



Lawrence County 4-H Clover Chatter

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4-H Happenings

February 1	Beef Weigh-in
February 13	Federation Meeting
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	IL Pork Day at Springfield
February 18	President's Day
February 20	Leader's Meeting
February 29	YQCA Training
March 1	New Member Registration Deadline
	Last day to Add or Drop Projects
	Club Challenge Starts



Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

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.

Lawrence County Day– Thursday, April 23 Packing Bags for Fish and Loaves



Check out these state contests

STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL



February 29 | East Peoria | 11 AM – 5 PM

Register at your county Extension office before February 14.

Be the first to buzz in with the answers to questions all about the dairy cattle industry. You'll have fun competing with friends as teams of four who share your interest in dairy cattle. Competing as an individual? No worries, we'll find a partner for you. Register the day of the event prior to the 11:30 kick off test. The contest will be held at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected

from the eligible 4-H members (15-18) participating at this state contest. **Learn more online @**

go.illinois.edu/4Hdairy.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

February 29 | 11 AM

Black Hawk College | Galva, IL

Registration cards must be signed by Extension staff

In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held Saturday, February 29 at Black Hawk College. Registration begins at 11 AM, with the contest following at noon. Youth will judge six classes of horses, at least two being halter classes. Youth 14 years of age and older may also choose to participate in oral reasons following the classes. For those not participating in the oral reasons class, one question class will be required. **Learn more online @** go.illinois.edu/4Hhorsejudging.



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 Southern Illinois University March 28.

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 Southern Illinois University March 28.

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.

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Check out more state contests

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.

Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!



Week 1: June 2-6

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 4: July 5-9

Week 5: July 26-30

Help sew new curtains for camp!

March 21 | 9 AM – 4 PM | 4-H Memorial Camp @ Monticello

Register online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing

4-H Memorial Camp needs new cabin curtains ... LOTS OF THEM! If you know how to sew and have taken at least one year of 4-H sewing, we have a great community service project that is fun and will make a big difference! We need 50 youth volunteers to help cut, pin, sew, and hang 126 curtains in the log cabins used by 1,500 campers each summer. The camp will provide all the materials, patterns, and lunch! We have a few sewing machines available, but more are needed. Members may bring one parent or guardian to help. Come help and enjoy the perfect camp lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, and cookies!

Don't be chicken; hop on over

February 8 | 9 to 11 AM | Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont

Register by February 7 @ go.illinois.edu/LATclinic

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.



Speak up for 4-H

February 1 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Mt. Vernon * March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Sterling

Register @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4H | Cost \$12

We're looking for 4-H members interested in spreading the great news about 4-H. If you're at least 14, you can join the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* team. Two trainings are available:

Saturday February 1 at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Mt. Vernon

Saturday, March 21 at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

The day-long 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, then put that story into words. You'll learn the best ways to approach donors, civic groups, elected officials, and others to talk about 4-H. Once you're trained, you'll receive an invitation to be a part of our Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol.

Taking an animal project? READ THIS

For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website yqca.org. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Lawrence County Face-to-Face training will be held on Saturday, February 29 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the New Hope Christian Church in Bridgeport. The training will last an hour, but we will have hands on activities for youth to do after (that is not mandatory). You must register on the YQCA website at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> and pay your \$3 online. You must complete this course by June 1, 2020 to be able to exhibit your animal at the fair. If you choose to take the course online you will need to provide the office with your certificate number on completion.

You may attend other counties:

Wayne– Monday, February 3, 7-8 p.m., Saturday, February 22, 9-10 a.m. All held at Wayne office.

Edwards– Monday, February 17, 6-7 p.m., Saturday, March 14, 9-10 a.m. All held at Edwards office.

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.

If you have questions about the new YQCA training please contact the office and speak with Samantha.

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Federation News

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13

3 p.m. at Extension Office

Federation will hold their next meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 3 p.m. in the Extension office. We will be developing committees for fair planning, workshop planning. There will be a short discussion about our up coming community service projects. If you can't make the meeting and want to be on a certain committee please contact Samantha.



