

Fulton County 4-H

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4-H clubs highlights: Community Service Activities

Several clubs reported service activities during the months of November and December. Fantastic job to all club leaders and members who took time to do something nice for someone else during the holiday season! The Fairview Huskies made fleece blankets for the kids who live at Renaissance Care Center in Canton. The Pleasant Spacemakers collected and donated food to the community of Vermont to be used in Thanksgiving food baskets; the Canton Luckettes brought canned food items to their club meeting to be donated to one of the Canton food pantries. The Avondale 4-H club held their 13th annual "Giving Thanks Meal" meeting where members were assigned certain food ingredients to bring to the November meeting and the leaders showed them how to make a complete meal with homemade chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and pie – all from scratch! The meals were packaged and delivered to forty-five residents in the community. Smithfield Up and Coming 4-H club collected and donated Bingo and craft items to the Clayberg Nursing Center in Cuba. This club also purchased gifts for four Angel Tree kids and participated in Cuba's Christmas parade the first Saturday in December. The Busy Bees 4-H Club rang the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle drive at the Lewistown County Market. What a way to end 2023! This list of activities is not all inclusive as we know more clubs and their members performed community service activities during the Fall that we do not know about. Please let us know and send us pictures of when your club does a service activity; we are PROUD of each of you!

General

Public Speaking Contest & Performing Arts Show

The Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, starting promptly at 10 a.m. at the Checkrow Community Church, located at 3564 E Checkrow Rd., Avon, IL. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. The project enrollment deadline in ZSuite for Public Speaking is March 1. The Performing Arts Show will be held immediately after the Public Speaking Contest. Those members enrolled in Theater Arts 1, 2, and 3 are invited to perform at this show.

Members enrolled in Theater Arts project may exhibit at the Performing Arts Show by presenting a vocal or instrumental number, dance, dramatic skit, or other type of entertainment. Each performance should be no more than seven minutes long. A piano will be provided. If other equipment is needed, the member must provide it. If the performance requires an accompanist, the member must provide the person, who can be any age. No State Fair Delegates will be selected from those who choose this exhibit option. State Fair Delegates and Alternates will be selected from Theater Arts exhibits at the 4-H General Show on June 22, 2024. Please invite your family and friends to attend both contests!

Art Supply Donations

New this 4-H year, Fulton County HEA members are donating art supplies to our office for 4-H members to use as they create their Visual Arts projects. These supplies may be checked out and used by 4-H members. If you would like to stop by the University of Illinois Extension office in Lewistown to see what is available for use, please call or email one of us. More supplies will be added throughout the year. Thank you Fulton County HEA members!

Your questions and calls are very important to us.

We can be reached via:

Office phone 309-547-3711

Krista Gray: kristakg@illinois.edu or 217-300-6714

Rachel Van Cleve: rfv@illinois.edu or 217-265-9819

during regular business hours. If you reach out to either of us using other communication tools, we will respond during our normal work hours.

4-H Show Book Artwork

Again this 4-H year, we will be accepting artwork submissions for the cover of the 2024 Fulton County 4-H Show Book. The Show Book will be published this spring; now is a great time to start those creative juices flowing! Use your imagination! You may sketch, paint, make a photo collage, create something on the computer; the ideas are endless! You are welcome to incorporate original photographs into your design. Copyrighted work is not allowed. The space you will need to fill is 8" x 8". We will add the logo and required wording on the bottom part of the cover. In addition to bragging rights, your name and picture will be included on the inside cover. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries. Entries are due Friday, March 1. Please email completed cover designs to kristakg@illinois.edu and rfv@illinois.edu.

Report Your Service Efforts!

We hope you will join 4-H as we pledge our hands to larger service! We ask that all 4-H members, families, and clubs register all service outreach efforts they have conducted or plan to conduct that demonstrate their support of their communities.

This registration form provides a spot to identify if planned service experiences were or will be conducted as a 4-H club, a 4-H family, or an individual 4-H member service project.

