



# Hamilton County Clover News

## Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser

Hamilton County 4-H Foundation will bring back the annual Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser. It will be held at the Big Red Barn on June 21 from 4-7 p.m.. 4-H projects will be on display. Each 4-H member is asked to donate some type of item for the live auction. This could be a homemade item, a baked item, woodworking item, meat, jewelry or anything you can come up with, be creative! Each club will also be asked to donate a trick tray basket. This will be our main fundraiser for the year so let's make it a great event. We will once again be selling tickets and each member is asked to try to sell at least 5 tickets. The top three ticket sellers will be recognized at Achievement Night.



## Garden Season is Here

Once again this year we will be offering weekly gardening classes at the GIFT Garden and cooking classes in the courthouse basement. On Wednesdays we will be at the garden and Thursdays we will be in the courthouse basement. Remember if you are already a 4-H member you can come to these classes with no additional fees.



We are in need of new Teen Teachers or youth willing to help with classes. If you are 14 or older you can be certified as a Teen Teacher. Assisting with these classes looks great on a resume or scholarship application, not to mention the experience you will gain. Sign up today!

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## Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting will be held Thursday, April 7 at 3:30. We will be packing safety day bags and making plans for the upcoming summer classes. Please plan to join us!



# JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



## Illinois 4-H State Awards Ceremony Planned

I am extremely proud to announce that all five of our Hamilton County Experience Award applications have been approved!!! Congratulations to these well deserving 4-H members:

Emilee Cox—Emerald-Project Mastery  
Sarah Darnell-Emerald-Project Mastery  
Courtney Lynn-Emerald-Project Mastery  
Shiloh Willis-Emerald-Project Mastery  
Ava Winterheimer-Emerald-Project Mastery

Caitlyn Richards and Sarah Darnell will also be recognized as Illinois 4-H

Sustaining the Future Award winners.

The awards ceremony will be held on April 9.



## Virtual Fishing Challenge Planned



GET YOUR TACKLE READY - 2022 4-H Sport Fishing Virtual Monthly Challenges Coming Soon!

Open to all current year 4-H members, but new rod & reel prizes only for 4-H members registered in the 4-H Sport fishing project for the 2021-2022 year. Link to tournament details published in March!

May – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

June – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament  
<https://www.ifishillinois.org/species/CRP.php>

## State Events

April	Crappie State 4-H Tournament
April 6 and 7	Legislative Connection
April 9	Awards Ceremony
April 16	Robotics Competition
April 23 & 24	State Horse Bowl, Hippology & Horse Speaking Contests
April 23	True Leaders day of service day
April 30	State Public Speaking
May	Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament
May 7	Adult Shooting sports leader certification 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL
June	Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament
June 5-9	Memorial Camp
June 12-16	Memorial Camp
June 20	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest: U of I Stock Pavilion
July 5-9	Memorial Camp
July 16	Shooting Sports Adult Certification Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona,
July 17-21	Memorial Camp
July 24 – 30	Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show
August 10	SYPA General Livestock
August 12-14	State Fair Junior Livestock Shows
August 13 – 15	Illinois State Fair
August 20	State Superior Young Producer Contest Dairy
August 20	State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
August 27	State 4-H Dog Show: Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center



## 4-H Day with the Cardinals

4-H members, alumni, families and friends should plan to join us for the 19th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals on May 14. The Cardinals will be playing the San Francisco Giants in a 1:15 p.m. game at Busch Stadium. Tickets are \$25.00 each. All sales are final – no refunds.



\*\*Please note - groups of families or county groups that wish to sit together MUST submit one order.\*\*

Prior to the game, 4-H members and their parents/leaders can take part in a parade around the ball field! Everyone who orders a ticket during registration will receive a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H and Cardinals logos to commemorate the day. In addition, you may take part in the raffle. Each \$1.00 donation will provide one chance to win. First prize, the opportunity to throw out the first pitch (must be a 4-H member). All other prizes are available to youths and adults. Those include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs.

Tickets usually sell out, so order early! Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed out the last week of April.

