



# Lawrence County 4-H Clover Chatter

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## 4-H Happenings

**March 1**

**New Member Registration Deadline**  
**Add or Drop Projects Deadline**  
**Club Challenge Starts**

**March 14**

**Red Hill FFA Classic Cattle Show**

**March 19**

**Green Eggs and Ag Workshop**  
**Federation Meeting**

**March 21**

**Community Service Project**  
**At Camp Monticello**

## 4-H County Fair Changes:

Please make sure to check out the changes that have been made to the 2020 4-H Lawrence County Fair.

\* Showmanship will be broken down in 3 divisions

Junior– 8-11 years old

Intermediate– 12-15 years old

Senior– 16-18 years old

\* General Projects will be based off of a 1-10 ranking.

Youth must receive an over all score of 5 or more to be considered for state fair delegation.

If you have any questions about the changes, please contact the Extension office at 618-943-5018.

## Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp](https://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.

A fee of \$50 per person covers the complete program, lodging, boat, bait, and three buffet meals, including Saturday lunch and supper and a Sunday brunch. You'll also have fresh fish fillets to take home! Pre-registration and payment is required. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



## Change lives, be a 4-H camp counselor

4-H Memorial Camp is now accepting applications for summer camp employment. We are looking for energetic, responsible individuals to serve as counselors and program staff for 6 weeks of summer camp. We will train you for a week before the campers arrive. You'll get valuable experience working with young people while you have a great summer. We are also looking for people with lifeguard certifications, outdoor education programming experience, and arts/crafts teaching experience. Application paperwork can be found at [4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp](https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp). Come be a mentor to 1500 campers while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.



For more information, contact Andy Davis @ [Ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:Ardavis1@illinois.edu) or call (217) 762-2741.

## 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 invitation.

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## 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](http://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 will be holding our day on Thursday, April 23 when we pack bags for Fish and Loaves.



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## Help sew new curtains for camp!

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

Register online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hsewing](http://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!

## Host an international youth this summer

Host a Japanese or South Korean youth this summer through States' 4-H International! Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too! Families are needed for July 22 through August 17.



Be aware:

Families hosting a youth must have a child the same gender and approximate age (12-18) as the incoming youth.

Youth must have a separate bed; a separate room is not required.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

Applications are accepted until all placements are made

For more information, visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>. Find us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/illinois4hexchange](https://www.facebook.com/illinois4hexchange) or contact Illinois representatives Miriam Rosenbohm @ [rosenbohm07@comcast.net](mailto:rosenbohm07@comcast.net) or Elisha Hughes @ [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

## State Robotics Challenge

**May 9**

**McLean County Fairgrounds | Bloomington**

The state's robotics clubs are encouraged to register for the 2020 Robotics Competition May 9 at the McLean County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$20 per team and due at registration.

Register at [go.illinois.edu/4HR2020](http://go.illinois.edu/4HR2020) before March 31.

Download the challenge at [go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE](http://go.illinois.edu/2020CHALLENGE).

Watch the video at [youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8](https://youtu.be/IEAv1USEGS8)

## 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](http://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.

## Celebrate 4-H Volunteers

**April 19-25**

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living. All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all. In Lawrence County, there are 31 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

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## Tell Your 4-H Story

March 21 | 9 AM – 3 PM

Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling

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](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4H) before March 13.



### Two ways to give to 4-H

**Paper Clover Campaign returns in April:** It's never been easier to support 4-H. From April 29 to May 10, you can donate to 4-H at your local Tractor Supply stores as part of the Paper Clover campaign. Money donated at your store stays right in the county where it's given! Last fall, the campaign raised almost \$1 million!

**Get your Clover at JOANN stores:** Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store.



### Foundation Hall of Fame ceremony set

The Illinois 4-H Foundation will honor one volunteer leader from each county at a ceremony during the Illinois State Fair. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 as part of Ag Day at the fair right before the Sale of Champions activities begin. Supporters and families of the recipients are welcome to attend.

**2020 Lawrence County 4-H Fair – July 22–July 30**

**Lawrence County State Fair Date – Sunday, August 16**



## 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](https://go.illinois.edu/illini4H). Registration opens March 16 and closes April 17.

Apply for a scholarship @ [go.illinois.edu/illini4Hscholarship](https://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 10<sup>th</sup> grade. No repeat students from last year.

