



Richland County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now

February 3rd - Federation Meeting @1:00 PM - Extension Office
February 6th - Livestock Judging Practice @ 6:00 PM - Extension Office
February 9th - Shooting Sports @ 1:00 PM
February 14th - County Board Meal - Hilltoppers
February 19th - Leader Meeting @ 5:30 PM - Extension Office
March 3rd - Federation Meeting @ 1:00 PM - Extension Office
March 4th - March 10th - 4-H Week - Details in Newsletter!
March 14th - County Board Meal - No One Signed Up

Richland Livestock Judging Team will start back up on February 6th @ 6:00PM.

4-H Member:

We want to make your 4-H show experience the absolute best! Please take 5 minutes and complete the survey, the link can be found below or you will be receiving an email at the address used for your 4-H Online account.

Thank you,

Unit #25 4-H Youth Development Team

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It's 'udderly' amazing

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.) The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Check in before 11:30 a.m. The first test begins at 11:30 a.m. Contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at the hotel OR you can go (with adult supervision) across

the parking lot to Steak 'n Shake between noon and 1 p.m.

Register with your local Extension office before Feb. 15. Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus *Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books*, *IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website*, *Holstein Foundation website*, and *Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online*.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team. For information, contact Dave Fischer @ dfischer@illinois.edu or call 618-830-4957.

Public Presentation CHANGES!

This year the State Public Presentation event will be held at Richland College in Decatur, IL on June 8th. So we will be moving our Public Presentation Contest to **April 23rd at 5:30 P.M.** So the nice thing is that if you get selected to go to State Fair is Public Presentations and you get selected to go in another project area at either the home ec show or general projects you will still be allowed to go in the other project area!



Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Think of that person that never stops helping. They are the one that always raises their hand to volunteer first! Serve Illinois is now accepting applications for the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. There are separate divisions for youth, adult, senior, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps volunteers. Winners will receive their awards in April in Springfield. Nominations are due February 15. Don't miss your chance to thank a person who makes a difference every day! Complete online application and paper application submission information are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/serve/Pages/Volunteer-Awards.aspx>



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So good, we added another week to 4-H Memorial Camp

Great news! 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello will be offering five summer camp sessions in 2019. Choose from one of these summer sessions:

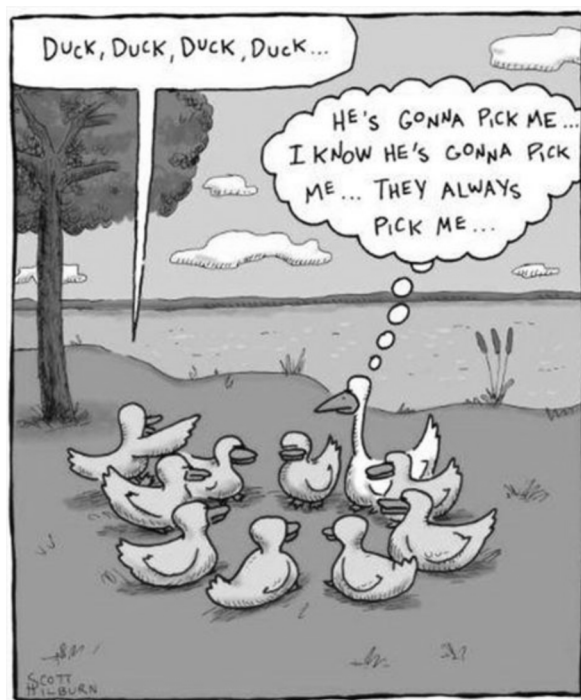


Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, June 8
Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13
Sunday, June 16 – Thursday, June 20
Sunday, June 30 – Thursday, July 4
Sunday, July 28 – Thursday, August 1

Cost will be \$230 for enrolled 4-H members. This new cost includes a \$15 credit at the Trading Post and a camper t-shirt so don't bring extra cash to camp! Cost to youth not enrolled in 4-H is \$270.

Registration will open February 4 @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp! Don't be late. Most spots will be taken by the end of Feb-

If you are housing your livestock off of your own premises, please remember to fill out the Off-Premise form and turn it into the Extension office. This needs to be done if your animal is not at your house, even if it is a relative's home (grandparent, uncle, etc.). If it is reported to the Extension office that your animal is not housed on your property and you do not have an Off-Premise form filed at the Extension office you will NOT be allowed to show your animal. If you need an Off-Premise form contact the Extension office at 395-2191.



Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**

Learn about the swine industry

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 16 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth may stay and complete the YQCA training at 4 p.m. at no cost. We'll learn more later about this NEW, REQUIRED YQCA training which will replace Illinois' Quality Assurance and Ethics certification, but this is a great way to have fun and get your training out of the way. For more information and to register, go to ilpork.com.

Check out these scholarships!

FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors planning careers in agriculture may apply for a \$2,000 scholarship. Farm Credit Illinois will provide 30 scholarships to youth who live or farm in one of the 60 counties in their service area. The first \$1,000 will be distributed for the Fall 2019 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2021 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before March 1. Are going to University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences? The college is MATCHING this scholarship, dollar for dollar! Double your money while getting a great ag education!

