



Wabash County 4-H Clover Chatter

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Happening Now

- May 4 — Messin' Around in the Dirt-Cloverbud workshop-10:30am-noon
- May 11 — Success in the Show Ring Livestock Clinic 10:00am-noon
- May 15 — Allendale Twisters meeting at the Allendale Ruritan Building at 6:00pm
- May 15 — Sprouts meeting at the Allendale Ruritan Building at 6:00pm
- May 18 — Hi Flyers meeting at Farm Bureau office at 9:00am
- May 20 — Fun Stuff meeting at 6:00pm
- May 20 — Fair Entry Open — registration for 4-H fair classes (see page 5)
- May 22 — Federation meeting at the Extension office at 3:15pm
- May 27 — Town & County meeting at the Quail Club at 6:00pm
- May 30 — Leaders' meeting at the Extension office at 6:00pm
- June 1 — Deadline for dog exhibitors to turn in ownership/lease papers
- June 1 — Deadline to complete QAEC (see page 3)
- June 15 — Deadline for cat exhibitors to turn in ownership and vet papers
- June 20 — Fair Entry Registration closes
- July 4 — 4th of July parade (see page 5)
- July 6 — Work day at the Fair 8:00am
- July 13-19 — Wabash County Fair
- August 10 — Day for Wabash County General Project exhibitors to exhibit at the State Fair

Wabash County Farm Bureau Foundation 4-H Project Grant Recipients

The county's Farm Bureau Foundation has kindly offered this grant to 8-12 year old 4-H members to assist them with materials needed to complete a successful 4-H project. The following 4-H'ers were awarded the grant this year:

Audrey Broster

Ava Giese

Alivia Peach

Natalie Roberts

Wyatt Rooney

Elyse Swanson

Zeke Swanson

Addison Tennis

Thank You Farm Bureau Foundation!



We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can become an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.

Length of service: Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."

Deadline: June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

Putting on the dog!

Youth who qualify at their local 4-H show may be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, August 24 in Dixon! Check out all the details online @ 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/illinois-4-h-state-dog-show.

I PLEDGE ... MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY



Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.

Your video should relate to one of these topics:

Through 4-H, I've been able to ...

In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned

4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...

4-H has helped me feel welcomed by

I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...

In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...

Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I Thanks for helping me grow!"

There are divisions for 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Alumni!!!!!!

Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.

Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.

A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.

It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.

Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.

Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.

Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@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.

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





DEWIG MEATS

TO BE AT THE FAIR AGAIN THIS YEAR

Dewig Meats will have a stock truck at the Wabash County Fair on Friday, July 19, at 7:00am to take any custom cattle, hogs, sheep, or goats that 4-H'ers want processed for themselves, family, and friends.

If you are interested in having an animal processed, please contact the species superintendent before the fair.

Dewig Meats in Haubstadt has been a supporter of the Wabash County Fair, along with all local county fairs for many years.

Registration of 4-H Projects for the Fair

All county 4-H members who will be exhibiting projects at the fair this year must register them via the online FairEntry system that we began implementing a couple of years ago. Instructions on how to do this will be mailed to all of our 4-H families. This must be completed no later than ***June 20!***

If you have any questions or encounter any problems with your registration, please do not hesitate to call us or stop in at the Extension office. We will be happy to assist you.

Note that this online process is only for your 4-H projects and has nothing to do with the Junior Fair project entry process.



Save the dates!

Wabash County Fair 2019

July 13-19

Come Join us for the 4th of July Parade!

What: Come walk with 4-H in the Mt. Carmel 4th of July Parade

When: Thursday, July 4th, 2019

Line up at 9:00am, Parade starts at 10:00am

Where: Line up at 10th and Market Street

Wear your club t-shirts and bring a bag or two of candy with you. We will also be handing out flyers promoting the upcoming 4-H and Junior Fair.

Hope to have every club represented!

If you have any questions, please call the office at 618-262-5725.

Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for adults willing to be 4-H volunteers during fair week and/or the couple of weeks leading up to the fair to help with the many various tasks that go into making the fair successful. This year's fair will take place the week of July 13-19. Anyone interested is asked to please call the Extension office at 262-5725, or stop by to discuss.



Poultry Exhibitors:

Due to a shortage of antigen, the Pullorum-Typhoid testing of birds for exhibition is being waived for the 2019 show season. The following is a statement from the Illinois Department of Agriculture:

“Due to the shortage of antigen necessary to conduct Pullorum-Typhoid testing, the State of Illinois is waiving the pullorum requirements for birds or hatching eggs sold within or imported into the State as well as the testing requirements for exhibition. Once antigen becomes available, this waiver will be rescinded and all flocks participating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan will be required to conduct their annual test. Reciprocity with other states is not guaranteed and producers / exhibitors are responsible for contacting those state officials regarding compliance with entry requirements.”



Club Meeting Reminders:

- All clubs are required to have at least six meetings during the course of the 4-H year. These should take place before July 1 of the 4-H year, so that there is enough time before the fair to verify meeting attendance requirements for 4-H members to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- In order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair, 4-H members must have attended at least 2/3 of the meetings that their club held.





Sewing Workshop

We had a good turnout for our 4-H Sewing Workshop on Saturday, April 13th, at C Quilts. The group learned some basic sewing techniques while making pajama pants. Thank you very much to Colleen Kensler for instructing and allowing us to use her wonderful facility!



Eva Hocking presented her formal speech for our 4-H Public Presentations Contest on Tuesday, April 23rd. She did an excellent job, receiving an "A" rating and the Best of Show award and was also chosen to advance to the State public speaking contest in June. Congratulations Eva! The ribbons for this and the upcoming fair in July have been very kindly provided by Wabash County Farm Bureau again this year. Thank you very much to them!



"Success in the Show Ring"

4-H Livestock Clinic

Our "Success in the Show Ring" 4-H Livestock Clinic on Saturday, May 11th, was a huge success! 51 young people from around our Extension Unit 25 came to the Mabel A. Courter Youth Center in Wabash County to learn information and techniques to help them be successful in raising and showing animals. Each participant chose one of four species to learn about: beef, goat, sheep, or swine. Thank you very much to Nathan Glick, who worked very hard with us and gave a lot of his time to make this happen! We were excited to have the presenters be older 4-H'ers or recent alumni: Allison Stephens (beef), Laney Stephens (beef), Emily Dillinger (dairy goat), Clay Marks (meat goat), Maggie Sweppy (sheep), Christy Haase (sheep), Karisa Broster (swine), Tori Thompson (swine), Trent Thompson (swine). A big thank you to all of these for sharing their time and experience with the participants! Several adults also volunteered their time to help: Katrina Glick, Mary Sweppy, Julie Stephens, Wes and Kelly Fryman, Alice Marriott, Brenda Wirth, Mike Wilson, Jason Tennis, and Kurt Broster (and probably some others we missed). We really appreciate their willingness to help! At the end we had a door prize drawing – thanks to the Wabash County Junior Fair Board for contributing several of these prizes!





"Messin' Around in the Dirt"

This fun workshop for Cloverbud-aged youth (5-7) on May 4 allowed them to get their hands dirty as they did some basic gardening. After planting flowers in flower pots they had painted, the group made miniature greenhouses out of egg cartons. The morning finished with making and eating dirt pudding.



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