To register, go to:

<https://go.illinois.edu/4HCardinals2022>

For ticket/t-shirt questions, contact Rhonda Shafer – 636-528-4613 or [shaferr@missouri.edu](mailto:shaferr@missouri.edu)

For parade/raffle questions, contact Dave Hileman at [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu)

## Unit 24 Holds Livestock Clinic

Congratulations to all youth who participated in the Livestock Clinic and Skill a thon. Thirty two youth were challenged in four different categories including, general livestock knowledge, feed identification, breed identification, and equipment identification. They were also instructed and certified in YQCA. Logan Karcher and Katie Schumacher demonstrated basic livestock handling operations and talked about basic livestock needs. It was a great day! Special Thanks to Hamilton County Farm Bureau for the livestock prizes!

Congratulations to the winners!

	Senior Division	Junior Division
Feed Id	Levi Tanner	Jocelyn Oxford
Equipment Id	Remington Curry	Annsley Healy
Breed Id	Remington Curry	Cecelia Lueke
Test	Remington Curry	Annsley Healy
1st Over All	Remington Curry	Annsley Healy
2nd Over All	Tate Miller	Cecelia Lueke
3rd Over All	Emma Carlisle	Leah Bowling

## Trivia Night Held

Thank you to the Barbwire Gang for hosting the annual 4-H Trivia Night.

Congratulations to all who participated.

### 1st Place

Lily Rawls,  
Christina,  
Brooklyn,  
Haylee and Kora



### 2nd Place

Ava Winterheimer,  
Sarah Darnell,  
Caitlyn Richards,  
Emilee Cox and  
Mathew White



### 3rd Place

Serenity Smith,  
Shiloh Willis,  
Gracie Walker,  
Kalleigh  
Winesburgh



Four other teams participated. Great job everyone!



## 4-H Memorial Camp- Summer Employment



We are still looking for additional camp staff and counselors! If leading activities for youth campers, being a role model, working out-

doors and interacting with your peers sounds like your kind of job, then you may be one of the people we are looking for. Apply to work with us this summer as we get back to Summer Youth Camping.

Arts & Crafts program staff (18 years old minimum)

Dates: Mid May-July 29

Details: This paid position includes room and board.

Cabin Counselors (16 years old minimum)

Dates

May 31-June 4 Training

June 5-9 Youth Camp Session 1

June 12-16 Youth Camp Session 2

June 26-July 1 Camp Corral

July 5-9 Youth Camp

Session 3

July 17-21 Youth Camp Session 4

Details: This paid position includes room and board for the above session dates.

Kitchen Workers (Hourly positions)

Dates: End of May through Mid-August

Duties: Wash dishes, sweep/mop floors, help with setup/cleanup of meals, and other duties as assigned. Breakfast/Lunch and Afternoon/Dinner shifts.

Additional details and application materials can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp website towards the bottom of the page under 4-H Resources.

Contact Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu), (217) 762-2741 with any questions.

## Family Camp Spring 2022

Family Camp is back for 2022! If you have been hearing about how much fun families had at 4-H Memorial Camp last summer and wanted a chance to experience it yourself, now is your chance. May 20-22, 2022 we will be holding a Spring Family Camp weekend. Your family will get to stay in their own cabin, have all meals provided from Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch, and get to participate in all the fun activities we have planned including swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, rock climbing, fun S.T.E.M. activities, hikes, etc. You can find pictures of last year's Family Camp on our Facebook Page.



Dates: May 20-22

Fees: Cabin Rental- \$210

Participant Fee- 8 years old and older: \$81/person

4-7 years old: \$54/person

Under 3- No Charge

\*At least one child must be 4-H Age (5-18)

Each cabin has 10 beds

More information and registration forms can be found on the 4-H Memorial Camp Website

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Come see for yourself what everyone is talking about!

## 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Wanted!

Spend a fun day learning range management and leave ready to safely lead 4-H Shooting Sports activities in your county!

Contact your local U of I Extension office 4-H professional and they will process your registration. Certifications in Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Coordinator, and Hunting/Outdoor Skills (May 7 only) offered. One discipline per day/per person. All programs run 9am-6pm and are active range time instruction.

