



4-H News

Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Morgan & Scott

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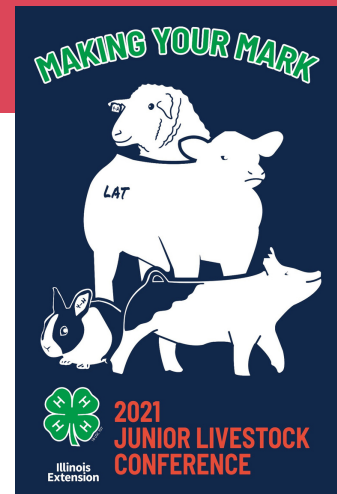
Welcome New 4-H Members:

Cass County:

- Philadelphia Cloverbud: Ava Brockhouse

Scott County:

- Winchester Winners: Harper Fay



Junior Livestock Conference:
Check out link for more information:
go.illinois.edu/2021JuniorLivestock

4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Is your club or chapter looking to make a positive impact in your rural community? See how a community improvement grant can help turn your ideas into reality. Farm Credit Illinois is providing \$500 community improvement grants for 4-H clubs & FFA chapters. Deadline to apply is March 12. [Click here to apply.](#)

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN GREENE & MORGAN COUNTIES

- Greene County 4-H Livestock Committee will be offering One \$500 Scholarship. [Download or complete application online.](#)
- Morgan County 4-H Members who are Seniors or Freshmen in College don't forget to check out two great scholarship opportunities. Links for each scholarship are listed below:
 1. Morgan Country 4-H Foundation is offering SIX \$750, ONE \$500 Farm Credit & ONE \$500 Kiwanis scholarships [Download or complete application online.](#)
 2. Morgan County Fair is offering TWO \$1000 scholarships: [Download application.](#)

Public Presentation Information

Members who are in the Public Speaking project may begin to register on April. There are 2 locations to exhibit. You may choose either one.

6:00pm

May 11, Morgan County

May 12, Greene County

The State Pubic Speaking contest is scheduled for June 5 at Richland Community College in Decatur.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff.
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.



Shooting Sports Instructors Training

If you know of an interested adult who wants to volunteer to be an instructor in one of the shooting sports disciplines (shotgun, rifle, archery, pistol), please have them contact April. Upcoming traings are: June 5 in Monticello and July 24 in Hull (Pike County).

Illinois 4-H outlines safety requirements for in-person events

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



We're looking forward to the 2021 season! As Illinois 4-H staff plan for the 2021 show and event season, our top priority will continue to be the safety of all involved, combined with a commitment to creating positive youth development experiences for our 4-H members.

We are preparing for the possibility of returning to in-person events, based on local conditions at that time and in conjunction with current IDPH guidelines.

If current local conditions are conducive to in-person events, the opportunity for face-to-face judging for Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Morgan & Scott Counties will require that all participants, spectators, and volunteers adhere to Illinois 4-H event guidelines. We are counting on our 4-H members, their families, and our staff and volunteers to do their part to help make our upcoming events as safe as possible, whatever format they take.

The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health and University of Illinois event guidelines. These mitigation protocols also may be modified to reflect any requirements of the local public health department based on local conditions at the time of the event.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside)
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
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If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 217-243-7424. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event.

As excited as we are about the possibility of stepping back into face-to-face judging, we also recognize that this is a continually evolving situation. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

We truly are stronger together. With your help, we look forward to a safe and successful summer!