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Happening Now

- **Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation's 4-H Project Grant Application is being offered to 8-12 year old (4-H age) 4-H'ers! Due April 15th! See page 6 for more information!**
- March 9 — Beef Weigh-In at the Youth Center at 10:00am
- March 16 — Barn Busters meeting at Keensburg Christian Church at 9:00am
- March 16 — Hi-Flyers meeting at the Wabash County Farm Bureau office at 9:00am
- March 20 — Allendale Twisters meeting at the Allendale Ruritan building at 6:00pm
- March 20 — Sprouts meeting at the Allendale Ruritan building at 6:00pm
- March 20 — Federation meeting at the Extension office at 3:15pm
- March 21 — Leaders' meeting at the Extension office at 6:00pm
- March 25 — Town and Country meeting at the Wabash County Quail Club at 6:00pm
- March 30 — Rabbit and Poultry Informational Clinic (see below)
- April 13 — Sewing workshop at C Quilts (more information will be forthcoming)
- April 23 — 4-H Public Presentations contest at the Extension office at 5:00pm
- May 11 — Success in the Show Ring Unit #25 4-H Livestock Clinic at the Youth Center from 10:00-12:00 (see page 8 for more information)
- July 13-19 — Wabash County Fair
- August 10 — Day for Wabash County General Project exhibitors to exhibit at the State Fair

Rabbit and Poultry Informational Clinic

MARCH 30 AT 9AM
MABEL A COURTER YOUTH CENTER -
ANNEX BUILDING

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED:

- FAIR PREPARATION
- PROPER CARE AND HANDLING OF ANIMALS
- BASIC NUTRITION
- FAIR CLASS DIFFERENTIATION

We highly encourage you to attend this clinic if you are enrolled in rabbits and/or poultry
Please do not bring any animals

To register go to <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww/> or call the Extension office at
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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. To register, contact 4-H Memorial Camp at (217) 762-2741 or send an email to Curt Sinclair at sinclair@illinois.edu.

Paid camp counselor positions open, male applicants encouraged to apply

Earn a starting salary of \$1,925 while you work outside and lakeside for seven weeks this summer! Counselors, minimum age 16, are needed at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. You will live onsite at Memorial the following days: June 4-13, June 16-20, June 30 - July 4, July 7 - 12, and July 28 - Aug. 1. Meals are provided. Counselors receive a week of training prior to the start of camp. Training dates will be set later according to school schedules. Materials available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-memorial-camp>.

Legislative Connection Dates

Illinois 4-H members who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training and participated in the annual updates are invited to participate in **Legislative Connection** at the State Capitol in Springfield. There are four days in 2019: March 26 & 27 and May 8 & 9. All youth who have completed *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* training or complete one of the upcoming training opportunities will receive registration information through an email invitation.

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Be a true leader in service

Join 4-H Members and Clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 27** as part of **True Leaders in Service!** 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their 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.

We'd like you to register your effort on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website prior to April 27. Here is the link to the website, go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. **The link to register your event is now OPEN. Resources to use to help in your planning are also available on the website.**

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 countywide 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.**

Register your event beforehand at go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice through the National 4-H Council website.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice and **find helpful resources** – the Illinois resources are also posted on the National 4-H True Leaders in Service website.

Promote your event on social media using #thats4H and #TrueLeaders. Tag @illinois4H for a chance at fun prizes for your club!

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.

Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hservice after your event and **submit a report on what you did.**

Please use both the National and State registration links for registration and reporting to create greater visibility for the Illinois 4-H service events! **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! *If you have questions, please contact Pat McGlaughlin, patm@illinois.edu.*

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

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.

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





Speaking for Illinois 4-H Training Opportunities

Teens have an opportunity this spring to be trained as an Illinois 4-H spokesperson through the *Speaking for Illinois 4-H* program. Speaking for Illinois 4-H training is open to 4-H members who are 14 and older. Both will be all-day training experiences to prepare teens to support our local 4-H program by soliciting donors, speaking to community groups, and updating county boards or other community governing bodies about local 4-H impact. On a state level, those attending a training can register for 4-H Legislative Connection events at the State Capitol where they will tell their story to Illinois legislators. The registration cost is \$12.

Training options:

WASHINGTON COUNTY: Attend training on Saturday, March 9 at Okawville Community Center, 905 N. Henrietta Street, Okawville. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h.

