



# 4-H FAST FACTS



A Newsletter for **Montgomery County** 4-H Families

February 2019



**Liam Steward and Cole Riemann of the Country Roots 4-H club attended the Illinois 4-H Junior Livestock Conference on January 26-27, 2019.**

The Illinois 4-H Junior Livestock Conference is a fun-filled overnight weekend event that is open to any 4-H member in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade. This program provides leadership and team building activities as well as exciting hands-on opportunities built around the science and disciplines of livestock production and exhibition. Through the use of hands-on stations, participants will "glove-up" and explore the science of artificial insemination, dissection, suturing techniques, biosecurity, wound dressing, injection technique, carcass assembly, and much more. Participants will also engage in a livestock skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, and learn about social media marketing. This conference is hosted by the State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team .

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To keep up with 4-H happenings in Montgomery County, including workshops, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/montgomery4h>



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FOOD DEMONSTRATION  
AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

## 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

APRIL 25  
FOOD DEMO 5PM  
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS 6PM  
HELD AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

### Two Age Divisions

Jr. Division (age 8-12 as of 9/1/2018)  
Sr. Division (age 13-18 as of 9/1/2018)

### Choose from 4 different types of speeches

Formal Speech  
Illustrated Speech  
Original Works  
Oral Interpretation  
Food Demonstration

Must be a current member to participate.  
To register go online  
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/>

## 4-H Music Competition

April 23, 6pm

Held at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro

There are 2 age divisions:  
Jr- ages 8-13 Sr- 14-19  
2 categories to compete in: Vocal and Instrumental  
Age on Sept. 1, 2018

Must be a current member to participate.  
To register go online  
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H

# NEW MEMBER

FREE 4-H TSHIRT  
MEAL PROVIDED -PIZZA

PARTY

At the New Member Party you will: Meet  
other 4-H members from around the  
county, learn about 4-H fair, how to  
make a project and opportunities for 4-H  
members throughout the year.

MARCH 7  
6-8PM

Held at the Extension office (1 Industrial Park Drive, Hillsboro).  
If you have questions you can contact our office at  
ehugh2@illinois.edu or 217-532-3941

TO REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[HTTPS://WEB.EXTENSION.ILLINOIS.EDU/CJMM/MONTGOMERY4H/](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/)

Multi-County Community Service Project 2019

## Have a Heart



Stuffed Animal  
and Blanket Drive



**What:** Collecting Gently Used Stuffed Animals and  
Child Sized Soft Blankets

**When:** February 1-21, 2019

**Where to Donate:** Unit 18 Extension Offices

**Distributed to:** Local Hospitals and First Responders in  
Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery County

**HEAD\*HEART\*HANDS\*HEALTH**

Organized by: Fantastic Fours 4-H Club Members Maddie, Garyn, & Anthony  
Contact: Vicki Joiner, 4-H Leader 217-971-2161 or Kate Harding 217-854-9604

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## 2019 4-H Fair Schedule

**Public Presentations & Food Demo** Thursday, April 25, Extension office

**Music Show** Tuesday, April 23, Hillsboro Free Methodist Church

**Horse Show** Saturday, June 8, Gillespie Lake Horse Arena

**Visual Arts Show** Saturday, June 15, Extension office

**Cat Show** Monday, June 17, Montgomery County Extension office

**Dog Show** Monday, June 17, Butler 4-H Park

**Poultry Show** Tuesday, June 18, Butler 4-H Park

**Rabbit Show** Tuesday, June 18, Butler 4-H Park

**Beef Show** Tuesday, June 18, Butler 4-H Park

**Sheep Show** Wednesday, June 19, Butler 4-H Park

**Goat Show** Wednesday, June 19, Butler 4-H Park

**Swine Show** Friday, June 21, Butler 4-H Park

**Food & Clothing Shows** Tuesday, July 9, Extension office

**General Show** Thursday, July 18, Butler 4-H Park,

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**4-H Committee Meeting Feb 7, 6:30pm-** Discussion of Achievement awards for this fall.

**Expansion Review meeting March 21, 6:30 pm.** Ways to grow 4-H in Montgomery County and reach all audiences.

For both meetings, we are looking for adults and youth to come and be part of the discussion.

