



Wabash County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now

- April 13 — 4-H Sewing Workshop at C Quilts from 9:00-2:00
- April 13 — Hi-Flyers meeting/community service project
- April 15 — Fun Stuff 4-H'ers meeting at 6:00pm
- April 17 — Federation meeting at the Extension office at 3:15
- April 17 — Sprouts' field trip to Marriott's farm at 5:00pm
- April 17 — Allendale Twisters meeting at the Allendale Ruritan building at 6:00pm
- April 23 — Wabash County 4-H Public Presentations Contest at the Extension office at 5:00pm
- May 11 — "Success in the Show Ring" Livestock Clinic at the Youth Center from 10:00-12:00 (see page for more information)
- July 13-19 — Wabash County Fair
- August 10 — Day for Wabash County General Project exhibitors to exhibit at the State Fair

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 7 – 13

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 7 – 13. 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.

In Wabash County, there are 11 club leaders who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. 4-H clubs and their leaders include:

Allendale Twisters

Gill Sanders
Jay Pettyjohn

Barn Busters

Stephanie Bosecker

Fun Stuff 4-H'ers

Janet Anderson

Hi-Flyers

Justin Swanson
Ashley Swanson
Stephanie Kolb

The Sprouts

Haleigh Buchanan
Amanda Medler

Town and Country 4-H'ers

Christy Bromm
Angie Broster



Tell us the future of farming

Farming is in a constant state of change. It's evolving with innovation in technologies. With a growing population, agriculture faces new challenges every day. With new challenges come endless opportunities to reinvent the industry. Farmfluencer is a global video competition, empowering youth and connecting them with farming. By making a 2-minute video about the future of farming, you'll get to share your point of view with the world and enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000. Deadline is April 24. Enter @ https://www.farmfluencer.com/?utm_source=Kick-off&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=&utm_content=US_English&utm_campaign.

Let's go fishing

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 4 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5. 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. Register @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp or contact Curt Sinclair at (217) 762-2741. You can email Curt at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.



Another opportunity to see the world

Imagine being involved in rice harvesting in Thailand, experiencing advances in dairy farming in Switzerland, cattle ranching in Argentina, or opportunities in more than 15 other countries. An experience with IFYE can bring you this and more. The IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2019 international exchange programs.

The initial application is available on the IFYE Association website @ ifyeusa.org. It takes less than 30 minutes to complete and submit. The IFYE national program director will then follow up with you to begin your international experience. Look under the Foreign Exchange tab for USA outbound participation application to get started. Those who complete the written applications will be interviewed for the limited number of 2019 international exchange opportunities.

IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. provides cultural exchange programming that places participants with multiple host families during a three- or six-month period in countries around the world. The IFYE vision of "Peace through Understanding" continues to touch the lives of people around the world.



See if your story was told!

The Illinois 4-H Foundation and the Illinois 4-H program have joined forces to present the report of amazing accomplishments for 2018. The *CloverSeed* highlights many 4-H members and clubs. Check it out online @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/about/our-impact>. You might just find a picture of yourself on the pages!

Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.



So much to see and do!

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of 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, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.



Understanding 4-H premiums

In the past, the Illinois Department of Ag has provided funds to local Illinois 4-H members in the forms of premiums (cash prizes) for participation in 4-H shows and exhibitions. We currently have no guarantee that those funds will be provided. We treasure each of our 4-H families and know that you make a financial investment in your 4-H project work. We hope you continue to take pride in your 4-H learning and continue to participate fully in the 4-H program. As you are aware, we have no control on the actions of Illinois government.



JOANN



Get your Clover at JOANN stores: Between March 1 and April 30, you can donate to 4-H at your local JOANN store. Purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Clover for Kids at the register. \$4 clovers have a coupon for \$4 off your next visit to the store.



Raise Your Hand... yes, again!

The friendly competition across the nation is back April 1 – May 15. Look for more news across all our 4-H social media channels.



Let's support Unit 25 and The Guardians of the STEMbots from Lawrence County as they compete in the Illinois 4-H STEMbot Robotics Competition

Join Illinois 4-H and over 500 youth at the 2019 State Robotics Challenge! This year's challenge revolves around one of the largest and fastest growing professional sectors in the world...STEM! As such, each task this year will revolve around STEM related fields and concepts, and will help illuminate some of the work that STEM professionals do. There is no cost to watch. This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. For general questions and more information on the challenge, please visit the IL 4-H Robotics Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC)

All 4-H members who are planning to exhibit beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, swine, sheep, rabbit, dog, and cat projects for the first time **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at Fair. **This rule applies to 4-H Members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.** This is a **one time** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regard-less of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All members needing to take QAEC have been sent a notice in the mail.

The deadline to complete QAEC is JUNE 1.

