



# Wayne County 4-H Clover Chatter

April 2019

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## Happening Now

### April

- 6 Swine Weigh-in
- 8 Leader's Meeting
- 9 Enterprisers club meeting; 7 p.m.
- 10 Wayne City 4-H Club meeting; 6:30 p.m.  
Mt. Erie Hilltoppers meeting at the ag plant; 6 p.m.
- 11 Country Kids Cloverbuds meeting; 5:30
- 14 Geff Chatters meeting; 2 p.m.
- 16 Country Kids meeting; 7 p.m.
- 21 4-H Country Club meeting; 2 p.m.
- 22 Foundation meeting; 6 p.m.
- 25 Federation meeting; 6 p.m.
- 27 National Day of Service

### May

- 2 Public Presentation at the extension office; 7 p.m.
- 4 Goat and Sheep weigh-in at the fairgrounds; 8 to 9 a.m.

## Volunteer Appreciation Month

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We couldn't make it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Take time and thank them for all they do for our 4-H program!



## Wayne County Clubs and Leaders:

4-H County Club - Travis and Shannon Mix;  
Country Kids - Stephanie Walker and Jennifer Harvey,  
Country Kids Cloverbuds - Debbie Webb, Annie Buckles and Emily Snidle;  
Enterprisers - Rob and Tracy Neirkirk,  
Geff Chatters - Rhonda Koker and Pam Barbee,  
Mt. Erie Hilltoppers - Craig Massie and Jenny Hart,  
Wayne City 4-H Club - Janet Schumm and  
Wrangles - Steve Walker.

## REQUIREMENT for everyone taking animal projects **Deadline is June 1, 2019!**



All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics** course one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: **beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine**. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.

### OFF-PREMISE FORM



Animals enrolled in the 4-H program are expected to be in the 4-H member's regular care from the animal starting date until the conclusion of the 4-H show at the county fair and/or state fair. If animals are housed at someplace other than the 4-H member's residence, then an Off-Premise form needs to be on file at the Extension Office by June 1, 2019.

### Fair Entry

Opens May 1

All entries must be made on FairEntry.com ~ write in entries will not be allowed at the fair. If you are unsure what livestock class your animal will show in, then mark every class available when making your entries. Fair Entry will open May 1 and close June 1.

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## **WAYNE COUNTY** **STATE FAIR DATE:** **Friday, August 10, 2019.**

**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.



## Wayne County Fair Dates: July 2-12, 2019

### Poultry Testing:

Steve Walker will be available on  
Tuesday, June 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. at the 4-H fairgrounds  
to conduct blood tests for your poultry exhibits. The cost is \$2 per  
bird. **You must call the extension office (842-3702) to schedule  
your appointment by Friday, May 10 or you will not be able to get  
your birds tested.**

Birds under 6 months of age does not require a blood test.

**Don't wait! Call TODAY to schedule your appointment!**

### Rabbit Tattooing:

- ◇ Valerie Edwards will be available Saturday, June 8, 2019 to tattoo rabbits.
- ◇ Tattooing will be held at the Wayne County 4-H Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ◇ This is the only date and location Valerie will be tattooing.
- ◇ **Call the Wayne County Extension office to schedule your appointment.**
- ◇ We need to know how many rabbits you are needing tattooed and a good time for you and your rabbits to arrive.
- ◇ You are welcome to tattoo your own rabbit, but your pen form, with tattoo numbers, are due to the extension office by June 7.





## ***Dog Obedience Classes***



**Our first dog obedience class will be held Monday, June 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Please remember to BRING YOUR HEALTH RECORDS, or you will not be able to participate in the class.**

**Class Schedule—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—All at the 4-H Fairgrounds:**

**Monday, June 3  
Monday, June 10  
Monday, June 17  
Monday, June 24  
Monday, July 1**



**Dog and Cat Show & Dog Obedience will be held - Tuesday, July 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. All health records must be presented at the time of the show for all dogs and all cats.**



## **Pet Care Day**

Frontier Community College is hosting a Pet Care Day and has asked 4-H to help provide our expertise to help. This event will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 6. We will have two sessions: Grades 1-4 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Grades 5-8 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**I do need volunteers in the areas of Cat, Rabbit, Pigs, and Sheep.**

Call the extension office(842-3702) to let Yvette know if you are available to help or not.



**Pet Care**



## 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](http://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](http://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.





**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://facebook.com/groups/il4hrobotics/). For all other questions or inquiries, please contact [illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu).

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## 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](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](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hfishcamp) or contact Curt Sinclair at (217) 762-2741. You can email Curt at [sinclair@illinois.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ardavis1@illinois.edu) with any questions or if you need special accommodation.