*For members these meetings can be used on your award applications.*

## Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hgaec](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hgaec).

**This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**



**NOTE:** The state 4-H program is reviewing a new program which may replace our current quality assurance and ethics program, but no changes will take effect prior to Sept. 1, 2019.

## 2019 State Fair Junior livestock requirements



Don't get left out of the showing because your animal is too old or too young. The 2019 Ownership and Birthdate Deadlines are posted online @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). **Click on Members. Then Projects. Then choose any of the animal science projects. The fact sheet is in the Resource section at the bottom of each page.** Here are important changes about the state fair junior livestock program:

- **Steers:** will be tattooed with a Box A tattoo this year.
- **Market Heifer:** There is no market heifer class at the Illinois State Fair junior show.
- **Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2019 and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1. (Local dates may require earlier ownership deadline.)
- **Premiere Barrows:** must be farrowed on or after Feb. 10, 2019 and tattooed from Feb. 10 – April 15. Box A tattoo required.
- **Sheep Market Wethers & Market Ewe Lambs:** There are no regional sheep weigh in sites this year. Market wether and market ewe lamb exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Jr. Premiere Wether Lambs:** must be nominated, tattooed and weighed at county level with a Box A tattoo. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.
- **Meat Goat Wethers:** There are no regional goat weigh in sites this year. Exhibitors will fill out and send in nomination forms with a photo of the goat's ear with scrapie tag installed in the ear. The Extension office must sign off on the nomination. Nominations from March 15 to May 15.

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Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, April 27 as part of True Leaders in Service. On this day, show the world how 4-H is making a difference in your community! 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long, however; April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together and roll up our 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. While community service can happen all year long, if 4-H members and clubs plan to engage in

service efforts before the end of April, they should plan to register their effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to Saturday, April 27. The website opens March 1 @ <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>. Community Service resources are available now!

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 county-wide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference. Illinois members and/or clubs who complete the 5 steps below can claim a “national” 4-H activity on their end-of-year 4-H Experience Award Application.

1. Register your event beforehand at: <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/> through the National 4-H Council website.
2. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) and find helpful resources – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.
3. Promote your event on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!
4. Complete your event then use the link to go back to the National 4-H True Leaders in Service site to REPORT the number of youth and adults who volunteered/participated in the service project; number of hours youth and adults were involved in the service effort; and upload photos of the event in action.
5. Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hservice) after your event and submit a report on what you did.

We want you to register and report using both the National and State links so we do not miss any of the great things that is happening across Illinois and also to ensure that you qualify for the national 4-H activity experience!

**FUN FACT** – Illinois 4-H had more True Leaders in Service activities conducted and reported than ANY OTHER STATE in 2018! Let’s see if we can go even bigger in 2019!

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications due 3/15/19

Interviews will be held 3/19/19 beginning at 6:30pm

**NOTICE: Applications for the 2020 Foundation Scholarship should include your 2019 4-H Award Application**

Participation Award Application can be found on the website:  
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/2853.html>

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## February is National Black History Month

This February, we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. We honor the women and men who broke barriers, defined innovation, and opened doors for today's #TrueLeaders to transcend and thrive in any field! #InspireKidstoDo #BlackHistoryMonth



## Pick your favorites at State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, April 27 at Black Hawk College**, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with the contest following at noon. The contest is open to all 4-H members; one does not need to own a horse or be enrolled in a horse project to participate. Be sure to pick up horse judging cards signed by Extension staff from the county office. Top-placing youth will be invited to participate in an invitational judging contest where the national team will be determined. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Judging.

## Your path to state Horse Bowl and Hippology contests

Regional horse contests will be held across the state. Winning teams and individuals advance to the state contests. The State 4-H Hippology contest is **Saturday, April 13**, beginning about 8 a.m. at the David Klinley Hall on the U of I campus. Cost is \$5 per person. The State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be held **Sunday, April 14** at the Education Building on the U of I campus, beginning about 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry or \$25 per team. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Horse Bowl or State 4-H Horse Hippology.

