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Calendar of events

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February

- 3 YQCA Training; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at extension office
- 3 New Hope Lucky Clovers club meeting; 6 p.m.
- 5 Livestock Committee Meeting; 6 p.m.
- 9 Geff Chatters club meeting; 2 p.m.
- 10 Country Kids club meeting; 7 p.m.
- 11 Enterprisers club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Wayne City 4-H Club club meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Weather Spotter Workshop at Bob Boyles Hall; 6 p.m.
- 22 YQCA Training; 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at extension office
- 23 Rabbit workshop; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at extension office
- 24 Bingo at Brookstone; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 27 Federation Meeting; 6 p.m.
- 29 Beef Weigh-in at the fairgrounds; 8 to 9 a.m.

March

- 1 Last day to add projects on 4-H Online
- 10 Dog Obedience Class in Cisne; 6 to 7 p.m.
- 14 Open Rabbit Show at the Floral Hall
- 16 Ambassadors to Wayne City Ruritans
- 17 Dog Obedience Class
- 24 Dog Obedience Class
- 31 Dog Obedience Class

April

- 4 Swine Weigh-in at the fairgrounds; 8 to 9 a.m.

May

- 2 Goat and Sheep Weigh-In at the fairgrounds ; 8 to 9 a.m.

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SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

*Brought to you by The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky
and*

Wayne County Emergency Management Agency



**Bob Boyle's Hall
Frontier Community College
2 Frontier Drive
Fairfield, Illinois 62837**

*Become an official
National Weather Service
Skywarn Spotter!*

LEARN ABOUT WEATHER PHENOMENA SUCH AS:



Severe Thunderstorms



Hail



Tornadoes



Lightning



Funnel Clouds



Down Bursts



Wall Clouds



Flash Flooding



Winter Weather

The class lasts
approximately 2
hours.

The course and all
materials are free!

The class will feature many weather pictures and videos as well as updated information on how to become a well informed storm spotter!

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
TO ATTEND SPOTTER CLASSES!**

To Register: go to <http://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining>



For additional information on the Spotter program: contact Ricky.Shanklin@noaa.gov



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Dog Obedience Training Be your dog's best friend



DOGS

You and your best friend!

In this fun and exciting group, you will gain knowledge on the fundamentals of showing your dog with hands-on experience. You will also become skilled at recognizing the important relationship between you, the handler, and your dog.

What to Bring:

FIRST meeting - proof of shots for your dog
water and a water dish
treats for your dog
Dog must be on a leash; and
a sense of humor.

Open to all youth age 8-18
(must be 8 by September 1, 2019)
\$20 4-H Program Fee
if not already a 4-H Member

Tuesday nights starting March 10

(4 sessions— March 10, 17, 24, and 31
6:00 to 7:00 pm @ Murphy's Pet Grooming and
Boarding in Cisne

CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO REGISTER:
618-842-3702

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Sunday, February 23, 2020

2 p.m. at the Wayne County Extension Office

Rabbit Workshop

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To help get you prepared, for the March 14, Junior and Open show, held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds - Floral Hall , our rabbit Superintendent, Valerie Edwards, is conducting a workshop to help you with grooming, tattooing, and showing your rabbit. Valerie will use her rabbits for demonstration purposes. You may bring your own rabbit if you need them tattooed before the show.

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March 1

All projects listed on 4-H Online
(Cannot add or make changes on
March 2)

June 1

YQCA must be completed
QAEC must be completed



Wayne County 4-H Foundation is offering a \$500 scholarship to three high school seniors who wish to continue their education. Scholarship applications are available with the guidance counselors at Cisne, Fairfield, and Wayne City High Schools, as well as the extension office. The completed application, with supporting documentation, is due to the extension office by Friday, April 10, 2020.

Beef Weigh-in - Saturday, February 29, 8-9 a.m.



- ★ Weigh-in for all steers will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 29 at the fairgrounds.
- ★ All steers to be shown in the 2020 Wayne County 4-H Fair must be weighed and tagged. All steers going to 2020 Illinois State Fair will be electronically tagged and tattooed during weigh-in.
- ★ **All animals are to be haltered at the time of weigh-in.**
- ★ Ownership deadline for steers is February 29, 2020.
- ★ For questions about weigh-in, call the extension office.