4h.extension.illinois.edu/participate/community-service-report



Requesting 4-H Project Manuals

If you need any 4-H project manuals, please complete a request at go.illinois.edu/FMPTPubs. Once your request has been filled, you will receive an email to pick up the order at the Extension office. If you prefer to have your club leader give them to you at your 4-H meeting, please let us know. This request system will automatically email you any free, downloadable project resources when you select those items through the site.

Project manuals have not recently updated, so if this is your second year or more in the same project, you may use the manual you received previously. The only manual that has updated is Passport to the World.

If you have placed an order through this link and have not heard from us, please contact us!

Clover Clinic Registration is Open!

Clover Clinic is back, and it is in Fulton County this year! All youth ages 8 -18 are invited and encouraged to attend this fun day on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Spoon River College. Follow the link listed below to see what classes are available and sign up for those that spark your interest! Please register early as spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Classes fill up fast, so please register early. The final day for registration is February 9, 2024. All youth must enroll separately, even if from the same family. Invite your friends to this fun filled day. The registration link contains details about each class as well as cost to participate. Please call our office if you have any questions. Hope to see you at Clover Clinic!
go.illinois.edu/4-HCloverClinic



Skating Party Rescheduled

Fulton County 4-H Federation will host a county-wide 4-H roller skating party on **Saturday, March 16 from 3 – 5:30 p.m.** at Skateland Canton, located at 1040 W Hickory St, Canton. All Fulton County 4-H members and their families are invited to attend and have a fun-filled afternoon skating and socializing with fellow 4-Hers. Admission and skate rental will be paid by Fulton County 4-H Federation. Members and their guests are asked to bring their own money to purchase snacks and/or drinks from the concession stand.

Please remember to bring healthy non-perishable items for the local food pantry.

College Scholarship Deadline

The college scholarship deadline is rapidly approaching! Scholarships in various amounts will be awarded to county 4-H members at his or her graduation or awards program. For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current 4-H member; must also be an achievement member of the previous 4-H year; and must actively participate in 4-H events. The application will include a place for the 4-H member to list accomplishments and career goals. Family financial information is not required. SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE is April 1, 2024.

The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals. To receive a 4-H Scholarship Application, contact the Illinois Extension Office at 547-3711, or email Krista at kristakg@illinois.edu.



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Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports Spring 2024 Session

Fulton County 4-H Shooting Sports is a Special Interest (SPIN) 4-H Club, shorter in duration, and focusing on one subject.



Disciplines:	Age	Cost	Location	Instructors	Dates	Times
Air Rifle Limit of 8 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	613 West Avenue H, Lewistown	Terry Cremer, Craig Hand, & Ellie Nolan	April 7, 14, 21, & 28; May 5 & 19 (six sessions)	1 p.m. Lasts about one hour
.22 Caliber Pistol Limit of 5 participants	12-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$10 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 7, 14, 21 & 28; May 5 & 19 (six sessions)	1 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Smallbore (.22) Rifle Limit of 5 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$30 supply fee	Lee Roy Knuppel farm, east of Canton	Lee Roy Knuppel	April 16, 23, & 30; May 5 & 19 (six sessions)	2 p.m. Lasts about one hour
Shotgun Limit of 20 participants	10-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* Supply fee – paid by Lascelles Memorial	Jacob's Field, between St. David and Canton	Lonnie Van Pelt and Lee Roy Knuppel	April 7, 14, 21, & 28; May 5 & 19 (six sessions)	4 p.m. Lasts a little over an hour
Archery Limit of 10 participants	8-18 as of 9/1/23	\$20 4-H program fee* plus \$15 supply fee	16128 N Peanut Ridge Road, Lewistown	Brad Robinson and Ellie Nolan	April 7, 14, 21, & 28; May 5 & 19 (six sessions)	3 p.m. Lasts about one hour

*4-H program fees are paid annually and cover involvement in all 4-H clubs. Shooting Sports supply fees are paid for each discipline and each spring/fall session. 4-H Program Fees paid to University of Illinois. Supply Fees paid to Fulton 4-H Shooting Sports club.

