



Hamilton County Clover News

Farmers Share Breakfast

Set your alarm for an early morning on Tuesday, March 19 as Hamilton County 4-H will prepare and serve the Farmers Share Breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. at the Union Hall. We plan to serve biscuits and gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, OJ, Milk, and coffee. We will begin cooking at 5:30 a.m. and kids can leave when they need to get to school. It would be great if we could get a few parents to stick around to finish and clean up.

This is a great opportunity for 4-H and the Farm Bureau to work together to show appreciation for our farmers. Please call the office and



let us know if you can work.

Trivia Night

The Barbwire Gang 4-H Club will host a Unit 24 4-H Trivia Night on Monday, March 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement. All clubs are invited and can enter as many teams as you like. There is no fee to participate and prizes will be awarded.



All ages are encouraged to play along. There will be many different topics and categories. Please contact the office by March 15 with your entries. A taco bar meal will be provided at 5:00.

Youth are asked to bring a non perishable food item for the Barbwire Gang Gives Back Box that is at the GIFT Garden. This will provide you with a multi-county event and service project for your records.

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Federation Meeting Scheduled

The next Federation meeting will be held Monday, March 11 at 11:30. This meeting will be held between the youth craft club and the teen craft club. Please plan to join us!



JOIN THE TEAM. CHANGE THE WORLD.



Livestock Exhibit Dates Set

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Livestock exhibit dates. It will be earlier this year than it has been for the last several years. This year our exhibits will take place the same week as the Hamilton County Fair and youth may qualify to exhibit in the junior or open shows while at the fairgrounds. 4-H show dates will be Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14.

June 13

Poultry and Rabbit show-9:00 a.m.
 Small Pets, Dog, Cat Show-1:00 p.m.
 Weigh-In-4:00-6:00 p.m.
 Farm Follies-TBD

June 14

Livestock Show-8:00 a.m.
 Hospitality Tent-1:00 p.m.
 Awards Presentation-1:30 p.m.
 4-H Livestock Auction 2:00 p.m.



Apply to be a Livestock Ambassador

Grab the reins on the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team ~ team applications are open!

Do you have a passion for Animal Sciences? The Livestock Ambassador Team might be for you! Become a role model and advocate for the livestock industry. On this team you'll help with ...

- Statewide Junior Livestock Conferences
- Regional Livestock Clinics
- Livestock Skillathons
- Assisting with State 4-H Livestock Events
- Advocating for the livestock industry
- Serving on agricultural youth boards (YEA, Junior Association, State Fair)
- Involvement State Fair activities (Commodity Carnival, Governor's Auction, Ag Day, Tours, etc.)

Applications will close March 31. Apply through this link: go.illinois.edu/LATApply



Hamilton County Fair

This year the 4-H exhibits will be held the same week as the Hamilton County Fair. There will be several opportunities for the food stand to be open during fair events. Please plan to help several nights.



Fair schedule as of now, subject to change!

Demo Derby	Saturday, June 8
Church Event	Sunday, June 9
Carnival Begins	Tuesday, June 11-Thursday, June 14
4 Wheeler Races	Tuesday, June 11
Pig Sorting	Wednesday, June 12
Tractor Pull	Thursday, June 13
Rodeo	Friday, June 14
Mud Bog	Saturday, June 15

Horse Event Dates

Mark your calendars for our spring horse contest dates!

4- H Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests:

Regional qualifying contests info: See regional map to find your region and contact your local county for information on your regional contest

State Contest: April 13 (Hippology) & April 14 (Horse Bowl) | UIUC campus

State Contest registration: there is no registration for the state contest. Regional contest participants that qualify are simply advanced to the state contest registration list

4-H Horse Speaking Contests April 13, 2024 (in conjunction with state hippology contest) | UIUC campus Registration deadline March 29, 2024 and log in to ZSuites to register.



