



# Wayne County 4-H Clover Chatter

March 2019

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## Happening Now

### March

- 10 Geff Chatters club meeting at Northside Baptist Church; 2 p.m.
- 11 Country Kids Cloverbuds meeting at the extension office; 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Country Kids 4-H club meeting at the extension office; 7 p.m.
- 12 Enterprisers club meeting at the Brick Church; 7 p.m.
- 13 Wayne City 4-H Club meeting at the community building; 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Mt. Erie Hilltoppers club meeting at the Brick Church; 6 p.m.
- 17 4-H Country Club meeting at the Cisne Christian Church; 2 p.m.
- 25 Federation meeting at the extension office; 6 p.m.

### April

- 6 Swine weigh-in at the fairgrounds; 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- 27 National Day of Service

### May

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

## What has kept us busy in February and March? TEEN TEACHERS!

Our 2018-19 Teen Teachers are Meghan Anderson, Chasidy Greenwalt, Chris Henry, Tyler Koker, Katie McCleary, Sara McGehee, and Zack Paul.

Zack Paul, Chris Henry, Katie McCleary and Chasidy Greenwalt, have been teaching an Ag in the Classroom lesson on pork. They have gone into the 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms at Johnsonville, Geff, Mt. Erie, New Hope Northside and Mt. Erie.

Meghan Anderson and Sara McGehee, are teaching a series of lessons called, "Monarchs on the Move" at Jasper Grade School in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms on Friday, March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Tyler Koker, Katie McCleary and Zack Paul, are teaching a series called "Scrumptious Science" to 8-18 year olds in the Fairfield High School home economics classroom on Monday, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

All of our teen teachers have done an amazing job and we are very proud of their accomplishment.



4-H Day with the Cardinals this year is Saturday, May 11.

The Cardinals will be playing the Pittsburgh Pirates at 1:15 p.m. at Bush Stadium.

Prior to the game, 4-H members and their parents can take part in a parade around the ball field. That is right, participants will actually get to go down on the field and march one time around the stadium behind their state or county 4-H banner. Also, everyone who orders a ticket on the form will receive a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H and Cardinals logos to commemorate the day. The order forms are in the extension office and ready to be picked up.

The deadline to order tickets is April 1.

*I am looking for volunteers to help me at this year's fair. If you are willing to help, please call the extension office. I have a few areas where I feel I could use a volunteer, and a couple of areas where I want to improve our fair week, but I need additional help to do so. Please call me if you are interested in helping!*



A 4-H buddy helps a new member feel welcome in the club, meet new friends, learn about 4-H activities and events, and discover all the things he/she can do and learn in 4-H.

The 4-H Buddy will mentor a new 4-H member during his/her first year in the 4-H club. Being a 4-H Buddy is also a great way for experienced 4-H members to start learning and practicing leadership in a 4-H club.

We have 4-H Buddies trained and ready to help new members. We just need to know if you want a 4-H Buddy to help you through your first year of 4-H. Call the extension office at 842-3702 if you would like us to find you a 4-H Buddy.



## 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—Tuesday, July 2 All health records must be presented at the time of the show for all dogs and all cats.



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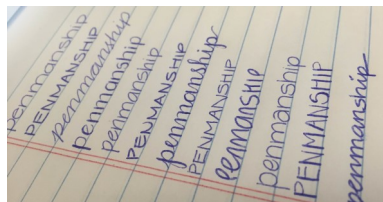
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## SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND!

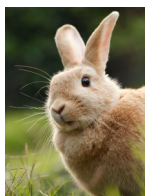


When youth are filling out 4-H grants, scholarships, applications, records, etc., please remember those documents are meant to be in the youth's handwriting. I have seen several documents filled out by the parent and the documents are getting looked over or possibly tossed in the trash.

We have heard: "but you cannot read my child's handwriting".

That does not matter. The people looking at the application would rather see your child has done the work and not the parent. When the parent fills out the documentation, it looks as if the parent wants the scholarship, trophy or grant more than the child does. I know you think you are helping them, but in reality, you are causing them to be overlooked.

## RABBIT EXHIBITORS



If you need assistance in tattooing the rabbits you will be showing at fair, please mark Saturday, June 8 on your calendar. Valerie will be available to help you from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds. All rabbit exhibitors will receive a mailing, from the extension office, with further instructions.



## LIVESTOCK CHANGES

### Goats:

**Market does have been added to the market class.**



**If you declare a doe to be your market project, then it will need to be weighed just like the wethers and it will be divided into a light, medium or heavy class with the wethers.**

**The doe that is declared as a market doe will not be allowed to show in a breeding class. The doe will ONLY be allowed to show in the market class.**

### Beef:

**Class changes - We no longer have a class for Senior Heifer Calf, Junior Yearling Heifer and Senior Yearling Heifer.**



### **Beef Classes for 2019:**

**Jr. Bull Calf, born after Jan. 1, 2019**

**Jr. Heifer Calf, born after Jan. 1, 2019**

**Female, 6 months and under 1 year**

**Female, 1 year and under 2 year**

**Cow, female 2 years of age or older**

**Best 2 Head**

**Dam and Calf (calf must be less than one year of age)**

## Get your poultry tested

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is again enforcing a clear pullorum test for all 4-H and county poultry in shows lasting longer than one day. The rule was suspended in 2018 due to a shortage of antigen. Be sure to allow adequate time and consult with your local veterinarian. This rule does not apply to waterfowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese, per the county exhibition guidelines. 4-H and FFA shows lasting only one day are also exempt.

## 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 Wayne County, there are 43 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs. 4-H families, please remember to thank your leader or volunteers who works with you. We want them to know how much we appreciate their involvement in our lives.

## 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](mailto:sinclair@illinois.edu).



## 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](http://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](http://go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice)** through the National 4-H Council website.

Go to [go.illinois.edu/4Hservice](http://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](http://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](mailto:patm@illinois.edu).*

## 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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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](http://www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator)

If you have questions, contact Karen Jones, [kjones@growmark.com](mailto:kjones@growmark.com) or 309-557-6184.

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

## 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>.



## 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.

**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](http://go.illinois.edu/sfi4h) after March 28.



## 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](http://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](mailto:illinois4h-stem@illinois.edu).

## 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.

## 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](http://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.