Mandatory Safety Meeting – April 3, 6:30 p.m. at U of I Extension office in Lewistown. Those who attended a Safety meeting in a previous session for the same discipline are not required to attend. If you are enrolling in a new discipline this session, you must attend the Safety meeting.

How to register – Enrollment packets will be available on our website, or you can contact the office.

Payment and all signed forms must be submitted to reserve a spot. Additionally, youth will need to be enrolled in ZSuite at 4h.zsuite.org. Fee waivers are available upon request.

Deadline to register – Space is limited and filled on first come, first served basis. Final deadline is April 2. You may sign up for multiple disciplines, as long as they are not at the same time.

All firearms are provided. The only participants who are allowed to bring their own are the advanced members who have permission from the instructors. Participants will be given eye and ear protection, which they will be responsible for bringing each time to use. If weather causes cancellations, additional dates will be set. Instructor Lonnie Van Pelt is willing to visit your 4-H club to share more about 4-H Shooting Sports.

Livestock

Beef Weigh -In

If you want your steer(s) to be eligible for the County Rate of Gain Contest, the Illinois State Fair Junior Show, or the Illinois State Fair Premiere Contest, you must bring your steer(s) to be weighed and tattooed on the following date:

Saturday, February 10, 2024 — At the Fairview Sale Barn, from 8-10 a.m. (arrival times).

This will be the only steer weigh-in this year in Fulton County.

Please arrive during the 2-hour time block listed. Letters were sent to all Fulton County 4-H members enrolled in the beef project with complete details. Contact the office to RSVP and reserve your spot.

In the event of extremely severe weather, those who registered will be notified directly and a notice will be posted on the Fulton County 4-H Facebook group.

Steers must be castrated prior to tattooing. If possible, exhibitors should be present during tattooing. Electronic ear tags will also be used.

If you are only weighing in the steer(s) for County Rate of Gain purposes, you don't have to get the tag, but without the tag, your animal will NOT be eligible to go to State Fair Junior Show — and you CANNOT get the tag later.

Each livestock member may nominate up to 10 steers for the State Fair Open and Junior Premiere Classes. Junior Premiere Steers are eligible for the Open Premiere Class, if they are properly entered at the time that State Fair Open entries are made.

To qualify, carcasses must grade at least low select, have a yield grade lower than 4.0, and weigh 950 pounds or less.

To qualify for State Fair, calves must have been born on or after Jan. 1, 2023. They must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by Feb. 1, 2024.



Barrow Weigh-In and Tattooing

To be eligible for the Fulton County Fair Rate-of-Gain class or the Illinois State Fair Premiere (carcass) class, your barrow(s) must be weighed and tattooed before they are 35 days old. All pigs must be tattooed by April 15, 2024. Tattooing of barrows is done at the Extension office, by appointment only, and must be done by the deadlines listed. Call 547-3711 to schedule an appointment.

For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after Jan. 1, 2024 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024. For State Fair Premiere Barrows and County Rate-of-Gain class, the farrowing date is on or after Feb. 10, 2024, and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2024.

Barrows must be castrated and ear-notched prior to tattooing.

Both purebred and crossbred barrows are eligible. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 25 barrows at the time of tattooing. Barrow cannot weigh more than the equivalent of 1.0 pounds per day of age when tattooed. Please read the rules and deadlines carefully and check the age and weight per day of age to determine when you may need to have your barrows weighed and tattooed.

Livestock

Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs

Rules for live show Wethers

Must be lambed on or after Jan. 1, 2024 and owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by May 15, 2024. Self-nomination as follows: Nominations must be signed by local Extension office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2024.

Jr. & Open Premiere Wether & Ewe lambs Rules

Junior and open premiere lambs will be nominated, tattooed, and weighed at the county level. Premiere lambs must be weighed and tattooed and witnessed by Fulton Extension staff, who will sign the form and send it to the Illinois 4-H office. Ownership and nomination deadline is March 15 to May 15, 2024. Must be lambed on or after January 1, 2024.

