



Deadlines:

- April 1** - Project Changes
- May 15** - Henry Fair Entry
- July 1** - Stark Fair Entry

Events:

- March 7** - YQCA Training
- March 21** - S4IL4H Training
- March 29** - YQCA
- April 4** - Regional Horse Bowl
- April 5** - YQCA Training
- April 8** - Dog Obedience
- April 19-25** - National Volunteer Week
- April 25** - Day of Service
- May 2-3** - Fishing Camp



The Stark County Shooting Sports held their rifle exhibition on Sunday, February 16. Congratulations to everyone who participated. Winners from this shoot were:

<u>Junior Air Rifle</u>	<u>Junior .22 Rifle</u>	<u>Senior .22 Rifle</u>
1st - Alexis Welch	1st - Tanner Price	1st - Hyatt Longabaugh
2nd - Alex King	2nd - Julia Kronner	2nd - Alex Welch
3rd - Austin Haga	3rd - Ben King	3rd - Addi Conlin



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Enrollment Reminders

- 4-H Online will lock after **March 1**. Enrollments after March 1 will not be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- Project additions may be made until April 1.
- Your 3 free manuals may be requested until April 1. After April 1, all manuals must be paid for by the exhibitor.
- No changes may be made to 4-H Online after April 1.
- Fair Entry (faireentry.com) will open in April (Henry) and close May 15.

YQCA

in-person trainings:

1. Saturday, March 7, 3 p.m. at the Galva Extension Office.
2. Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m. at the Mercer County Farm Bureau
3. Sunday, April 5, 2 p.m. at the Milan Extension Office.

Youth are welcome to attend the training in any county. You are required to **PRE-REGISTER** and **PAY** the \$3 fee through YQCA.org. We cannot register or pay for you and we cannot accept any money. It must be paid online. Contact Jennifer with questions.

Club News and Notes



Henry County Scholarship Opportunity

CTE Enzymes is offering a 4-H project scholarship to any 4-H member in Henry County. This is a \$500 monetary award that is to be used toward a 4-H project. Any current Henry County 4-H member age 12-18 is eligible to apply.

To apply, submit a report answering the following two questions:

1. What is Ethanol?
2. How does it affect your community?

Reports should be no more than 2 pages in length and are due to Jennifer by **April 1**.



Dog Obedience

The first session of the Henry County dog obedience training classes will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Henry County fairgrounds. Classes will continue every Wednesday until the fair.

These are free classes, but you must bring proof of rabies vaccination and a choke collar that is 2 inches bigger than the dog's neck.

Anyone planning to show a dog during the dog obedience show at the Henry County fair is required to attend 6 AKC dog obedience training sessions.

Please let Jennifer know by April 1 if you plan to attend: jpetersn@illinois.edu or (309) 932-3447.

SFI4-H Speaking for Illinois 4-H



The next Speaking for Illinois 4-H training will be held on **March 21** in Sterling, IL. The

training will take place in the Whiteside County Extension Office. Cost to attend is \$12. Once you go through the training, you will be eligible to attend the Legislative Connection events in Springfield. Those dates are May 6 & 7. It is a great state level leadership opportunity! Registration is open at go.illinois.edu/sfi4H.



Congratulations to the Henry/Stark Blue Team on their first place finish at the Geneseo FFA Invitational on January 25.

Members of the Henry junior livestock judging team are Brylie Roberts, Sam Nightingale, Braydin Hardin, and Kashen Ellerbrock.



It is time again to nominate someone who has impacted the 4-H program in Henry and Stark Counties for the IL 4-H Hall of Fame. Nominations are due by April 30 to the county Extension Office. The induction ceremony will be August 18 in Springfield.

SAVE THE DATE

The college exploration event of the year is set for 2020. Illini Summer Academies will be held

June 21-27 on the University of Illinois campus. Registration opens March 16 and runs through April 17. Youth requesting financial assistance should apply for a scholarship starting January 31 via this link: go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship. Full academy details will be out soon. For information on cost and registration, contact Alvarez Dixon at the State 4-H Office.

Club News and Notes



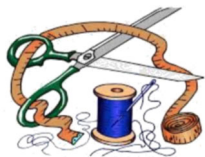
[4-H Sewers Wanted!]

4-H Memorial Camp needs LOTS of new curtains. They need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew and hang 126 curtains at the camp. They are looking for volunteers who have taken at least 1 year of 4-H sewing to help them on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4-H Memorial Camp.