4-H members in our area should compete at: April 6 at Lincoln Land College, Springfield. Contact Carissa Davis, [akpore@illinois.edu](mailto:akpore@illinois.edu), 217-732-8289 and Emily Schoenfelder, [eschoe@illinois.edu](mailto:eschoe@illinois.edu), 309-347-6614.



## STEMbot Challenge announced

More than 400 youth are expected to compete in this year's State 4-H Robotics Challenge. Teams of youth may enter to compete May 11. The contest will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. Get all the details of the challenge online @ [go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hrobotics). This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! Enter your team, or come and visit the contest to see what all the buzz is about!

## 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. 13 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.



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## Public Speaking: WHAT'S NEW IN 2019



We've updated the Public Presentation category. Be sure to read the new rules below! Each county can send three entries to the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest which will be held June 8 in Decatur. Go to the Illinois 4-H Website @ [go.illinois.edu/IL4H](http://go.illinois.edu/IL4H). Click on EVENTS, then State 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Here are the new guidelines for your moment in the spotlight:

### **Formal Speech | Self-written | Notes Allowed | No props | Individual | 4-8 minutes**

Formal Speeches share the presenter's own unique view and are intended to motivate, persuade, or inform an audience and may include a call to action. Youth deliver a speech on any topic they wish (**Original Oratory**), or choose one of these four topics on which to speak (**Topical Response**):

- Welcome to the Digital Age
- What is My Connection to the Global Community?
- Power: Who Has It, Who Doesn't, and Does It Matter?
- If I Could See tomorrow...

### **Illustrated Speech | Self-written | Notes allowed | Illustrations Required | Individual | 4-8 minutes**

Illustrated Speeches may be used to inform, persuade, or motivate the audience while using a visual aid. Visual aids may be two dimensional, three-dimensional, or digital. Youth may include audience participation. Digital visual aids must be stored on a USB flash drive. Illustrated speeches may be:

- How-to demonstrations which show the audience how to do something.
- Object lessons which use objects as metaphors to share a message.
- Educational models where drawings or diagrams help explain a topic.

### **Original Works | Self-written | Notecards allowed | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes**

Original works must be written entirely by the presenter. It may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. Manuscripts must be sent in advance to the contest. Presentations may be designed for TV, radio, or online media and must be presented live. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Broadcast Media Program
- Theatrical
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

### **Oral Interpretation | Published work | Props and Costumes Allowed | Individual or 2-Person Team | Manuscripts sent in Advance | 4-8 minutes**

Presentations in Oral Interpretation must be published works, and manuscripts or transcripts must be submitted prior to the event. They may be presented as an individual or a two-person team entry. The types of entries could include:

- Prose and Short Stories
- Poetry
- Theatrical Interpretation
- Published Speech Recitation: Excerpt from a spoken presentation delivered by a public figure, such as Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or Maya Angelou
- Combined Program: Combine any number of the above elements along with other creative presentation forms

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## mark your calendar!



February	Black History Month
February 7	4-H Committee Meeting
February 23	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, East Peoria
February 23-24, 2019	Illinois 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference, Champaign
February 28	<b>DEADLINE:</b> World of 7 Billion Video Contest
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Farm Credit Illinois Scholarship Applications
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Illinois 4-H Livestock Scholarship Applications
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Illinois 4-H Legacy of Leadership Scholarship Applications
March 1	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Farm Credit Community Service Grants
March 7	New Member Party
March 8	Explore ACES Open House @ University of Illinois
March 21	Expansion Review Meeting
April 23	Music Competition
April 25	Public Presentations and Food Demo
April 1 – May 15	National 4-H Raise Your Hand Campaign
April 27	National True Leaders in Service Day
May 4-5	4-H Memorial Fish Camp, Monticello
May 11	State 4-H Robotics STEMbot Competition, Bloomington
June 8	State Public Speaking Competition
June 15	FAIR: Visual Arts Show
June 17	FAIR: Cat and Dog Shows
June 18	FAIR: Poultry, Rabbit, Beef Shows
June 19	FAIR: Sheep and Goat Shows
June 21	FAIR: Swine Show
July 9	FAIR: Food and Clothing Shows
July 18	FAIR: General Show <b>6PM</b>
August 12	General Projects at Illinois State Fair, Springfield ( <b>Montgomery County</b> )