Sat., May 7, 2022 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello, IL (central Illinois)

Sat., July 16, 2022 Bi-State Sportsman's Club, Colona, IL (N.W. Illinois)

Questions? Contact Curt Sinclair at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).

## 4-H Memorial Summer Youth Camp

Registration for our Summer Youth Camps at 4-H Memorial Camp is underway! We still have spaces for female campers for each session. We have filled all of our spots for male campers but have started waiting lists for each session in case any spots open up. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

### Camp Dates

June 5-9, 2022

June 12-16, 2022

July 5-9, 2022

July 17-21, 2022



Program details and registration materials are available on our website:

<https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-summer-youth-camp>

To see pictures of past youth camps, please visit our Facebook page.

If you have any questions or would like to get your male camper on a waiting list, please contact: Monika Hammerschmidt [hammersc@illinois.edu](mailto:hammersc@illinois.edu) or Andy Davis [ardavis1@illinois.edu](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu)  
(217) 762-2741

## Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award

Congratulations!! Caitlyn Richards and Sarah Darnell have been selected as two of the top ten winners of the 2022 Illinois 4-H Sustaining the Future Award! This award is sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Education in Agriculture Committee. They have accomplished a great deal in their 4-H careers and we are excited to be able to honor them in this manner. The award will be presented at the State 4-H Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet on April 9. As winners they are invited to this year's Premier 20 Leadership Conference to be held April 20-21, 2022. Congratulations on the excellence you have shown in your 4-H experience.

Congratulation Caitlyn and Sarah!



## 4-H Sewing SPIN Club

The sewing spin club has come to an end. Special thanks to Sue Kinder and Rhonda Millenbine for teaching this class. Hopefully the youth will continue to use these skills they learned and will exhibit their pillows at this years general projects show on June 21.



## Public Presentations Contest Held

The Hamilton County 4-H Public Presentation Contest was held March 14 in the courthouse basement. Shiloh Willis, Ava Winternheimer, Emma Hood, Aydan Hood and Corbyn Hood gave illustrated speeches and Tori Nalley gave a formal speech. Thank you to Marlene Cunico for serving as judge, Each youth received a red ribbon.



## Reminder

This year we will once again be enforcing the 6 meetings rule. You must attend at least 6 club meetings or 3 club meetings and 3 other county activities in order to be able to show and sell at the auction. Don't wait until this summer it will be too late!



## Shop 4-H

Did you know you can shop Illinois 4-H branded apparel? Head to our Illinois pop-up shop and scroll to the bottom of the page!

## 4-H at Home

How do you teach kids what data is? Show them. In the latest 4-H at Home activity, kids can learn exactly what the internet is with the help of augmented reality to visualize all those bits and bytes.

## 4-H Equity Challenge

Join the 4-H Equity Challenge! Individuals or teams of 2-3 youth ages 13 – 19 will identify problems, define answers, and develop digital media projects that outline possible solutions, empowering teens to become effective change agents and equity leaders in their communities. Participants will present their project in a local or state 4-H Challenge event for an opportunity to win \$500+.

## True Leaders in Equity

### Institute

Empowering youth/adult teams to be change agents within the Cooperative Extension System, this training and leadership opportunity on July 11-14 in Bethesda, Maryland challenges participants to work together to ideate and champion equity-related projects that will grow 4 H in their communities. National 4-H Council will provide up to 20 scholarships to exemplary application submissions. Apply by June 6.



## Save the Date: 4-H Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health

4-H youth development can play an important role in supporting youth mental health, but many 4-H professionals are uncertain of how to provide 4-H programs around this topic.

Join the 2022 4-H PYD Virtual PYD Academy on Youth Mental Health to better understand the current landscape of youth mental health, the supporting role of 4-H and personal competencies for effective PYD practice.

