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Edwards County 4-H Clover Chatter

March 2019

March

1 4-H Project Deadline

- 1 Unit #25 Ambassador applications due
- 1 Club Farm Credit Community Improvement Grants due online
- 1 Farm Bureau Women's Committee 4-H Grant Apps. due
- 12 Cardinals Mtg. Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Yankee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. at Moravian Church
- 20 Little Wabash Ramblers Mtg. 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Church
- 20 Blue Ribbon Mtg. at Farm Bureau 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Shooting Sports Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Sportsmen's Club
- 27 Ellery Panthers Mtg. 6:00 p.m. at Little Prairie Church

April

- 4 Ag Olympics 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds-bring non-perishable food items or personal hygiene items.
- 11 Federation Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Extension Office

Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We couldn't make it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Take time and thank them for all they do for our 4-H program.



I PLEDGE ... MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING

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. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Paid camp counselor positions open, male applicants encouraged to apply

Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. You will live onsite at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30 - July 4, July 7 - 12, and July 28 - Aug. 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp>.

Legislative Connection Dates

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2019: March 26 & 27 and May 8 & 9. All youth who have completed Speaking for Illinois 4-H training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.



Get your poultry tested

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day. The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4-H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.

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.





Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

We'd like you to register your effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to April 27. Here is the link to the website, go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. The link to register your event is now **OPEN**. Resources to use to help in your planning are also available on the website.

The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference. Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a "national" 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.

Register your event beforehand at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice through the National 4-H Council website.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.

Promote your event on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!

Complete your event then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to **REPORT** the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and **submit a report on what you did**.

Please use both the National and State registration links for registration and reporting to create greater visibility for the Illinois 4-H service events! **FUN FACT** – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than **ANY OTHER STATE in 2018!** Let's see if we can go even bigger in 2019! *If you have questions, please contact Pat McGlaughlin, patm@illinois.edu.*



You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

Illini Summer Academies

Spend 7 days and 6 nights on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for the 4-H Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 years old before the end of 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy section you choose! A limited number of scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in an up-close exploration of one of these exciting fields of study*:

Aerospace Engineering: \$440

Ag Communications: Telling Stories of Ag & Environment: \$280

Ag Mechanization: Horses to Drones: \$440

Animal Nutrition & Welfare: From the Wild to the Mild: \$440

Animal Sciences: \$350

Work Hard & Play Hard: Health, Sports, and Wellness Careers: \$250

Crop Science: Sustainable Food Systems: \$240

Electrical & Computer Engineering: \$465

Food Science & Human Nutrition: From Farm to Table: \$290

Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling & Fabrication: \$315

Human Development & Family Studies: \$275

Molecular & Cellular Biology: \$365

MyPI Disaster Preparedness: \$400

Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: Sustainable Summer: \$240

Light & Sound Technologies for Stage & Theater: TBD

Veterinary Medicine: \$355

Outside of class time, you will be exploring campus, hanging with friends, and having adventures you will only find at the UIUC campus.

*prices and availability subject to change.



Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12.

WASHINGTON COUNTY: Attend training on Saturday, March 9 at Okawville Community Center, 905 N. Henrietta Street, Okawville. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h.

LOGAN COUNTY: Attend training on Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h after March 28.

Plant your own pollinator garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees and other pollinators with the help of the GROW-MARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species. Here's how:

Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.

Complete the online application by April 1 @ www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator

If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, kjones@growmark.com or 309-557-6184.

You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700-square foot area. GROWMARK will provide educational signage you are asked to post.

Register your team for 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.

This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. Team registration will close March 31. There is a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. To register follow this link:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-robotics-competition

To view the challenge introduction video, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/xtLxA-kL49c>

For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/. For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu.



Exhibit days for non-livestock 4-H projects will be Friday, Aug. 9– Monday, Aug. 12 in the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Our day at the state fair will be Saturday, August 10, 2019.

Saturday, August 10

Bond, Clinton, Edwards, Gallatin, Grundy, Hamilton, Henderson, Jefferson, Kankakee, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, McDonough, McHenry, Monroe, Pope-Hardin, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Wabash, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White, Will and Winnebago counties.



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.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

We have a few 4-H members that need to complete online QAEC in order to show at the 2019 Edwards Co. Fair. Leaders know the members, in their clubs, that need certification. If you are enrolled in beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbits, dogs & cats for the first time this needs completed by June 1.

You can find the online training at:

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



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

Search "Edwards County 4-H" and of course Like the page!

Edwards Co. Fair Dates are set!

Fair Shows/dates and times have been set for 2019. Now is the time to mark these dates down so you are prepared and ready come show day. Remember all shows are open to the public so invite your family and friends to the 4-H Fair! (See enclosure)

4-H Day with the Cardinals

The date has been set for 4-H day with the Cardinals. It will be May 11, 2019. Call the office for ticket ordering information!



Enrollments are In

The enrollments have all been put in, books are in, and the mailing list has been updated. Everyone should be receiving their newsletter. If you hear of someone who is not receiving it -please call the office. We want everyone to be able to keep up on all upcoming events in 4-H!

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. You can find this form on our website or contact the office.

Farm Bureau AG Olympics

The Edwards Co. Young Farmers will be sponsoring the Ag Olympics on April 4, 2019. Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items or personal hygiene items, as your entry fee for the competition. Items will be donated to WADI. This event will be held on the Exhibition Building side of the fairgrounds and will begin at 6 p.m. It should last around 90 minutes. This year 4-Hers will be divided by age. Each age group will have their own games. The winners of each game will receive \$5 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$2. The club with the most winners will receive \$50. Come have FUN! **Leaders:** no need to pre-register your kids this year.

Important State Fair Show Dates

Each year we have a date that is set for Edwards Co. to show projects at the Illinois State Fair. In 2019 it will be Saturday, August 10th. State Jr. Horse Show dates will July 22-28, 2019. The State Dog Show date will be August 24, 2019. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Leases on Animals

If you plan to lease an animal be sure to have a written agreement with both parties involved. Also, drop a copy by the Extension office. Anyone needing a basic lease form may stop at the office to receive one. State Fair will only accept lease papers on Horses and Dogs.

2019 Edwards County 4-H Fair Schedule

Monday, June 17...**Clothing Show** (Farm Bureau meeting room) registration 5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Food Show (Farm Bureau meeting room) registration 5:00 p.m./judging at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9...**General Show** registration and viewing 5:30 p.m./judging starts 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 11...**Fair Clean Up** 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. (turn in records by 7 p.m.)

(4-H Leaders need to turn in Livestock Judging Teams at Fair Clean Up.)

All livestock projects including small animal projects must be registered at Fairgrounds Clean Up.

Tuesday, July 16...**Dog Show** 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 19...**Equine Show** 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 20...**Fair Parade** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 21...**Rabbit Show** 2:00 p.m. **Small Animal Show** 2:00 p.m.

Flag Raising 7:15 p.m.

Monday, July 22 ...**Weigh-in** 6:00 a.m. (Edwards County Farm Bureau will furnish snacks.)

Livestock Registration 7:00—8:00 a.m.

Livestock Judging Mini Session 8:45 a.m.

Livestock Judging Contest 9:00 a.m.

Poultry Show 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23... **Swine Show** 8:00 a.m.

Goat Show 1:00 p.m.

Sheep Show 4:00 p.m.

Bucket Calf Interviews 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24...**Bucket Calf Show** 8:00 a.m.

Beef Show 8:30 a.m.

Tractor Rodeo 1:00 p.m.

Master Showmanship 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25...**Auction** 9 a.m. **Buyers' meal** 12:00 p.m.