Illinois 4-H State Awards Ceremony Planned

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

Emilee Cox—Emerald-Community Service

Maddie Karcher-Emerald Project Mastery

Gracie Walker-Emerald-Project Mastery

Shiloh Willis-Emerald-Project Mastery

Granger Wilson-Emerald-Project Mastery

Emilee Cox will also be awarded the Gardening, Agriculture and Food Access Scholarship.

Each member should have received an e-mail notification with instructions to send a bio and photo.

The awards ceremony will be held on March 10 at the Big Red Barn at 2:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited.



National Day of Service is Saturday, April 27, 2024

4-H members and clubs continue to demonstrate they are True Leaders in Service, as they work to support both their personal and club goals of making a difference in their

community while focusing on the 4th “H” and pledging their HANDS to larger service!

Please register your event on the Illinois 4-H Community Service page of the website. Once your event is over you can also report what you accomplished through your service outreach and upload photos which can be highlighted through the Illinois 4-H Social Media channels!

Please note – this site is open year-round so if you do multiple projects throughout the year, please continue to share that information both on the registration side and on the reporting side. The impact made by individual 4-H members and by clubs in their communities is valuable. It makes Illinois communities stronger; it helps support unity among community members; and it provides valuable support to those in need.



Livestock Clinic, Skill a thon and YQCA Training

Are you interested in livestock, meeting new people who share your interests and increasing your livestock knowledge?

Mark your calendars for a day of fun and learning on Saturday, May 4, location to be determined. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the clinic starts at 9:30.

4-H members will compete in the Livestock skill a thon with feed ingredient identification, breed identification, equipment identification and YQCA training.

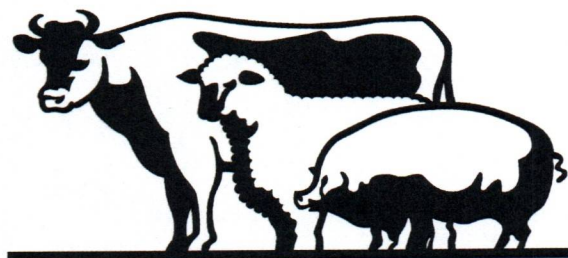
A \$5.00 fee will register each member in all classes except the YQCA training that you MUST preregister for online.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories in both junior and senior divisions. Lunch will be provided. .

Please contact the Hamilton County Extension office at 643-3416 or by email to pjhatfie@illinois.edu with any suggestions or to register.

Throughout the day members will complete the face to face YQCA training, the cost will be \$3.00 and must be preregistered.

Those who do not complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs.



If you have not cashed your 2023 State Fair 4-H premium check please do so as soon as possible!!! We will not reissue!!!



Speak Your Mind

The Public Presentation Contest for Unit 24 has been set for Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. The contest will be held at the White County Extension office. Hamilton County 4-H members planning to participate must email or call this office by March 18 letting us know the TYPE and TITLE of your presentation.



You must be an ACTIVE member (enrolled AND paid) by March 18 to participate.

All 4-H members interested in giving a talk are encouraged to do so. Four categories are available to choose from, Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Oral Interpretation and Original Works. You may select to do one or two talks. You could even give a speech you wrote for a class at school. Turn your science fair projects into a speech. Each time you speak in front of an audience you gain so many skills that will carry you through the rest of your life. Contact the office with your title by March 18. This is your chance to speak your mind!

Enrollment in the Public Presentations project is required to participate in this section. No live animals are allowed in speeches. Counties may advance a total of 3 entries from any category to the state contest, to be held April 30. A 4-H member may advance in one individual category and one team category.

All ages are eligible to compete in any of the four divisions: Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, Oral Interpretation. Youth may participate in this contest AND exhibit a project at the Illinois State Fair. All presentations must be 4 to 6 minutes in length.

Farm Bureau to Offer 4-H Project Scholarships

The Hamilton County Farm Bureau is offering 4-H project scholarships again this year.

This grant program is designed to provide 4-H members with financial support to purchase materials needed to complete a successful 4-H project.

Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$150.

Limit of one grant per 4-H member per year.

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must meet and complete the following requirements:

The applicant must be between the ages of 8 and 14 (at the start of the 4-H year).