You can find the online training at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec>

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records.

If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.

Thank You

To Rabbit Superintendents Michelle and Phillip Potts and to Poultry Superintendent Jed Wirth for leading our 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Informational Clinic on March 30! We really appreciate your guidance to the county's rabbit and poultry exhibitors!

Attention 8-12 Year Olds!

(as of Sept. 1, 2018)

Wabash County Farm Bureau 4-H Project Grant

Wabash County Farm Bureau is generously offering this grant again this year, through their Foundation, to assist 4-H members with the cost of the materials needed for their 4-H fair projects. You should have received a copy of the application and guidelines for completion in the mail.

Examples of materials that the grant can help with include, but are not limited to: art supplies, kitchen equipment, live-stock care materials (cages, halters, bottles, etc.), display boxes, vegetable seeds, sewing supplies, and camera equipment.

Please read through all of the easy-to-follow directions included in the grant paperwork. The application is due to the Farm Bureau office no later than **April 15**.

If you need another application, please contact the Extension office.

*Thanks to Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation for
providing this opportunity!*





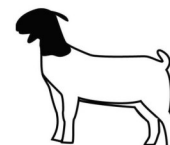
*Experience is the
best teacher!*

Success in the Show Ring

UNIT #25 4-H LIVESTOCK CLINIC
BEEF, GOATS(MEAT & DAIRY), SHEEP AND SWINE



Saturday, May 11
10:00am-12:00
Mabel A. Courter Youth Center
("The Fairgrounds")
15039 Four H Center Lane, Mt. Carmel



Youth of all ages are invited to attend.

Learn from seasoned exhibitors what it takes to reach your full livestock project potential!
Older youth will share information and hands on training from their experience
raising and showing livestock.

Individual species' sessions will be going on at the same time in different areas of the
fairgrounds, so choose the one you are most interested in learning about.

Topics covered will include:

- Daily Care
- Show Prep (at home and show day)
- Show skills



**Parents: A separate question and answer session will be
available for you to gain insight into the parent side of your
child's livestock projects.**

Register by April 26th for your name to be entered to win a door prize.
(Must register and be present to win)

Sign up on our website-<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww-> or by
calling the Wabash County Extension office at (618)262-5725



*Clinicians are
older 4-H'ers
and recent
alumni who
have been
successful in
local and
national breed
shows. They
are excited to
bring their
knowledge and
experience of
livestock
showing to
share with you.*

Livestock and Dog Ownership Dates and Age Requirements
2019 Fair

The table below provides the dates by which animals to be exhibited at the fair must be owned and cared for by the exhibitors, along with the dates by which the animals must have been born.

Species	Ownership Date	Animal Age Requirement
Beef Market Steers & Heifers	January 1, 2019	Calved after January 1, 2018
Beef Breeding Heifers & Bull Calf	April 1, 2019	Calved between Sept. 1, 2017 and March 31, 2019
Beef Breeding Stock Cows	January 1, 2019	Calved before September 1, 2017
Bucket Calf	Animal acquired between January 15 , 2019 and May 15, 2019	Calved between January 15, 2019 and May 15, 2019
Dairy Steer	January 1, 2019	Calved after January 1, 2018
Dairy Breeding Heifers & Calves	April 1, 2019	N/A
Dairy Cows	January 1, 2019	N/A
Dog	Owned or leased by June 1, 2019	N/A
Goats Kids & Yearlings not in milk	May 15, 2019	N/A
Goats Milking Does	January 1, 2019	N/A
Goats Market	May 15, 2019	Born on or after October 1, 2018
Goats Pygmy	May 15, 2019	N/A
Horse & Pony	Copy of ownership and/or lease papers due to Ext. office by May 1, 2019	N/A
Poultry	June 1, 2019	N/A
Rabbits	June 1, 2019	N/A
Sheep Market Wethers	May 15, 2019	Lambled on or after January 1, 2019
Sheep Breeding Yearling Ewes	May 15, 2019	Lambled between January 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018
Sheep Breeding Ewe Lambs	May 15, 2019	Lambled after September 1, 2018
Sheep Breeding Ram Lambs	May 15, 2019	Lambled after January 1, 2019
Swine Market Gilts & Barrows	May 15, 2019	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2019
Swine Breeding Gilts & Boars	May 15, 2019	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2019





Federation Happenings

The 4-H Federation did another communication activity at their meeting on April 4. Two teams participated in an “egg drop” activity. They each were tasked with creating something out of 25 straws, 1 piece of paper, 1 piece of card stock, and masking tape that would protect their egg from breaking when dropping it. Unfortunately, neither team was successful.

All high school and college freshman 4-H members are welcome to join Federation!



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

4-H Wabash County, Illinois