All materials will be provided, and everyone will be served lunch. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help.

Register to help at go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing.

It is a great state level community service opportunity!



Poultry Judging

Illinois 4-H State poultry judging contest is scheduled for August 17 from 4-6 p.m. in the junior livestock barn. All 4-H members are welcome to compete. See the State 4-H website for more information.

JOANN

The Joann Fabric Clover Campaign is back again this year. Donate to 4-H at your local Joann Fabric store from March 1 to April 30. They usually run special sales during this time, as well.

Enroll in Food Science to win cash!

The Chicagoland Food Science Foundation will be awarding \$50 to the top food science project in each county this year. Look for full details this summer, but enroll in the project now so you don't miss out!



Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, April 25 as part of the True Leaders in Service. The month of April is always designated as service month and April 25 is the National Day of Service.

Start thinking of possible community service activities now. If you need inspiration, find resources at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Closer to the date, you will be able to register your project.



4-H Fish Camp is back at the 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. Fishing begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. During those two days, you'll learn a lot about fishing. A \$50 fee covers the

program, lodging, boat, bait and 3 meals. You'll also have fresh fillets to take home!

Participants will stay in the cabins at Memorial Camp and will need to bring their own bedding & toiletries. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish.

To register, contact the camp at (217) 762-2741 or email Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.



NEWS & notes

Livestock Edition

Upcoming Judging Contests

Western Illinois University

- Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.
- WIU Livestock Pavilion (Wigwam Hollow & Tower Road, Macomb)
- \$5/person or \$20/team of 4
- Register at go.illinois.edu/WIU

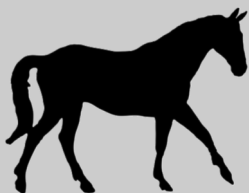
Warren County

- Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m.
- Warren County Fairgrounds, Roseville
- \$3/person
- Register at 8 a.m. on day of contest

State Contest

- Monday, June 15, 10 a.m.
- U of I Stock Pavilion in Urbana
- \$10/senior division competitor. Juniors/free
- No more than 2 sr and 2 jr teams/county
- Information at go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock

Upcoming Horse Dates



Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology - April 4 @ Knoxville High School.
* Individuals and teams must qualify at the regional contest to move on to the State

contests.

State Horse Speaking Contest - Saturday, April 18 in Champaign. No pre-qualification needed. \$3 to enter and must register with Extension Office.

State Horse Show - July 26 through August 2, 2020

Ownership Dates* :

Steers - February 1, 2020 (Calved on or after January 1, 2019)
Barrows - June 1, 2020 (Farrowed on or after January 1, 2020)
Wethers & Market Ewes - May 15, 2020 (Lambled on or after January 1, 2020)

- Self-nominate between March 15 & May 15.
 - The nomination process is the same as last year
1. Get forms from Extension Office
 2. Complete form and include a picture of the lamb's ear with Scrapie tag
 3. Return the form to the Extension Office.

Meat Goat Wethers - May 15, 2020 (Born on or after October 1, 2019)

- Self-nominate between March 15 & May 15.
 - The nomination process is the same as last year
1. Get forms from Extension Office
 2. Complete form and include a picture of the ear with Scrapie tag
 3. Return the form to the Extension Office.

Premiere Animals* *

Barrows - Farrowed on or after February 10, 2020

- Owned by June 1, 2020
- Weighed and Tattooed between February 10 & April 15
- Tattooed within 35 days of birth, no more than 1lb/day

Wether & Ewe Lambs - Lambled on or after January 1, 2020

- Ownership/Nomination deadline is **March 15 - May 15**
- Weighed and tattooed between March 15 & May 15
- **Addition of Premiere Ewe Lambs is new for 2020**

Breeding Animals

Beef Heifers- June 1, 2020

Gilts - June 1, 2020

Ewes & Rams - June 25, 2020

Cows and Heifers - Cows Jan. 1, 2020/Heifers June 1, 2020

Dairy Goats - Milking Does by Jan. 1, 2020/Kids & Yearlings by June 1, 2020

Meat Goats - May 15, 2020

Horse - Ownership/Lease/Registration papers are due to the County Office by **May 1**. State fair papers are due to **Donna Miller** at the Illinois State Fair Office by **June 1**. Remember that two color photos must accompany the paperwork.

All other livestock State Fair entries are due **July 1**.

*County ownership dates can differ from State Fair dates. Check your fair book for county dates.