Taking an animal project? READ THIS



For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2020 show season. Attend either a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqca.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. Youth exhibiting swine at the Illinois State Fair and 4-H fairs are no longer required to be PQA plus certified. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

For members enrolled in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats:

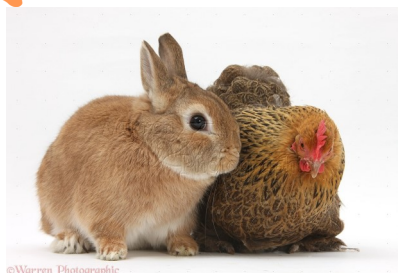
The Quality Assurance and Ethics training is required for youth in horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats. You only need to take it once in your lifetime. Those who don't complete the training will be removed from the animal science project and will not be eligible to exhibit at county fairs. The website is open year round @ <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>. NOTE: Youth must be logged on to a computer for this program, either a desktop or laptop; not an iPad or iPhone.





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**DON'T BE CHICKEN;
HOP ON OVER**



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February 8 | 9 to 11 AM |

Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont

Register by February 7 @

go.illinois.edu/LATclinic

Learn to show poultry and rabbits from one of the leading Illinois 4-H judges, Mike Claypool. The workshop is open to any 4-H members, and there is no cost. You can even bring your chicken or rabbit with you to get health and showing advice. The workshop is sponsored by the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team.



Shooting Sports volunteers needed

Many young people don't have someone to show them how to safely handle a firearm or bow. Think back to the person who taught you to shoot. The Illinois 4-H program needs adults willing to serve as mentors and share their passion of shooting sports. Here's what you need to do:

- Contact your local Extension office and complete the required forms and background checks.
- The local office will complete your registration.
- Complete a 3-hour online training module at home.
- Attend a 9-hour hands-on field day which runs from 9 AM to 7 PM.
- check your local office to see if assistance is available for the \$85 fee.

Training dates for 2020 are:

Southern Illinois: Saturday, March 28 at Tombstone Gun Range, Marion. Register by March 18.

Western Illinois: Saturday, June 13 at Gardner Camp, Hull. Register by June 3.

Northern Illinois: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Torstenson Youth Education Center, Pecatonica. Register by September 2.



Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 19-25

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 19-25. 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 Wayne County, there are 28 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

Let's go fishing

May 2 – 3 | 4-H Memorial Camp, Monticello

Learn more @ go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp

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 2 and lasts until 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3. 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.



Nothing beats summer at 4-H Memorial Camp

5 weeks to choose: Learn more and register online @

go.illinois.edu/4Hcamp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year. Cost is \$250 for 4-H members or \$290 for youth not yet in 4-H. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and \$15 in credit at the Trading Post. No extra cash is needed for camp!

Week 1: June 2-6

Week 2: June 7-11

Week 3: June 14-18

Week 4: July 5-9

Week 5: July 26-30

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Look for these changes at the Illinois State Fair

With the timing of the state fair and the anticipated start of school, the 4-H General Project Show at the state fair has been condensed to three days: Aug. 14, 15, and 16.

Exhibits must be in place by 9:30 AM and remain on display **until 4 PM.** (new release time)

The awards will include **Champion Medals** for the highest score in each project class and **Reserve Medals** for the second highest score in each class. Cash premiums from the state will be paid to the medal winners. **Innovation Awards** will be given to exhibits judges find inspiring, innovative, or creative and are not based on scores. Medal winners cannot receive the innovation award in 2020.

New projects at the state fair include: Child Development, Leather, Sports Nutrition, Family Heritage, and Shooting Sports

The **State 4-H Public Speaking Contest** will be held at the same time as the state fair. Youth can compete in a speech and also bring a project to the General Project Show. Youth must be selected in their county contest to advance and will speak the same day as their county exhibit day.

Ewe lambs are now eligible for the premier show.

Steers advancing to state fair **must be weighed by Feb. 29.**

The **junior poultry show** begins Monday, Aug. 17.

The **State 4-H Poultry Judging Contest** will be held at the state fair on Monday, Aug. 17.

The **junior rabbit show** begins Saturday, Aug. 22.

Check out all the livestock ownership deadlines online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock.

Wayne County day is Sunday, August 16.

Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on **Saturday, April 25** 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.



Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! 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.