ILLINOIS 4-H LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,000 **Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship** is open to members who have demonstrated mastery in the livestock area and plan to continue their education in the area of agriculture. Members must have been involved in the livestock project a minimum of three years. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$1,000 **Legacy of Leadership Scholarship** are offered to members who have demonstrated overall mastery and leadership in the 4-H program. You must have been a member for at least 5 years and attending either a 4-year university, community college, or trade school. The scholarship is open to high school seniors and college freshmen. Applications are due March 1. Download the application @ go.illinois.edu/4Hscholarships. Finalists must submit a video of your 4-H accomplishments.

IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAA Foundation provides college scholarships to Illinois Farm Families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, spouses, or their children who major in agriculture, agribusiness, or an ag-related course of study. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 72 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Applicants may apply for more than one but can only receive one scholarship. In addition to the above guidelines, many scholarships have specific requirements which you will need to review. Apply online before February 1, 2019 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.



Explor→ACES

Time for you to Explore ACES

Take a day and find out just what University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences offers students. March 8 is saved for prospective students and their families; March 9 is for confirmed ACES students. Learn more online @ exploreaces.org.

Just so you know

2019 Illinois State 4-H Public Speaking Contest is June 8

2019 Illinois 4-H State Robotics Competition is May 11

2019 Illini 4-H Summer Academies is June 23-29

2019 Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show is July 22-28.

2019 Illinois 4-H State Dog Show is Aug. 24

More details to follow as they are available!



WHAT'S NEW IN 2019

Each month, we'll feature something new about one of our 4-H project areas! Let's start with Foods!

We've added an **Innovation Class** to all of our 4-H foods nutrition projects. What does this mean? It means that whatever food project you are enrolled in, you can do something **NEW** and **DIFFERENT** and exhibit it at our 2019 4-H show! Don't worry, you can still exhibit in your regular food class if you want!

Here is the general guideline for the **Foods Innovation Class**:

Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the project. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original recipes, results of experiments not in the foods project books, variations on recipes or experimenting with unique cooking or baking methods. Your work can be displayed by a food product, demonstrations, digital presentations, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period. If you bring a food product, the food will NOT be tasted.



Ride on over to the State 4-H Horse contests

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTESTS: The state 4-H Horse Speaking Contest is **Saturday, April 13** at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus, beginning about 10 a.m. All 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed. You must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry.

REGIONAL 4-H HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY CONTESTS: Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Kinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team.

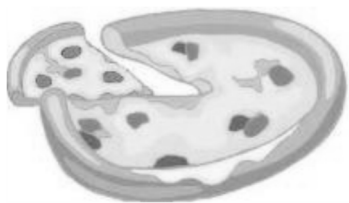
Safety Night's

Ag Beyond the Classroom

February 26th - 6:00 p.m.: Joe Travis at Travco Motorsports

March 5th - 6:00 p.m.: Gerry Kinney Presentation at Wabash Valley Service Company - Olney plant

March 12th - 6:00 p.m.: Rachel Seals at Gill Veterinary Clinic



The Young Leaders will be awarding a pizza party to the 4-H group that has the most attendance throughout the 3 nights!

Step up on National 4-H Day of Service

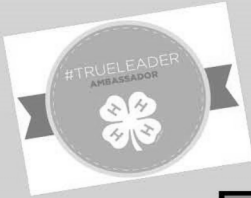
4-H members do service better than everyone else! Join us for National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 27. The goal of National 4-H Day of Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals or as an entire county 4-H program. No matter what the project, this will be a day to make a difference.

Can't make it April 27? That's okay; plan something for any day in April.

Here's how to participate:



1. Go to <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> and register your event.
 2. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and find helpful resources.
 3. Do your event and promote on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders.
 4. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and submit a report on what you did.
- We'd love to see your photos, too.



Unit #25 Ambassadors

The purpose of the Unit 25 Ambassadors is to provide a voice for youth through promoting the 4-H program. The group will consist of members from each of the 5 counties in the Unit area.

This group will be vital in promoting the benefits of 4-H membership to other youth, volunteers, donors and elected officials. This will be done in several different ways including networking/education or demonstrating/teaching.

*The Ambassador program is not the same as Federation, however youth can be in both Federation and an Ambassador.

WHO:

- ◇ 25 Youth from the Unit
- ◇ Must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 2 years or longer
- ◇ Must be 6th grade or older

DUTIES:

- ◇ Attend Unit #25 Ambassador Training
- ◇ Attend one Unit wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Attend one county wide Ambassador opportunity
- ◇ Highly encouraged to attend Speaking for Illinois 4-H (SFI4-H)

Opportunities:

- ◇ To network with local businesses, donors and elected officials
- ◇ To connect to the University of Illinois Extension, 4-H and the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- ◇ To gain skills in brainstorming, creativity and evaluation
- ◇ Day trip to University of Illinois and possibly other 2 yr/4yr Illinois colleges

To apply: Interested applicants can pick up an application at your local Extension office.