The applicant must be enrolled in a Hamilton County 4-H Club during the 2023-2024 project year.

The applicant must be currently enrolled in the project for which they are applying for.

The applicant must complete, in its entirety, all sections of the application and submit it to the address on the last page of the application by March 15, 2024.

The applicant's 4-H leader and parent/guardian must sign the application.



If awarded a grant, 4-Hers will be asked to bring their items to the Farm Bureau office for a photo OR the 4-Her can email a photo of them with their items to jhmanager@jeffersoncfb.org

The 4-Her will exhibit the project at the 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Funds will not be awarded to purchase an animal. However, supplies for care and show are acceptable.

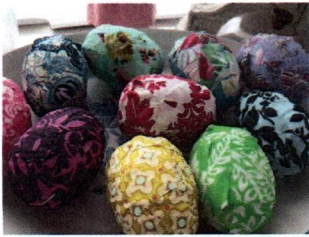
The applications will be reviewed by the Directors of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau at their March 2024 monthly meeting. The names of the 4-Hers will be omitted from the applications during judging.

All purchases must be made prior to exhibition at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, set for June 13-14th. Grant funds will be awarded upon submission of receipts and a picture of the 4-Her with the supplies they purchased. The deadline to submit receipts and your picture is July 15, 2024.



Easter Craft Day

Mark your calendars for a fun day of crafting. Since it is spring break and there is no school we have a day of crafting planned for March 11 in the courthouse basement. There will



be two sessions one for younger kids K-6th grade from 9-11 a.m. and 7th grade to Adult from 1-3 p.m..

Participants will make several Easter and spring related items. Including eggs, carrots, bunnies and candy!

There is no cost to participate if you are a 4-H member and \$20 if you are an adult. Contact the office by March 6 to sign up!

YQCA Trainings

Unit 24 is offering several opportunities for youth to attend in person YQCA trainings. Remember if you do not attend a training, either online or in person, you CAN NOT Exhibit Livestock.

April 6 Saline County YQCA from 2-3:00p.m. at fairgrounds.

April 27 White County Rabbit Workshop and YQCA training

May 4 Hamilton County Skill a thon and YQCA training.

4-H Memorial

Summer Youth Camp

Summer Youth Camp at 4-H Memorial Camp

Dates for 2024 are set! New for this year we will have a camp available the beginning of August. This is a perfect time come to camp before school starts back up!

Week 1	June 2-6
Week 2	June 9-13
Week 3	June 16-20
Week 4	June 30-July 4
Week 5	August 3-7

Online registration for 4-H Members will open January 22, 2024. If you are in need of financial assistance/scholarships to attend, please contact your local Extension Office to see if funds are available prior to enrolling.



Open registration begins February 5, 2024.

Additional details are available on the 4-H Camp Summer Camp website.

Great Summer Jobs at 4-H Memorial Camp

4-H Memorial Camp is hiring! If you are 16+ years old by May 28th and ready for a rewarding job working with kids in the great outdoors (and that just happens to look great on a résumé), then we have great opportunities for you. We begin accepting applications January 1st for the positions of counselors, program staff, and assistant camp nurse. These are paid positions which also include room and board during employment dates. Applications, job descriptions, and dates of employment are available on the 4-H Camp Employment Opportunities website.

Join our new Camp Facebook group!

Our current camp Facebook page is moving to a new group under our state page. Check out our new Camp Facebook group to stay in the know on all things camp!

**Southern
Region
4-H Showcase**
at DuQuoin State Fair

General Projects Show
Saturday, Aug 17
(Maximum of 3 entries per participant)

Livestock Shows.
(Maximum of 1 livestock animal per class.)

Friday, Aug 23
Goat and Sheep Shows, Swine Weigh-in

Saturday, Aug 24
Beef, Dairy, and Swine Shows

4-H Day with the Cardinals

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 21st Annual 4-H Day With the Cardinals is now open and will run through midnight on March 29.

