



Franklin County Clover News

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Fair Dates —July 9-16

Please check your new 2019/2020 Handbook for specific dates and times. There are changes from last year. There will also be changes to Shooting Sport Exhibition and Horse Show. I will let you know as soon as details are worked out.

Rate of Gain

Steers—will be weighed Saturday, February 29, 8:00-9:00am. If you plan on participating you must RSVP to 439-3178.

Barrows, wethers (goat & sheep)—will be weighed Saturday, April 18, 8-9:00am. If you plan on participating you must RSVP to 439-3178.

Weighing and tagging will be done at the Fairgrounds by Rend Lake College.

Vet. Check Day

The date has been set for June 29 please put this on your calendar. We are working on ways to speed the day up.

YQCA

You do have the opportunity to print your certificates if you would like them for your records. You will need to sign in, return to course menu, click on print certificate, download and print. This will only be necessary if you are showing at any other shows, otherwise I have the list for the county show.

Livestock Deadlines

All livestock must be owned and on the stated address, being cared for by the 4-H member by the dates listed below for each species. Forms must be turned in to the Extension Office by the required date.

April 15, 2020—Swine, Sheep & Goats

June 1, 2020—Rabbits & Poultry & Horses

For animals born after those dates, they are automatically included. Random farm visits will be conducted without notice.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS (QA&E):

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for all youth that enroll in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Members must take the training whether they own a live animal or not. It is advised that they complete this one time as soon as they are enrolled in the project area. Counties will monitor completion of this. Failure to complete QA&E will result in the member's animal science project enrollment being cancelled and they will be ineligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

The QAEC is done only 1 time. This quiz will be in effect for your entire 4-H career.

NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. The program cannot capture the information for county staff to see when it is completed using iPads or iPhones.

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

June 15 | 9 AM – 4 PM Stock Pavilion | University of Illinois, Urbana

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 15 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 each senior competitor is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

August 17 | 4-6 PM Jr. Livestock Barns | Illinois State Fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held from 4 to 6 PM Aug. 17 in the junior livestock barns on 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, 2020) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 3:30. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details



Tell Your 4-H Story

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 P

Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling OR Shawnee Community College in Ullin

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. 4-H members 14 years of age or older can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. There will be two trainings on **Saturday, March 21**. The Northern training will be held at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling. **The Southern training will be held at Shawnee Community College in Ullin.**

The training, provided by the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, gives you the chance to explore your own 4-H history and why you are involved and put that story into words. Learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Learn why 4-H believes in Positive Youth Development and how we emphasize the essential elements of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. All of this – and more – is a part of *Speaking for Illinois 4-H*! Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol this spring.

Register @: go.illinois.edu/sfi4H before **March 13**.

Franklin County needs more members to train

We're going to the Capitol

March 4-5 & May 6-7 | Springfield

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 2020: March 4&5 and May 6&7. 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 invi-

Passport Party

This event will be held at the Du Quoin Middle School on Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 pm. Each club or individual is invited to set up a table and/or a display about either the country Uruguay or the state Florida. If you are planning to set up a display please call 439-3178 to let me know, if you are planning to attend either as a participant or just to learn call 357-2126.

Cheer on 4-H and the Cardinals

May 9 | 1:15 PM St. Louis, Missouri

Illinois and Missouri 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 9 for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will play the New York Mets in an afternoon game. Tickets for the game are \$28 each and include a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

Families who purchase tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus, the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult mystery player alternate blue jersey. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive either a Mikolas, DeJong, or Flaherty jersey.

Tickets for the event must be ordered through the Missouri 4-H Online system and paid for with a debit/credit card.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2020 before March 23 or earlier because they sell out quickly!

Click the "Tickets" down arrow.

Select "Non 4-H Member Instructions" (meaning we are not MISSOURI 4-H MEMBERS)

Don't use your Illinois 4-H online profile.

You can also register for fun prizes and opportunities, such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. For information about ticket or t-shirt orders, contact Rhonda Shafer, at shafferr@missouri.edu or 636 528-4613. For information about the parade, game day activities: contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu or 636-583-5141.



Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** 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.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! 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.

Shooting Sports volunteers needed

March 28 | 9 AM – 7 PM

Tombstone Gun Range | Marion, IL

The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks. The local office will complete your registration.

Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.

Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM. Check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee. Training dates for 2020 are:

Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.

Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.

Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by

Illini Summer Academies

June 21 – 26 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imagine getting to work alongside university professors while you're still in HIGH SCHOOL! Imagine getting to hang out on a college campus. Imagine spending five days with kids your age from all across Illinois. That's what happens at Illini Summer Academies, so stop imagining it and just do it!

This conference runs June 21-26 on the University of Illinois campus. Explore one of 13 different programs during the week. Illini Summer Academies is supported through the Illinois 4-H Foundation and intended to serve youth living in Illinois.

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.

Apply for a scholarship @ go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship before April 1. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of the conference. Any academy cost is responsibility of the attendee.

Space for each academy is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many academies reach capacity before the registration closes, so don't wait. Academies and costs include:

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION. Department: Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost TBD.