Meat Goat Wethers – Live show Wethers

Wethers born on or after October 1, 2023. Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk is May 15, 2024. Self-nominations must be signed by the Extension office. Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with a photo goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read). This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2024. Extension office will mail completed forms and photos to Illinois 4-H office.

Exhibitors and their families should read complete rules and regulations included in the 2023 Illinois State Fair Junior Department Premium book once it is posted on the ISF website:

www.illinoisstatefair.info/

YQCA

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Dairy Cattle (if showing live animals)

Statewide requirement is that members in these projects must complete YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. Must be done every year they are in the project, to be able to show and be 4-H premium-eligible. Also, State Fair entries will not be approved without this. There are options for youth to attend a one hour, in-person training presented by Extension staff, or youth may take online training individually.

February 19, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM as part of the 4-H Livestock Workshop Day

Raber Packing Co. in West Peoria

Register and complete details at:

go.illinois.edu/LivestockPeoria

April 20, 9 AM to Noon

Donaldson Community Center, Canton

Includes YQCA training and three guest speakers focused on quality care of animals.

go.illinois.edu/LivestockFulton

Youth may take training online individually.

Cost for this is \$12 per person. yqcaprogram.org/

Please email Rachel a copy of your certification once you complete this training.

RFV@illinois.edu

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training

4-H members are required to take this online training when they sign up for horse, dog, cats, rabbits, and poultry projects. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. This requirement MUST be completed prior to exhibiting the project at county 4-H shows and fairs. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone. This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.

The website for training is

web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/

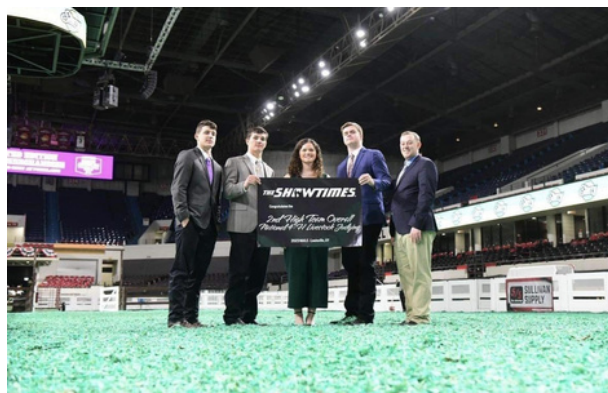
Shining a light on 4-H Members!

Braydon DeCounter

Success in Livestock Judging and an Opportunity for Other 4-H Members

Braydon started his journey in livestock judging with the Fulton County 4-H team. He quickly advanced and was accepted to judge on the Illinois State 4-H Team last spring. This team went on to place reserve overall at the North America International Livestock Exposition (NALIE). Braydon is now studying at Lincoln Land Community College and is a member of the college's livestock judging team. This summer, Braydon and his teammates will be traveling to Scotland to judge.

If you're interested in the exciting world of livestock judging, reach out to Rachel or Krista to get in touch with Robyn Hendel. The livestock judging team will be meeting soon, so don't hesitate to reach out!



If any 4-H members are interested in learning more about different opportunities please reach out to Krista or Rachel.

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Maddy Lettow

Ignite Summit Delegate

We are excited to announce that Maddy Lettow of the Logan Leaders 4-H Club has been selected as one of nineteen delegates from Illinois 4-H to attend the Ignite Summit in Washington, D.C. on March 13 – 17, 2024. Ignite Summit is a four-day experience where high-school aged teens connect, make memories, and find their spark by exploring the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Health Living, Career Readiness, and Emotional Well-being. We look forward to a future update from Maddy about this exciting opportunity and the connections she will make through this National 4-H Summit. Congratulations Maddy!