Registration will be through Cvent at - <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2024>

Game day is May 18 at 6:15 p.m. against the Boston Red Sox. Tickets are \$30.00 each and include a specially designed t-shirt. There is a limited number of tickets, so order early! Groups or families that wish to sit together, must submit on one order. All sales are final and no refunds will be given.

Raffle chances are \$1.00 each for the chance to throw out the first pitch (must be a 4-H member), all others can win autographed baseballs and tickets to future games. A shipping and handling fee will be added to each order.

Everyone will have the chance to participate in a parade around the field. Tickets and t-shirts will be mailed May 1 with more instructions for the day. Please note – groups that wish to sit together, must submit one order.

Please spread the word and share this information with your 4-H families. Let's make it another great year!

21st Annual
4-H DAY
with the
Cardinals

TICKET ONLY
\$30
T-SHIRT INCLUDED!

SATURDAY
18
MAY

CARDINALS VS RED SOX

4-H members, alumni, family, and friends are invited to join University of Illinois Extension in partnership with University of Missouri Extension for a (hopeful) Cardinal win against the Red Sox!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 29

- Participate in the parade on field prior to the game.
- Shirt included in ticket price.
- Additional raffle tickets available for \$1.00. 1st prize is to throw out the first pitch (4-H members only). Additional prizes include tickets to a future game and autographed baseballs (no exclusions for additional prizes.)

REGISTER HERE:
<https://extension.missouri.edu/events/4-h-day-with-the-cardinals-2024>

*Please note - groups that wish to sit together **MUST** submit **ONE** order.

TICKET/T-SHIRT QUESTIONS? Contact Rhonda Shafer at shaferr@missouri.edu
PARADE/RAFFLE QUESTIONS? Contact Dave Hileman at hilemand@missouri.edu

Warhorse 4-H Club Swine Spring Preview Show

Saturday April 20th,
2024

White County Fair-
grounds
201 Fairground Rd Car-
mi, IL 62821

Registration Link be-
low:

<https://showman.app/shows#/war-horse-4-h-spring-preview>



Showmanship

8:00 am

Breeding Gilt Show \$30/entry

30 minutes after showmanship

Market Barrow Show \$30/entry

30 minutes after breeding gilts

Contact

Justin Williams Cell- 618-383-2645 Email-
Justinwilliams4320@gmail.com

Arrival

Pens will be available Friday evening after 5:00 pm. We will check people in and weigh barrows until 8 pm. Then resume check in and weighing at 6 am the morning of the show.

Check-In

Friday April 19, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm; Satur-
day April 20 6:00- 9:00 am

Health Checks

Health papers required.

Other Information

Shavings will be available for bedding and pens must be cleaned before leaving.

Refund Policy

Entry fees



Hamilton County 4-H

Exhibit Dates

Public Presentation Contest—March 21 at 6:00 p.m. Carme office
General Projects—June 21 at 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn
Rabbits & Poultry—June 13 at 9:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Small Pets, Cats & Dogs—June 13 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Early Weigh-In June 13 at 4:00 –6:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Farm Follies—June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Livestock Show June 14—at 8:00 a.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Hospitality Tent—June 14 at 1:00 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Awards Presentation—June 14 at 1:30 p.m. at 4-H Livestock Barn
Livestock Auction—June 14 at 2:00 p.m. at 4-H

State 4-H Events

February-March 2024 (dates TBD): Regional Horse Bowl/Hippology Contests, various locations, contact your county office

March 2024

March 1: State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

March 9: College Road Trip, Champaign

March 3: JOANN Point of Sale Fundraiser begins

March 13-17: Ignite By 4-H Conference, Washington, DC

April 2024

April 6: State 4-H Awards Celebration, Champaign

April 13: State Horse Speaking Contest, Champaign

April 19-24: National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD

April 27: National 4-H Day of Service

April 13: State Hippology Contest, Champaign

April 14: Horse Bowl Contest, Champaign

April 24: Tractor Supply Paper Clover begins

April 27: State Public Speaking Contest

May 2024

May 4: State Robotics Competition
Champaign County

May 11: Shooting Sports Leader Certification training,
May (TBD) Legislative Connection in Springfield

