair events. Be sure you get this done by June 1st to be eligible to show! This is an absolute deadline, no excuses. Also, make sure you have completed the QAEC, and attended 2/3rds of your club meetings. (If you are a college student you are required to attend 3 meetings). If these requirements are not met we will not be able to let you show and participate at the fair. We don't want anyone to miss out, so get your registrations in ASAP!

Coggins Testing/Health Papers

It is standard procedure you must have coggins testing done on your horse prior to the Equine Show on July 19, 2019. Bring your papers with you that day, we will be checking them when you register.

Health Papers for animals-talk with your leader. Many clubs do the testing as a group to cut down on costs. Some prefer to do it on an individual basis. It does not matter how you do it, just make sure you have it done if it is required for your animals. Health Papers will be checked after weigh in.

Health Papers are required for Sheep, Goats, Swine, and all female cattle over 6 months. Coggins are required for horses prior to the horse show and will be checked. No health papers are required for 4-H 1-day poultry shows where the entries are taken to the show and returned home the same day. Rabbits do not require health papers for our fair.