Federation Meeting

The next 4-H Federation meeting is set for:
Wednesday, March 6
6 PM
U of I Extension office, Lewistown

Following the regular business meeting, we will have fun working together to create Easter cards for local nursing homes.

All Fulton 4-H members who are 13 and older and invited to join Federation. It is a great group to make new friends, build your servant leadership skills, and have lots of social time with other teens.

Livestock Ownership Dates

Listed below are the dates by which animals must be owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor to be shown at the County 4-H Shows and State Fair.

BEEF

- Steers - February 1, 2024 (calved on or after 1/1/23)
- Cows - January 1, 2024 (born before 9/1/22)
- Heifers - June 1, 2023 (State Fair — birthdates from 9/1/22 to 3/31/24; County Fair — birthdates from 9/1/22 to 3/1/24)

DAIRY

- Calves and Heifers - June 1, 2024
- Cows - January 1, 2024

DAIRY GOATS

- Kids and Yearlings not in milk - June 1, 2024
- Milking Does - January 1, 2024

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats — May 15, 2024
- Wethers—Must be registered and tattooed in the name of the exhibitor only by May 15, 2024 (must be born on or after October 1, 2023)

POULTRY AND RABBITS

- June 1, 2024 (or out of stock owned prior to June 1)

HORSES — Ownership and/or lease forms must be on file with the Extension Office by May 1st each year.

- Ownership, Lease papers, photos, and Entries are to be sent in together directly to: Stephanie Hardy at the Illinois State Fair by June 1 for verification of State Fair entries.

SHEEP

- Breeding Sheep - June 1, 2024
- (Yearling Ewes = birthdates 1/1/23-8/31/23)
- (Ewe lambs = birthdates 9/1/23 and after)
- (Ram lambs = birthdates after 1/1/24)
- State Fair Wethers - May 15, 2024 (lambled on or after 1/1/24) (County Fair — ownership by June 1, 2024).

SWINE

- May 1, 2024 (for County Fair)
- June 1, 2024 (for State Fair)
- State Fair and County Fair gilts must be farrowed on or after 1/1/24.
- For State Fair, all barrows must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2024 and must be the property of the exhibitor since June 1, 2024. Premier barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2024 .
- For County Fair Rate of Gain, barrows must have been farrowed on or after February 10, 2024 (or on or after January 15, 2024, if not Rate of Gain).

Note that these are ownership, not enrollment deadlines. Livestock enrollment deadlines, in most cases, are prior to the ownership deadlines.

4-H Events

February

- 10 – Steer weigh-in/tattooing – 8 – 10 a.m. at Fairview Sale Barn
- 17 – Clover Clinic – 9 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. at Spoon River College

March

- 1 – Public Speaking Project enrollment deadline in ZSuite
- 1 – Fulton County 4-H Show Book cover design due
- 4 – Horse Committee Meeting – 6 p.m. – Extension Office
- 23 – Public Speaking Contest/Performing Arts Show at 10 a.m. – Checkrow Community Church

April

- 1 – Fulton County 4-H Scholarship applications due to Extension office
- 3 – 4-H Shooting Sports mandatory safety meeting – 6:30 p.m. at Extension Office
- 7 – 4-H Shooting Sports Spring 6-week session begins - various locations
- 20 – YQCA Workshop – Donaldson Community Center in Canton, IL -9am-Noon
- 27 – National 4-H Day of Service

May

- 1 – 4-H enrollment deadline to exhibit at shows this year
- 1 - Project add/drop deadline in ZSuite
- 1 – Horse/Pony ownership and Horse/Pony lease forms due to Extension office

June

- 19- Small Pet Show at Extension office
- 22- General Show- Cuba High School, 20325 N State Rte. 97, Cuba, IL

July

- 13- 4-H Official Horse and Pony Show
- 22-27 - Fulton County Fair

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CLOVER CLINIC

 February 17, 2024
Spoon River College, Canton

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Open to youth ages 8 to 18
\$20 includes up to four workshops and a drawstring bag
Workshops filled on first-come, first-served basis.