June 2024

June 2-6: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 1

June 16-20: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 3

June 23-27: Illini Summer Academies, Champaign-Urbana

June 9-13: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 2

June 30-July 4: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 4

July 2024

July 2024: True Leaders in Equity, Bethesda, MD

July 27: Shooting Sports Leader Certification training, Franklin County

July 2024: Digital Agriculture Training Course

August 2024

August 3-7: 4-H Memorial Camp Session 5

August 9-11: State Fair, Springfield

Fall 2024: Plant Science Summit, Champaign

Illini Summer Academies Planned

Illini Summer Academies is a life-changing personal development experience on the University of Illinois campus. Participants from around Illinois attend academy sessions led by university professors and enjoy a variety of educational sessions that provide a taste of what is possible after high school. Redefine how you see your own potential and network with other youth leaders as you take advantage of this one-of-a-kind summer opportunity.

Save the date for June 23-27, 2024 and watch for registration info coming soon!



Upcoming Dates

March 10	Unit 24 State awards Recognition Event
March 11	Easter Craft Day 9-11 Youth, 1-3 Teens
March 11	Federation Meeting 11:30 p.m.
March 15	Farm Bureau Grant Deadline
March 18	Trivia Night 5:00 Courthouse basement
March 19	Farmers Share Breakfast 5:30 a.m.
March 21	Public Presentation Contest 6:00 p.m. Carmi office
March 19	Livestock Clinic and Skill a thon 9:00 a.m.
March 26	Horsebowl & Hippology 9:00-4:00 SIUC (tentative)
April 5	Community Safety Day
April 6	Saline County YQCA 2:00 p.m
April 7-8	Eclipse Celebration
April 27	White County Rabbit and Livestock Workshop and YQCA Training
May 4	Hamilton County Skill a thon and YQCA Training
May 18	4-H Day with the Cardinals
May 30	GIFT Garden sign up
June 2-6	4-H Memorial Camp Session 1
June 4	Gardening Class
June 5	Farmers Market
June 6	Cooking Class
June 9-13	4-H Memorial Camp Session 2
June 11	Gardening Class
June 12	Farmers Market
June 13	Cooking Class
June 21	General Projects Show 8:00 a.m. Big Red Barn
June 13	Rabbit & Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.
June 13	Cats, Dogs Small Pets Show
June 13	Early Weigh-in, Farm Follies 4:00-8:30
July 14	Livestock Show, Hospitality, Awards , Livestock Auction
June 16-20	4-H Memorial Camp Session 3

4-H is Online 24/7

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



Reminder! This year we will 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. We will be collecting secretary books on June 1 to make sure everyone has met their quota! Don't wait until this summer it will be too late!

Youth Sponsors: Consolidated Grain and Barge, Wabash Valley Service Company, Dahlgren Building Center, Farm Credit Services, Honeysuckle Vine Events, McNeil Consulting, David & Susan Johnson, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Twilight HCE Unit, Dahlgren HCE Unit, Happy Neighbors HCE Unit, Hamilton County Home & Community Education, Wuebbels Repair, LLC, Trudee Wynn Country Financial, Larry Pauketat, Lisa Cross Financial Advisor, Food Park, Wilson's Computers, Corteva, York Pharmacy, Dick and Lucille Auten, Christopher Johnson, Bunge SCF, Hamilton County Rotary, Hamilton Memorial Hospital District, McLeansboro Kiwanis, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Roger Swartz, Banterra Bank and Insurance, Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op, Miller's Welding, Peoples National Bank, Posey County Co-Op, Southern FS, Legend Ag/Stone Seed Group, KA Rich Inc., Hamilton County Telephone Foundation, City of McLeansboro, Katrina Roberson, EA, Monsanto, Hall's Sawmill, Maschhoffs, McLeansboro Elks, Mike Harre/The Big Red Barn, SECLR Farms, SN Partners, Fairfield National Bank, H & R Agri Power, Miller Seed Solutions, Woodrow Farms, Aydt Farms, Waier Farms.