ANIMAL SCIENCES. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$370.

BEEKEEPING. Department: Entomology. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: TBD

CHEMISTRY AROUND US. Department: Chemistry. College: Liberal Arts and Sciences. Cost: \$280.

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING. Department: Electrical & Computer Engineering. College: Engineering. Cost: \$485.

GAME DESIGN: STORYTELLING AND FABRICATION. Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost: \$335.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES. Department: Human Development and Family Studies. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$295.

JOURNEY FROM FARM TO TABLE. Department: Food Science and Human Nutrition. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost \$360.

MEAT JUDGING & EVALUATION. Department: Animal Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.

SUSTAINABLE SUMMER. Department: Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. College: Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Cost: \$310.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY. School: Molecular & Cellular Biology. College: Liberal Arts & Sciences. Cost: \$385. No repeat students from last year.

VETERINARY MEDICINE. Graduate College: Veterinary Medicine. Cost: \$375. Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students from last year.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD. College: Applied Health Sciences. Cost: \$280.

Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

It may be cooling off now, but summer will return, and we need you to help mentor the campers at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Applications will be available in January on the state 4-H website. We're looking for certified lifeguards and young adults interested in fishing, shelter building, tree and wildlife identification, and other outdoor adventures. We also need counselors interested in STEM programming. For information, contact Andy Davis @ ardavis1@illinois.edu or call 217-762-2741.

Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

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 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. 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.

STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

April 18 | 8 AM David Kinley Hall | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held March 28 at Southern Illinois University

Take your love of horses to a new level and compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. There are several phases in this horse-related contest: written test, horse judging, station identification, and problem solving. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhippology.

STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL CONTEST

April 19 | 8 AM Education Building | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

You must pre-qualify at the regional contest to be held March 28 at Southern Illinois University

There are several ways to learn about horses, and you don't even need a horse! This contest operates very similar to scholastic bowls at school, with all the questions related to the horse industry! Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsebowl.

STATE 4-H HORSE SPEAKING CONTEST

April 18 | David Kinley Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 10 AM

Any 4-H members may participate. No pre-qualifying is needed, but you must register at the Extension office by mid-March. Cost is \$3 per entry. You'll share ideas with others as you develop the ability to speak in public about the horse industry and the 4-H Horse project. Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsespeaking. There are 5 divisions

Original individual formal speech

Original individual presentation: either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both use visual aids.

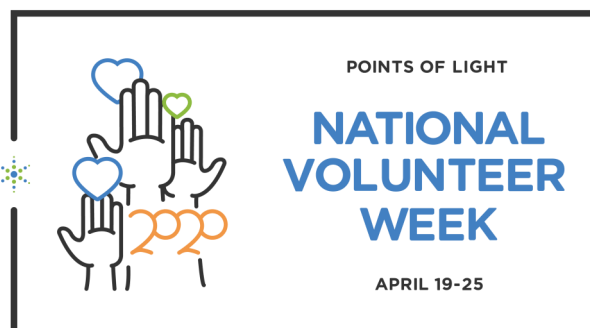
Original team presentation: either demonstration (step by step process) or illustrated talk on an idea or topic; both using visual aids.

Extempore speaking: topic is selected at the event and participants have 25 minutes to prepare a 4- to 6-minute speech.

NEW IN 2020: **Interpretive Reading** is the art of reading aloud from a printed page. The reading must be published works that are horse-related. They may be prose, poetry, short stories, play cuttings, narratives, book or review, or theatrical. You should NOT memorize; they are intended to be read from a page.

How strong is your 4-H family spirit?

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2020 4-H Family Spirit Award. The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) that have either been 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family. Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members, and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs. On-line applications are available at: 4h-foundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award. **Nominations are due May 1.**



Coming Events

March 1	DEADLINE: Farm Credit Scholarship
March 1 – April 30	JOANN Clovers for Kids Campaign
March 6	Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Decatur
March 13	DEADLINE: Speaking for Illinois 4-H training registration
March 18	DEADLINE: Registration for Southern Illinois Shooting Sports Instructor Training
March 21	Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training, Ullin
March 28	Southern Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest
March 28	Shooting Sports Instructor Field Day, Marion, IL
April 4	Run For The Clover 5K/walk
April 7	Passport Party
April 18	State 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign
April 18	State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, Champaign
April 19	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign
April 19-25	National Volunteer Week
April 25	National 4-H Day of Service
April 25	Shooting Sports Training, Williamson County
April 29 – May 10	Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
May 1	DEADLINE: Family Spirit Award Nominations
May 2-3	4-H Fish Camp, 4-H Memorial Camp
May 9	State 4-H Robotics Competition, Bloomington
May 9	4-H Day at the Cardinals
June 2 – 6	Week 1: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 7 – 11	Week 2: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 15	State Livestock Judging Contest
June 15-18	Week 3: Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp
June 21 – June 26	Illini Summer Academies

Shooting Sports dates will be mailed to all that are enrolled.

Please keep checking Franklin County Illinois 4-H on Facebook for new workshops and events.

Be watching for Basket making workshop in March