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

## 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.



## Federation News:

- Federation is sponsoring the Club Challenge where clubs will be collecting food for Fish and Loaves. The Club that collects the most will receive an ice cream party.
- Federation meeting Thursday, March 19 at 3:00 AM in the Extension Office.

Finalizing plans for appreciation month in April.

Refreshments for Fair Board meeting

Leader's meeting meal

- Discuss records workshop and schedule club visits for new member information

If you would like to be a federation member please contact Samantha Gaither at the Extension office for more information.

### 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 an ice cream 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 board are also joining the challenge. They will be matching a dollar amount up to \$500 for the amount of food we bring in. 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.



### Livestock Judging Team

Want to learn how to judge livestock? Check out the Livestock Judging Team that meets every Wednesday at the Richland County Extension office at 6 p.m. Contact the office for more information.

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# What's New At State Fair for 2020?

- 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.

Lawrence County Day at Illinois State fair is Sunday, August 16.

## 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

Rabbit Breeding Does and Bucks and Market

All 4Hers entering these projects must have the animal in their possession by these dates.

Identification papers will be sent in the end of March.

## 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. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Deadline to obtain certification is June 1, 2020. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

### Other Locations you can take YQCA:

**March 14 @ 9 a.m.** \*Albion, IL\* Edwards County Extension office

**March 23 @ 6:30 p.m.** \* Robinson \* Crawford County Extension office

**April 18 @ 1 p.m.** \* Mt. Carmel\* Wabash County Fairgrounds

**April 25 @ 1 p.m.** \* Mt. Carmel \* Wabash County Fairgrounds

**Online trainings at YQCA.org**





## Taking an animal project? READ THIS

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/](http://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.

Deadline for certification is June 1, 2020. If you have questions please contact the Extension office.



### Eggs and Ham

**Cloverbud Workshop Thursday, March 19, 2020  
@ 2 p.m. University of Illinois Extension office**

Youth 5 to 7 years old are invited to come and learn about eggs and pigs at this fun, hands on workshop. We will be following Sam I AM and eating Green Eggs and Ham! We will also discover what is inside an egg and what pigs eat. Please register on our website for this fun filled workshop. Spaces are limited to the first 15.



**51,332 Meals**

**2.5 Hours**

**125 Volunteers**



## What an amazing Community Service Project!!!

Red Hill FFA, along with the community of Lawrence County, packed 51,332 meals that will stay in Lawrence County. Lawrence County 4-H had great representation by having over 25 youth packing meals. 4-H'ers Ava Stanescu, Laney Moore, and Kamee Lytle worked hard to raise \$12,500 to bring this program to Lawrence County. When asked how this program was brought to the FFA's attention, I was informed that another Lawrence County 4-H member, Saylor Price, attended the Washington Leadership Conference where she packed meals for Meals of Hope. She brought back the idea to her FFA Chapter. In chatting with two of the FFA members, Kamee Lytle responded to my question of why they chose 50,000 meals. Kamee told me "we were going big or going home". Ava Stanescu added, "We want to give back to a community that has done so much for our FFA Chapter. The meals have a shelf life and can supply meals for more than just one time for a family in our community." Lawrence County 4-H is so proud of the young ladies that took the idea and made it a reality! 4-H members really do inspire to do!

## Fish & Loaves



We Serve, God Supplies and Multiplies

### Friday Backpack Program Food List

#### Breakfast:

Cereal Bars  
Individual Boxes of Cereal  
Individual Bowls of Cereal  
Pop Tarts

#### Lunch and Dinner

Individual Size Pop-top Cans or Individual Size Microwaveable Bowls of:

Spaghetti  
Spaghetti and Meatballs  
Spaghetti O's  
Spaghetti O's and Meatballs  
Rice and Chicken  
Beefaroni  
Ravioli  
ABC's and 123's  
Chili  
Mac and Cheese  
Vienna Sausages  
Peanut Butter (small jars – 16 oz)  
Pop Top Cans of Ready to Eat Soup (does not have to be individual size)

#### Snacks:

Granola Bars  
Individual Packages of Apple Sauce  
Individual Packages of Pudding  
Fruit Snacks  
Fruit Leathers  
Fruit Roll-Ups

**\*\*This is just a suggested list. Any variation of the items listed will be accepted; brand name or generic.**  
We just ask that the items (unless otherwise noted) be individually packaged so that we do not weigh down the child's backpack and make it difficult to carry and be precooked and easy to open so that even young children can eat without preparation.