Club Challenge!

What club can collect the most food for the Fish and Loaves organization?

At your March and April 4-H meetings, make sure to bring in food items for the Fish and Loaves organization, and the club with the most food will receive a pizza party. We will count the food individually, so if you bring in a box of 12 fruit snacks that will count as 12 items of food. The list of items will be posted on the Lawrence County Facebook page.

Wait there is more to this challenge! Again this year, Lawrence County Farm Bureau wants to be involved so the board has also pledged to match what we bring in up to \$500! This monetary donation will be split between the other food pantries in Lawrence County. This is a great challenge to benefit all Lawrence County food pantries. Lets see how much food and money we can raise for these worthy organizations.

Fish and Loaves Packing Bags

Lawrence County 4-H has set the date of Thursday, April 23 as the date to pack bags for the Fish and Loaves Program. We will be packing bags for a week, so over 200 bags will be packed that night. **We need all of Lawrence County 4-H to show up and help.** Packing starts at 6 PM at the Free Methodist Church Fellowship hall in Bridgeport. Please come a few minutes early. We will also be giving some of the food collected during our club challenge that night. You will need to sign in that night, please find Samantha to sign in. Hope to see all of you there!



**Feeding the
Community**



Leader's Meeting

Thursday, February 20

6 PM at Extension Office

Please plan on joining us on the evening of Thursday, February 20 at 6 PM. We will be discussing changes to state fair as well as the county fair. We will also discuss the club challenge for the months of March and April as well as assisting with the Fish and Loaves packing of bags. If you cannot make it, please let Samantha know and, if possible, send a parent from your club in your spot. It is very important that you get this new information out.

Off Premise Form

Off Premise Form are required for any youth who doesn't house their animals at their house. Forms are located online at our website. Please fill these forms out, as well as, have the owner of the location where your animals are being housed complete the form. These forms will be due to my office by May 1, 2020. When Identification forms are sent out, you will also receive the Off Premise form.

Animal Livestock Ownership Dates

Ownership dates for animals is as follows:

- April - 15 Purebred Beef, Dairy Heifers and Bull Calves
- May - 1 Market Goats, Sheep, and Swine;
Purebred and Commercial Does, Ewes, and Rams
All Horses
- June - 1 All Poultry and Rabbits

All 4Her's entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates.

Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

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: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)

The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners.

Innovation Awards will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

New projects at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.

Ewe lambs are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29.**

The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Our exhibit day is Sunday, August 16, 2020



Meals of Hope Food Packing With Red Hill FFA

Tuesday, February 18

*** 4 p.m.***

At Red Hill High



Red Hill FFA Cattle Classic Steer and Heifer Show

Saturday, March 14th, 2020

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 to showups.
The judge is Buddy Haas.

RULES

Illinois Junior Beef Association Points as follows:

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

Outside bedding is allowed but must be cleaned up after the show. 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

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Learn about the swine industry

4-H members are invited to a free workshop on February 15 at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The day begins at 9 a.m. with check-in. Lunch will be provided. Youth will have hands on activities and lots of fun. For more information and to register, go to ilpork.com by February 7.

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 2020 semester, and the second \$1,000 will be applied during the Fall 2022 semester. Apply online at farmcreditIL.com before February 28. Are you 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!

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, 2020 @ http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/overview_scholarships.htm.

Lawrence County Farm Bureau

Lawrence County High School Seniors in Unit 10 or 20 that are enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agriculture related field. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of course study and be a resident of Illinois. The criteria for awarding the scholarship will be based on academic performance such as honors, awards and class rank. Furthermore, the student applying must have a strong interest in agriculture and/or agribusiness. Student may not need to be pursuing an Agriculture degree to apply. Applications are available by contacting the guidance counselors at either school system, the Ag Advisor, or contacting the Lawrence County Farm Bureau Office. Applications due Thursday, March 12th.

Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.



A project of the Illinois Agri-Women