## Community

### Improvement Grants Awarded to 4-H Clubs

Farm Credit Illinois recently awarded 50 community improvement grants in the amount of \$500 to 4-H clubs and FFA chapters. Hamilton County had five winners;

**Barbwire Gang**-Repair and repaint the benches on courthouse lawn

**Funny Farmers**- Repair and paint at Kids Kingdom

**Hamilton County 4-H Federation**- Paint fence and meeting room at the Elk's

**Pioneer Country Kids**-Paint and fill 30 flower pots around the square

**Piopolis Busy Bees**- Plant fruit trees, strawberries, blueberry bushes and butterfly habitat at the Gift Garden.

Please contact the office if you can help with any of these tasks over spring break. We hope to paint the Elk's next week and work at Kids Kingdom if the weather cooperates.

All checks have been received at the office.



## Barbwire Gang Gives Back Box Restocked



Feeding the Community

Thanks to the donations from the Trivia Night the blessing box at the GIFT Garden has been restocked. Remember The box is for anyone that needs a little assistance. Just like the note says "Take what you need, leave what you can!"

## Hamilton County 4-H Exhibit Dates

**General Projects**—June 21 at 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn

**Pork Chop Dinner**—June 21 4:00-7:00 p.m. Big Red Barn

**Rabbits & Poultry**—June 30 at 9:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Small Pets, Cats & Dogs**—June 30 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Early Weigh-In** June 30 at 4:00 –6:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Farm Follies**—June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Livestock Show** -July 1 at 8:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Hospitality Tent**—July 1 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Awards Presentation**—July 1 at 1:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Livestock Auction**—July 1 at 2:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn

**Tractor Show**—July 2

**Horse Show**—TBA



## Farm Bureau Farmers Share Breakfast

Thank you to the crew who helped prepare the biscuits and gravy, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice and milk for the Farm Bureau Farmers Share Breakfast on March 22. We served 225 meals.

The work crew consisted of Ava Winternheimer, Sarah Darnell, Caitlyn Richards, Maddie Karcher, Caroline Lueke, Michele Lueke and Jana Bernard. This was a great fundraiser and great way to partner with Farm Bureau and FFA.



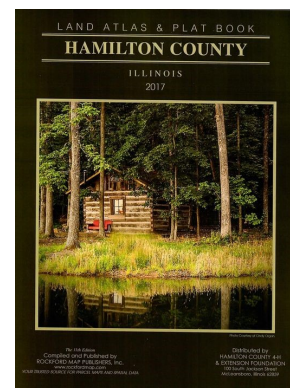
## Hamilton County 4-H and Extension Foundation to host Open House

The Hamilton County 4-H Foundation is working on a new plat book that will be available early fall. If you would like to advertise in the book please contact the Extension office asap at 643-3416.

We will be holding a photo contest to select the cover of the book. Each person can submit 2 8 X 10 color photos of landscapes in Hamilton County. No people! This would be a great opportunity for our 4-H members taking photography as a project.

The photos will be on display at the Extension Office in the Courthouse basement during Business After Hours Open House on April 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Plan to attend, cast your vote and have some snacks provided by the 4-H Federation.

The winning photo will appear on the cover of the 2022 Hamilton County Plat Book and the winner will receive a complimentary 2022 plat book.



## Upcoming Dates

April 9	State 4-H Awards 1:00 p.m.
April 14	Community Safety Day
June 5-9	Camp Dates
June 12-16	Camp Dates
June 21	General Projects Show 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn
June 21	Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser 4:00 -7 :00 p.m.
June 30	Rabbit & Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.
June 30	Cats, Dogs Small Pets Show 1:00 p.m.
June 30	Early Weigh-in, Farm Follies 4:00-8:30
July 1	Livestock Show, Hospitality, Awards , Livestock Auction
July 2	Ageless Iron Tractor show-Food Stand
July 2	Farm Bureau Young Leaders Tractor Pull-Food Stand
July 5-9	Camp Dates
July 17-21	Camp
July 23	Demo Derby –Food Stand
July 29	Ag Day at the Fair-Food Stand-Games



Photos from the Livestock Clinic.



## 4-H is Online 24/7

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global>



Be the first to email Paula with the correct answer and win a prize!

**RIDDLE** You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

**Congratulations** Gracie Walker for answering the February riddle.

I have no sword, I have no spear, yet rule a horde which many fear, my soldiers fight with a wicked sting, I rule with might, yet am no king. What am I? Queen Bee

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