Applications must be turned in by March 1, 2019.

Applicants will be called for an interview during the month of April.

The 2019 Unit #25 Ambassador Team will be announced at the 2019 local 4-H fair.



Red Hill FFA Cattle Classic Steer and Heifer Show

Saturday, March 9th, 2019

Must be on grounds by 9:00 a.m.

Show starts at 12:30 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$35 per head

Location: Lawrence County Fairgrounds

11107 4H Road

Sumner, IL 62466

Cash prize and banner for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
spots.

Cash prize according on showups.

RULES

IBA points as follows:

Exhibitor must be 8 yrs old and no older than 21 the day of show.

Five heads are required to make a breed class.

Steers and Crossbreed heifers will be weighed.

Health papers are required. Registration papers are required on all purebreds.

Cattle may arrive starting Friday, March 8th from 4-7 pm.

No outside bedding allowed. Bedding will be provided.

No artificial hair or pumping.

No alcohol on fairgrounds.

The Red Hill FFA and Lawrence County Fair are not responsible for accidents.

For more information contact:

Hayden Kinkade: (618) 843-2413

Erin Michels: (618) 843-1224





4-H Week

March 4th - 10th



Mon

Athletic Night is for all 4-H'ers and guests age 8 and older at the Richland County Elementary School. Registration at 5:30, 4-H'ers and guest will be able to play different kinds of games and activities from 6:00—8:00. Must bring a canned good per person to enter. Please call the office register at 395-2191



Tues

An Electrical Safety presentation will be put on by Gerry Kinney at Wabash Valley Service Company - Olney Plant at 6:00 PM. This event is being sponsored by the Hilltoppers and Richland County Young Leaders. We are asking 4-H members to bring a can good per person to enter!



Wed

4-H Green Day & Family Night, wear you club shirts or other green clothing to school or work. Be ready to tell everyone who asks what 4-H is! Then go home and discuss with your family how proud you are to be a Richland County 4-H'er.



Thurs

Movie & Game Night at the Extension Office, Registration at 5:30 pm, Movie & Games from 6:00-8:00 pm for all 4-H'ers including Cloverbuds. Guests are welcome. A PG rated movie will be voted on that night. Popcorn bar and drinks will be provided. Bring \$3 if you would like to order pizza. Must bring canned good.



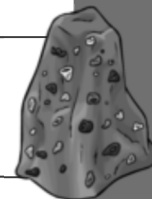
Fri

Dodge Ball Tournament at the Richland County Elementary School for 4-H'ers and guests age 8 and older. 7th grade & younger will play in separate games from the 8th grade & older. Games are from 6:00-9:00 pm with registration being at 5:30 pm. Drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own as long as it has a lid. Must bring canned good to participate.



Sat

Open Gym Night at the Star Studio Gym for 4-H'ers and guests including Cloverbuds. The FUN will begin from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Parent's will have to sign a waiver for ALL kids that participate and bring \$2.00 to enter.



Annual 4-H Road Rally (Scavenger Hunt). Clubs are encouraged to enter a car or cars by calling or texting Sam Sterchi at 618-843-3477 or Laura Sterchi at 618-843-1230. Each car's driver must be 21 years of age or older, with a maximum of 3 other occupants. This is a fun event that is NOT a speed contest but rather a test of observation skills with some math and pure luck thrown in. Gather together some adult volunteers and join the fun! Meet at the Extension office at 1:00 pm. Any person driving in the road rally must show a valid driver's license & proof of current insurance.



Registration is required for each event by calling the Extension Office at 618-395-2191 by March 1st.

4-H Week

March 4th-10th



A - All
L - Leaders
P - Practice
A - Ambition
C - Compation
A - Acceptance

**For Richland County
4-H**

Window Display

The theme is "Alpaca's for Richland County 4-H" Clubs should have their displays in place no later than Monday, March 4th by 4:00pm. Judging will take place Tuesday, March 5th. Prizes are 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$25, 3rd-\$15 and \$10 for all other participants, all prizes will be awarded to the clubs. **Entries will be taken until March 1st by calling the Extension office at 395-2191.** Let's all show our Clover pride to the community!



Canned Food Drive

The Federation will be holding a canned food drive throughout 4-H Week! On Athletic Night, Electrical Safety Presentation, Movie Night & Dodgeball Night all 4-H'ers will have to bring a canned good to participate in the daily activity! At the end of the week all collections will be donated locally! Let's have fun and give back to the community!!



Raffle Basket

Each time a 4-H'er attends an event their name will be placed on a ticket & entered into a raffle drawing. If you bring a guest you get an extra ticket! At the end of the week we will draw out a name for the winner! The raffle basket is filled with all kinds of 4-H goodies and prizes!! Don't miss out on your chance!!



No 4-H member or guest will be able to participate in these activities without a Risk Form!