LOGAN COUNTY: Attend training on Saturday, April 27 at the Logan County Extension office, 980 N. Postville Dr., Lincoln. Register online @ go.illinois.edu/sfi4h after March 28.



Plant your own pollinator garden

You can receive free seed to help establish habitats for honey bees and other pollinators with the help of the GROWMARK System. Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species. Here's how:

Find a public place and get permission to plant a pollinator garden before you apply.

Complete the online application by April 1 @ www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator

If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, kjones@growmark.com or 309-557-6184.

You'll receive enough seed to plant a 700-square foot area. GROWMARK will provide education-al signage you are asked to post.

Illini Summer Academies

Spend 7 days and 6 nights on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus for the 4-H Illini Summer Academies. Registration opens March 1 at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Check in at 3 PM Sunday, June 23. The conference ends the morning of Saturday, June 29.

The conference is open to youth who will have completed 8th thru 12th grade by the time of the conference and will be at least 14 years old before the end of 2019. Cost varies based on the Academy section you choose! A limited number of scholarships are available.

Spend 18 hours in an up-close exploration of one of these exciting fields of study*:

Aerospace Engineering: \$440
 Ag Communications: Telling Stories of Ag & Environment: \$280
 Ag Mechanization: Horses to Drones: \$440
 Animal Nutrition & Welfare: From the Wild to the Mild: \$440
 Animal Sciences: \$350
 Work Hard & Play Hard: Health, Sports, and Wellness Careers: \$250
 Crop Science: Sustainable Food Systems: \$240
 Electrical & Computer Engineering: \$465
 Food Science & Human Nutrition: From Farm to Table: \$290
 Game Design: Digital Art, Storytelling & Fabrication: \$315
 Human Development & Family Studies: \$275
 Molecular & Cellular Biology: \$365
 MyPI Disaster Preparedness: \$400
 Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: Sustainable Summer: \$240
 Light & Sound Technologies for Stage & Theater: TBD
 Veterinary Medicine: \$355

Outside of class time, you will be exploring campus, hanging with friends, and having adventures you will only find at the UIUC campus.

*prices and availability subject to change.

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, livestock 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!*

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Register your team for 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.

This year's competition will take place at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, May 11. Team registration will close March 31. There is a \$20 Entry fee per team assessed at the time of registration. To register follow this link:

4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-robotics-competition

To view the challenge introduction video, follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/xtLxA-kL49c>

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.

Off Premises Forms

If your 4-H animal(s) are not kept at your home/physical address, you will need to complete an off premises form and return the form to our office **NO LATER** than April 1, 2019. This applies to ALL livestock including horses. This form will need to be signed by the 4-Her, a parent, the land owner and your leader before turning it into the office.

For example: If your animal is housed at a family member or neighbors home just down the road, you need to fill out a form. Or if your animal(s) are housed on your family farm but you do not live on the farm, you will need to fill out a form.

If your animal must be kept some place other than your home for any reason the 4-Her should (is expected) be able to take care of the animal(s) on a daily basis.

If you have any questions or need a form please call the office or visit this website to print from home.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/elrww/wabash4h/>

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4-H Wabash County, Illinois

*Experience is the
best teacher!*

Success in the Show Ring

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

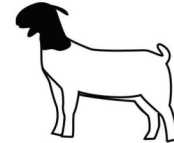


Saturday, May 11

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
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*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.*

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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

4-H Scrumptious Science Club

Our Scrumptious Science club met on the Wednesdays in February at Mt. Carmel High School's Food Lab. The group's meetings focused on the science behind cooking. After a lesson on the day's theme, a tasty treat was made at each of the meetings. At the first one, members learned about yeast and the chemical reaction that happens with it when making bread, before making pretzels. The second meeting's focus was eggs. After learning about egg production and how to separate egg whites, members made chocolate soufflé. Oxidation was the theme of the third meeting's lesson before making fruit pizza. Finally, for the last meeting, the members prepared the dishes that were made at the first three and invited their parents and grandparents to come for a tasting. Thank you very much to Mt. Carmel High School for hosting and to Wabash County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Staci Roberts for helping!



Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Staci Roberts teaches the group about egg production



Learning to separate egg whites



Making fruit pizza



Parents and grandparents attending a tasting



Federation Trip

We had a fun time on this year's Federation trip on February 23. About half the group was able to go to Evansville that day, with activities including a visit to Sky Zone, some time at the mall, and an escape room.



We solved the escape room mystery with 3 seconds left!