****If you plan to exhibit a Premiere animal, contact Jennifer to set up a tattoo/weigh-in time.**



NEWS & notes

Around the State

Upcoming State Dates:

Volunteer training dates around the state:

Saturday, June 13

Gardner Camp, Hull, IL

Saturday, Sept. 12

Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica, IL

All trainings are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a screened shooting sports instructor, contact the Extension Office.



2020 State Shoot Schedule

Archery - Sept. 19, 2020 at Pekin Archers Club

Shotgun - Sept. 26 at Brittany Shooting Park in Bunker Hill, IL

Rifle/Pistol - Oct. 10 and 11 at CIPS in Bloomington, IL

Registration information will be coming later in the year.

Changes



With the timing of the State Fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project show at the state fair has been condensed to three days.

The Henry/Stark day is Friday, August 14

- Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 a.m. and remain on display until **4 p.m.** The release time was extended to give judges more time to work through the extra projects.

- The awards will include:

Champion Medals - for the highest score in each project class

Reserve Medals - for the second highest score in each class

--Cash premiums will only be awarded to the medal winners in each class.

Inspire Awards - will be given to exhibits that judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and is not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive an inspire award.

- New projects eligible for state fair this year include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports

- The Public Speaking contest will be held during the State Fair again this year. Youth are able to enter both a general project exhibit and the public speaking contest. Youth must be selected during a county contest to advance to state.

- Ewe lambs are now eligible for the Premiere show
- The junior poultry show will be **Monday, Aug. 17**
- State Poultry Judging contest is also August 17
- The junior rabbit show begins **Sat. Aug 22.**



STATE DOG SHOW

When - Saturday, August 29

Where - Granny Rose K-9 Center, Dixon

You must receive a qualifying score at the county show to attend the state contest.



Summer Academies

Dates: June 21-26

The Illini Summer Academies allow you to explore one of 13 different programs. During the week, you will work alongside university professors, hang out on the campus, stay in the dorms, and meet youth from all across Illinois.

The Academies are supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and are open to all youth living in Illinois.

Registration opens on **March 16** and closes on **April 17**.

Scholarships are available. Apply for them before **April 1** @go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship. The scholarship covers the \$260 base cost of attendance. Any additional academy cost is the responsibility of the attendee.

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

For more information, visit go.illinois.edu/illini4H.



Ag Leadership & Communications - Put on by the department of Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication. Cost is TBD.

Animal Sciences - Cost is \$370



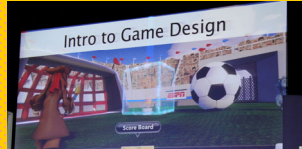
Beekeeping - Department of Entomology. Cost is TBD

Chemistry - Cost is \$280



Electrical & Computer Engineering - Cost is \$485

Game Design: Storytelling and Fabrication - Put on by the Champaign-Urbana Fab Lab. Cost is \$335



Human Development & Family Studies - Cost is \$295



Journey from Farm to Table - Put on by the Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition. Cost is \$360

Meat Judging & Evaluation - Cost is \$310

Sustainable Summer - Put on by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. Cost is \$310

Molecular & Cellular Biology - No repeat students from last year. Cost is \$385

Veterinary Medicine - Open to youth who have completed 10th grade. No repeat students. Cost is \$375



Work Hard, Play Hard - Put on by the College of Applied Health Sciences. Cost is \$280.



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Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

We are fast approaching the enrollment deadline to exhibit at the fair. Please take a moment to log back in to 4-H Online and check your projects. Now is the best time to make any changes. Now is also the time to make sure you have all the project materials and manuals you might need. Remember that some manuals, like cooking, forestry, and geology are required to fulfill the exhibit requirements.

Henry County fair books will be distributed to leaders in March and available for pick-up at the April club meetings.

The fairs will be here before we know it. Henry County fair general project day is June 20 and fair activities will continue June 22-27. The fair ends on Saturday, June 27 this year. However, general project check-out will still be Sunday, June 28. Fair entry will open in April and must be completed by May 15.

The Stark County fair begins with set-up on Thursday, July 23. The fair runs from Friday, July 24-Monday, July 27. Fair entry will open in June and close July 1.

Jennifer & Teresa



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Programs and activities sponsored by University of Illinois Extension are open to anyone. If a special accommodation must be addressed in order for any individual to participate, please contact Jenny Garner at 309-932-3447 in advance of the event.